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The Premier League Charitable Fund

Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 July 2025

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Officers and Professional Advisers

Board of Trustees

- Tim Godwin OBE QPM (resigned – 14 August 2025)
- Christine Carole Ann Davies CBE
- Clare Sumner (Premier League Limited)
- Gail Scott-Spicer
- Maheta Matteo Molango (Professional Footballers' Association)
- Toni Eleanor Thorne
- Andrew Parrott (Premier League Limited) (appointed 11 December 2024)
- Amanda Susan Neylon (appointed 11 July 2025)
- Jerry Newman (appointed 11 July 2025)

Chief Executive

Ruth Shaw (resigned 30 April 2025)

Alex White (interim Chief Executive from 1 May 2025 to 30 June 2025. Appointed into the incumbent role 1 July 2025.)

Legal status

The Premier League Charitable Fund ("PLCF") is a company limited by guarantee (Company number 07331384) incorporated in the United Kingdom and registered in England and Wales. It is registered with the Charity Commission under registration number 1137208.

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Report of the Trustees (including the Strategic Report)

The trustees, who are also directors of the company, present their report (including the Strategic Report) and financial statements of The Premier League Charitable Fund (PLCF) for the year ended 31 July 2025.

The trustees have complied with the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) (FRS102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in 2019, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006, in preparing the financial statements of this Charity. The Charity is a public benefit entity.

Structure, governance and management

The Premier League Charitable Fund is a registered charity in England and Wales (No. 1137208) and was incorporated (Company No. 07331384) on 30 July 2010 by a Memorandum and Articles of Association. It is a company limited by guarantee. The registered office of the Premier League Charitable Fund is 57 North Wharf Road, London W2 1HQ.

The trustees during the year under review and up to the date of this report were:

- Tim Godwin OBE QPM (resigned – 14 August 2025)
- Christine Carole Ann Davies CBE
- Clare Sumner (Premier League Limited)
- Gail Scott-Spicer
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In May 2025, Tim Godwin, the Chair of the Premier League Charitable Fund Board, took a leave of absence. During this period, Senior Independent Director, Christine Davies, stepped in as Interim Chair. In August 2025, Tim formally retired from the Board, and Christine was subsequently appointed as Chair of the PLCF Board.

Ruth Shaw resigned from her role as Chief Executive Officer of the Premier League Charitable Fund on 30 April 2025. From 1 May 2025, Alex White - formerly the Chief Operating Officer - served as Interim Chief Executive Officer. Following a competitive recruitment process, Alex was appointed as the permanent Chief Executive Officer on 1 July 2025.

The Chief Executive is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Charity's affairs, implementing policies agreed by the trustees and ensuring that the organisation is meeting its aims and needs. The Chief Executive is also responsible for ensuring that the Charity remains financially viable and that all funds are:

- used and allocated wisely;
- used only to further Premier League Charitable Fund objectives;
- used in accordance with the law and accounting requirements; and
- audited annually in line with current legislation.

The appointment and re-election of trustees to the Board is made by agreement from a simple majority of the Premier League Charitable Fund's Members in a general meeting. Both Mr Richard Masters, Premier League Chief Executive and Ms Clare Sumner are Members of the charity and recognised as persons with significant control with the right to appoint and remove trustees.

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On appointment, new trustees receive a formal induction overseen by the Head of Governance and Operations which includes a meeting with the Chair and Chief Executive and distribution of key information to support trustees to fulfil their duties. Ongoing training and support is provided to ensure the Premier League Charitable Fund continues to be governed effectively.

Trustees are reimbursed for any expenses properly incurred in the performance of their duties. The trustees did not receive any remuneration for their services to the Charity during the year (2024: nil).

Remuneration of key management personnel is set by the trustees. Key management personnel is defined as only the trustees and the Chief Executive as disclosed on note 6. Information on trustee remuneration is included in note 12. The Premier League Charitable Fund believes in rewarding staff fairly for the jobs they do and fostering a positive working environment. The Charity has set salary bands and employee terms and conditions to reflect this. Staff are employed on the basis of specific skills that they bring to their particular role and pay is set in accordance with benchmarked roles in relevant sectors.

The principal stakeholders of the Premier League Charitable Fund include its grant recipients and beneficiaries, funding partners, and staff, all of whom are essential to the charity's success. The Board considers stakeholder interests in all decision-making processes. Grantees are actively engaged through regular network meetings and forums, and participant voice is embedded throughout the grant-making cycle, including monitoring and evaluation activities. The Premier League and the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA) are represented on the Board. In addition, six-monthly meetings with funders are held to report on the impact and value of their investments, and to gather feedback on their priorities and interests.

Employees

Details of the number of employees and related costs can be found in note 6 to the Financial Statements.

The Charity places considerable value on the involvement of its employees and has continued to keep them informed on matters affecting them as employees and on the various factors affecting the performance of the charity. This is achieved through formal and informal communications. Employees or Senior Managers are regularly consulted on a wide range of matters affecting their current and future interests. In addition, certain employees can receive a discretionary bonus related to their performance.

The Premier League Charitable Fund is an equal opportunities employer and welcomes job applicants from all sections of society. Applications for employment of disabled persons are always fully and fairly considered, bearing in mind the aptitudes of the applicant concerned. It is the policy of the charity that the training, career development and promotion of disabled persons should, as far as possible, be identical with that of other employees.

Audit and Risk Committee

The Audit and Risk Committee (ARC) was established in 2018 to support the Board and Chief Executive in overseeing the adequacy of risk management, internal controls, and governance arrangements. It also ensures that charitable funds are used efficiently and effectively. The ARC plays a key role in identifying the assurance needs of the Premier League Charitable Fund and evaluating the robustness and reliability of those assurances.

As a formal committee of the Board, in season 2024/25 the ARC was chaired by Christine Davies and supported by the Premier League Charitable Fund executive team, which provides the necessary information for its deliberations. For season 2025/26, Since November 2025, Andy

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Parrott has been appointed as Chair for next 12 months. The ARC reports to the full Board at each meeting.

In the 2024/25 financial year, the ARC convened three times, in November 2024, February 2025, and June 2025. During this period, the Committee addressed a range of matters, including:

- Reviewing the Articles of Association
- Reviewing and revising internal financial controls and the charities Reserves Policy
- Establishing enhanced risk management processes
- Overseeing quality assurance and safeguarding practices
- Assessing impact measurement frameworks
- Monitoring grant management systems
- Reviewing Management Accounts
- Overseeing the preparation of the Annual Report and Accounts

The Terms of Reference of the ARC are available to the public on request.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committee

The Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Committee was established in October 2021 to support the Premier League Charitable Fund's commitment to embedding EDI principles across all levels of the organisation and its funded programmes. Reporting directly to the Board, the Committee is chaired by Gail Scott-Spicer and is responsible for overseeing the implementation and monitoring of the Charity's EDI Strategy and Action Plan. It also reviews strategic risks related to EDI and considers emerging priorities in this area.

In the 2024/25 financial year, the EDI Committee met twice, once in October 2024 and again in May 2025. The Committee is supported by the Core Fund and EDI Manager, a newly appointed role as of May 2025, tasked with leading the Charity's EDI agenda and developing the new EDI Strategy for 2025–2028.

Risk Management

The trustees confirm that exposure to risks is regularly reviewed, and appropriate and effective systems have been established to minimise them. The Premier League Charitable Fund's management of risk recognises that the Premier League Charitable Fund works in a complex multi-stakeholder environment, whereby external events have an impact on delivery and organisational objectives and create risks which the charity must manage to the best of its ability.

The Premier League Charitable Fund has identified key risks that could impact the achievement of its strategic priorities. The organisation's objective is to reduce each risk to an acceptable level where it can be effectively managed or controlled. A comprehensive and regularly updated risk register outlines individual responsibilities for risk management, assigns designated risk owners, and details both existing and planned mitigation measures.

In 2024/25, the charity strengthened its risk governance by introducing a new Risk Policy and re-establishing the PLCF Risk Panel. This Panel is responsible for monitoring risk across the organisation and reporting directly to the ARC. The PLCF executive team supports by managing the day-to-day monitoring of risk.

The ARC oversees risks arising from PLCF's internal policies and operations, as well as those associated with the football club charities it funds. It escalates significant risks to the PLCF Board, which retains ultimate responsibility for risk oversight.

The principal risks identified during the 2024/25 financial year included:

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- Workforce, with notable changes in key personnel at both Board and executive levels. This was managed through swift recruitment of key personnel and the temporary engagement of professional consultants to fill workforce gaps.
- Funding and income diversification, reflecting the need to broaden and stabilise revenue streams. As a result, for the 2025/26 season, PLCF has secured £4.5 million in funding from Comic Relief, spanning the next three seasons.
- Implementation of Salesforce as a new grant management platform, alongside ongoing grant monitoring. To mitigate project risks, PLCF has strategically increased resource capacity and established a Data and Impact Working Group.
- Safeguarding, which remained under close scrutiny; however, existing controls ensured it stayed below the defined risk threshold.

Whistleblowing

The Premier League Charitable Fund is committed to conducting its business with honesty and integrity and expects all staff to maintain the highest standards. However, all organisations face the risk of things going wrong, and the Premier League Charitable Fund operates a culture of openness and accountability in order to prevent such situations occurring and to address them if they do occur. The Premier League Charitable Fund encourages staff to report suspected wrongdoing as soon as possible, in the knowledge that their concerns will be taken seriously and investigated as appropriate, and that their confidentiality will be respected. The charity provides staff with guidance as to how to raise those concerns and staff are advised that they can raise genuine concerns without fear of reprisals, even if they turn out to be mistaken.

The Board of Trustees has overall responsibility for the Premier League Charitable Fund's whistleblowing policy and for reviewing its effectiveness. The Chief Executive has day-to-day operational responsibility, including to ensure that all staff receive regular and appropriate training in relation to whistleblowing.

Modern Slavery

The Premier League Charitable Fund has a zero-tolerance approach to modern slavery and is committed to acting ethically and with integrity in all its business dealings and relationships. This commitment includes the implementation and enforcement of robust and transparent systems and controls to ensure modern slavery is not taking place anywhere in the Charity or in any of the Charity's supply chains. The Premier League Charitable Fund expects the same high standards from all its contractors, suppliers and grantees. Where appropriate, our contracting process include specific prohibitions against the use of forced, compulsory or trafficked labour, and against any form of slavery or servitude (whether adults or children) are included and it is expected that our suppliers will hold their own supply chains to the same high standards.

This applies to all persons working for the Premier League Charitable Fund or on its behalf in any capacity, including employees at all levels, directors, officers, agency workers, seconded workers, volunteers, interns, agents, contractors, external consultants, third-party representatives and business partners.

The Board of Trustees, advised by the ARC, has overall responsibility for ensuring this policy complies with its legal and ethical obligations, and that all those under its control comply with it.

The Chief Executive has primary and day-to-day responsibility for implementing this policy, monitoring its use and effectiveness, dealing with any queries about it, and auditing internal control systems and procedures to ensure they are effective in countering modern slavery.

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Management at all levels are responsible for ensuring those reporting to them understand and comply with this policy and are given adequate and regular training on it and the issue of modern slavery in supply chains.

Environmental Sustainability

The Premier League Charitable Fund is committed to reducing its environmental impact and supporting the organisations it funds to become more sustainable. Funded organisations are required to comply with the Capability Code of Practice which includes environmental sustainability requirements and recommendations, developed in partnership with experts. The Charity has taken proactive steps to reduce the environmental impact of its operations and activities, in line with our legal obligations as a charitable company. This has included reducing the use of single-use plastics and increasing the use of sustainable products at events and activities, investing in longer lasting and more sustainable materials for promotional purposes, such as water bottles, bibs and banners, reducing printed publications in favour of digital versions, and encouraging staff to recycle, reduce waste and think about carbon emissions when travelling, taking public transport where possible and car sharing rather than travelling alone where possible.

The Charity shares offices and office services with the Premier League, who assess and report on all sources of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and energy usage as required under The Large and Medium-Sized Companies and Groups (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 as amended. The Premier League reports its Carbon Footprint annually under SECR requirements. The reported energy consumption accounts for all Premier League office space in the Brunel Building, encompassing space occupied by the Charity.

To account for the charity's proportion of energy-related emissions, a physical intensity metric based on headcount has been adopted. By summing the charities headcount (25) and the Premier League headcount for the 2024/25 reporting period, the charity is accountable for 6% of total energy usage (20,500kWh), meaning we can be considered a low energy user, with energy consumption less than 40,000 kWh in 2024/25.

Emissions are calculated according to the GHG Protocol Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standard (revised edition). All emissions factors have been sourced from the UK Government's GHG Conversion Factors for Company Reporting, 2025.

Through the implementation of waste management and energy efficiency measures in the Premier League offices, the Premier League Charitable Fund are actively working towards environmental goals. The Charity's focus extends beyond operations, embedding sustainability into funded programmes, using football to promote environmental awareness and climate resilience, including through resources for youth social action on climate change.

Objectives and activities for public benefit

The Premier League Charitable Fund is an independent charity which exists to distribute funds on behalf of the Premier League and its partners. Established in 2010 it is now one of the largest sports charities in the world, supporting a network of 106 professional football club charities across the Premier League, English Football League, National League and the Women's Super League and Women's Championship.

The Premier League Charitable Fund's charitable objects are specifically restricted to the following:

- to support the mental, educational, cultural, moral and physical development, health and improvement of the inhabitants of England and Wales without discrimination and in order that they can develop their full capacities as responsible individuals whilst contributing positively to society as community members with improved conditions of life and health; and

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- to benefit such other exclusively charitable objectives and purposes as the Charity might determine from time to time, and those charitable objectives and purposes that have a connection with the football clubs competing in the Premier League, the Football League or the National Football League.

The Premier League Charitable Fund works in the following ways to achieve its charitable objectives:

- I. In partnership with the Premier League which drives strategy and objectives; with the police and other partners and funders, who support the work of the Charity; and with football club charities and their parent football clubs, who deliver programmes for participants funded and supported by the Premier League Charitable Fund.
- II. Through support for professional football club charities, primarily through funding, but also through training, guidance, and networking opportunities. This contributes delivery of programmes with value for money, and to sustainably respond to need within their communities.
- III. By funding programmes that deliver outcomes for participants. The wide-ranging and popular appeal of football, combined with clubs' own connections and platform, gives football club charities a unique opportunity to connect with people and offer them a sense of belonging and identity.

The Board of Trustees confirm due regard has been paid to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission. A summary of the main projects that were undertaken in 2024/25 is contained in note 9 to the accounts.

Grant Making Policy

The Premier League Charitable Fund Board has ultimate collective responsibility for all grant-making decisions in line with the Charity's charitable purposes and any criteria agreed with its funding partners. Trustees may assign certain decision-making responsibilities to staff under a process of delegation. Such delegated decisions may be subject to scrutiny and all decisions are reported back to the Board.

Grants are made primarily to football club charities connected to professional football clubs in the Premier League, English Football League and National League in England and Wales. Football club charities are able to apply for funding by invitation only and through the application processes determined by the Premier League Charitable Fund. Football club charities do not have to be a registered charity to apply, but funding is always allocated in support of Premier League Charitable Fund's charitable purposes and activity which is charitable in law.

Trustees expect that grants will normally support one or more of the following objectives:

- Services and activities – helping football club charities to maintain, expand or provide new services that meet the needs of beneficiaries, with an emphasis on quality and effectiveness.
- Stronger organisations – organisational development and strengthening football club charities overall.

All grants are subject to and conditional upon the acceptance of and ongoing compliance with the grant agreement and the Premier League Charitable Fund's General Terms and Conditions. Trustees may apply conditions to a grant which will be set out in the grant agreement between the Premier League Charitable Fund and grant recipient. All football club charities in receipt of funding are required to achieve and maintain a satisfactory level of compliance with the

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Capability Code of Practice. Any areas of development are monitored through individual continuous improvement action plans.

Football club charities are required to report progress against agreed key performance indicators (KPIs) and shall record data on number and demographics of participants, activities delivered, and outcomes achieved through the Charity's monitoring system (Salesforce) and via bi-annual written monitoring reports. At the end of a grant agreement, funded projects are required to submit a written End of Grant Report detailing the overall outcomes and impact of the funded activities.

Strategic Report

This year has been another positive year for the Premier League Charitable Fund and the network of 106 football club charities the Charity supports. By working on behalf of the Premier League and other funding partners, the Premier League Charitable Fund is uniquely placed to support football club charities to develop sustainably, working with their respective local partners to use football as a force for good and positively influence hundreds of thousands of people across England and Wales every year.

Directors' duties - s172 Companies Act 2006

Section 172 of the Companies Act 2006 requires the Trustees to take into consideration the interests of all stakeholders in promoting the success of the Company. The Trustees acknowledge their responsibility to act in a manner that protects the interests of all stakeholders. Examples of how the trustees have had regard to each of these matters is set out below, with reference to information found elsewhere in this Strategic report.

Making decisions in the long-term

The trustees behave and carry out their activities to promote long-term success for the benefit of the company's shareholders, employees and other stakeholders. The Premier League Charitable Fund Board's (the "Board") decision-making processes are focused on providing a support to network of 106 professional football club charities across the Premier League, English Football League and National League.

Interest of employees

The health, safety, and well-being of employees is one of the primary considerations of the Board. The culture and values promoted by the trustees creates a focus across the business on observing and maintaining the highest standards of business conduct in promoting the long-term success of the company. The Board receives updates on the people and culture within the company and is informed of the results and outputs of the annual staff engagement survey.

Fostering relationships with Funders and other stakeholders

Meaningful engagement with stakeholders is recognised across the organisation as a critical consideration in respect of how the Premier League Charitable Fund operates. The Board engages with Funders and other stakeholders to reflect their insights and views when making decisions on strategy, delivering operational effectiveness, making plans, driving initiatives, and committing to deliver outcomes that enhance social value.

Community and Environment

Contributing to the community is a key part of the company's activities. The Premier League Charitable Fund runs various projects and initiatives to support the community and works with over 106 organisations to maximise the impact of its work.

Maintaining a reputation for high standards of conduct

The Board aspires to the highest ethical standards in its management of the organisation. The Board achieves this internally by strict adherence to the company's codes of conduct, conflict

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of interest and anti-bribery policies and by prioritising the integrity of The Premier League Charitable Fund in each decision it makes.

The need to act fairly as between members of the company

The Board ensures that its decisions are made fairly, taking into account the interests of all members of the company and promoting the long-term success of the company.

Performance and achievements

In 2024/25, the Premier League Charitable Fund received total income of £38.07m (2024: £38.08m). This included £29.67m from the Premier League and £8.4m from the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA), provided under the Premier League and PFA partnership agreement. An additional £5,480 (2024: £15,000) was received through charitable donations.

Total expenditure for the year was £40.27m (2024: £37.80m), of which £34.60m (2024: £32.64m) was distributed as grants. These grants supported the delivery of 487 projects, directly benefiting over 285,000 participants across England and Wales. Core funding also supported key infrastructure and a network of over 7,000 staff and volunteers, significantly extending the reach and impact of football club charity activities.

The charities achievements are underpinned by the strategic direction and funding provided by the Premier League, alongside support from partners such as the PFA. This collaboration is central to the Charity's operations, enabling the delivery of high-quality programmes that offer value for money and respond effectively to local needs. The shared vision between the Premier League Charitable Fund and its partners drives initiatives that inspire individuals and positively impact communities.

Beyond grant funding, the Premier League Charitable Fund provides strategic leadership, oversight, and capacity building support to the network of football club charities. In 2024/25, the Charity delivered 102 free training and development opportunities, benefiting over 1,500 football club charity staff. In addition, 69 quality assurance visits were conducted to support continuous improvement and uphold programme standards. These included:

- 7 for Premier League Kicks
- 23 for Premier League Primary Stars
- 22 for Premier League Inspires
- 9 for Premier League and PFA Community Fund projects
- 8 for Premier League Fans Fund

A further 11 football club charities participated in a pilot of a revised quality assurance model, with each programme undergoing objective evaluation. Quality assurance visits were triggered by various factors, including performance issues, safeguarding concerns, serious incidents, newly funded projects, routine monitoring checks, or identification of positive practice.

The Charity also commissioned independent safeguarding audits for 14 football club charities to assess compliance with its safeguarding standards, as set out in the Capability Code of Practice. Recommendations for improvement were provided for each audited club charity. In parallel, the Premier League Charitable Fund worked closely with EFL in the Community on 22 independent safeguarding reviews of EFL club charities delivering Premier League programmes.

Safeguarding remained a priority throughout the internal grant management process. The Premier League Charitable Fund provided advice and support through network events to strengthen safeguarding reporting and reflective practice within individual projects. A range of safeguarding learning opportunities were delivered, covering topics such as safeguarding for

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trustees, domestic abuse, and risk mitigation in community settings. The Safeguarding Team responded to 40 safeguarding notifications from the network, offering tailored guidance and support.

The Charity continues to support the Premier League's Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) objectives and campaigns including No Room for Racism and Rainbow Laces through the development of education resources and community-based activities, as well as through delivery of the Premier League Charitable Fund EDI strategy and action plan. All funded football club charities are required to have an EDI action plan in place and a dedicated lead for EDI at both Board and Executive level to ensure EDI is embedded at every level.

Funding from the Premier League combined with national and local partner support continues to underpin the success of three key programmes and two funds: Premier League Kicks, Premier League Primary Stars, Premier League Inspires, the Premier League and PFA Community Fund, and the Premier League Fans Fund. These initiatives harness the power of football to support schools, engage diverse communities, empower young people, and drive positive, meaningful impact across England and Wales.

The charity reports on progress towards targets to the Audit and Risk Committee in a performance management report. Provided quarterly, this report provides targets and a RAG rating of progress for each of the charity's current strategic objectives including develop long-term partnerships with sustainable funding, build capability to ensure an effective and efficient football club charity network, design and deliver programmes that have positive impact and be a well-governed charity and a great place to work. The charity will have a new strategic framework for 2025-30 and the performance report will be updated to reflect this.

The tables below present headline statistics from programmes and funds, including participant engagement, demographic and location data. The widespread appeal of the Premier League and football club charities continues to foster strong engagement, with a 7.3% increase in participation across all initiatives compared to the previous year.

Premier League Primary Stars engaged over 2,000 schools during 2024/25, with an increased focus on supporting the most deprived schools in the most disadvantaged communities. Financial pressures on schools, resulting in reduced budgets and making it more challenging for football club charities to secure partnership funding, led to a decrease in the number of sessions delivered. Importantly, despite this drop in other partnership funding, overall participation remained strong, with over 112,000 children engaged, including more than 44,000 children involved in targeted interventions.

Premier League Kicks continued to prioritise delivery in high-need areas, with 60% of sessions taking place in the top 30% most deprived communities. The number of unique delivery venues was sustained; however, rising venue costs, combined with football club charities receiving flat cash funding resulted in a modest reduction in the overall number of sessions delivered. Despite this, the programme saw a slight increase in the number of unique participants compared to 2023/24, demonstrating continued strong engagement across the network.

Premier League Inspires, which primarily engages secondary school students, experienced a slight reduction in session delivery and the number of delivery venues. This was largely due to the same financial pressures affecting football club charities across other programmes. However, participation levels increased, driven by a strategic shift among club charities towards building sustained engagement with partner schools, rather than focusing on one-off interventions.

The Premier League and PFA Community Fund saw an increase in participant numbers during 2024/25, with over 50% of participants identifying as female and a higher proportion from ethnically diverse backgrounds compared to 2023/24. While the total number of projects delivered decreased, this was not due to reduced activity. Instead, football club charities made

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a strategic decision to invest their funding in fewer, more targeted projects, enhancing impact and ensuring resources were focused where they could deliver the greatest value.

The Premier League Fans Fund, which began in 2023/24, has engaged over 18,000 participants across more than 400 venues, with a diverse and growing participant base. In 2024/25, the number of football club charities funded to deliver the Fund increased, contributing to a 90% rise in sessions delivered. This expansion led to a significant uplift in overall participation, reflecting the programme's growing reach and impact.

Programme statistics	01/08/23 – 31/07/24	01/08/24 – 31/07/25
Overall participant statistics		
Number of unique participants engaged across all programmes	265,480	285,106
Percentage of participants that identify as female*	35%	38%
Percentage of participants from ethnically diverse communities*	33%	32%
Percentage of participants that reported being disabled*	4%	6%
Premier League Primary Stars		
Number of football club charities delivering programme	88	89
Number of schools directly engaged in programme	2,096**	2,013
Number of sessions delivered	130,326	105,153
Percentage of delivery in top 30% most deprived communities	43%	46%
Number of participants engaged in programme	114,518	112,018
Number of participants engaged in targeted interventions	49,892	44,938
Percentage of participants that identify as female*	49%	48%
Percentage of participants from ethnically diverse communities*	26%	26%
Percentage of participants that reported being disabled*	2%	3%
Number of teachers directly supported by football club charities	3,655	3,328
Number of schools engaged to date by digital offer	19,160	19,401
Number of teachers engaged to date by digital offer	71,621	77,670
Reach of Premier League Primary Stars digital offer	1,370,000	1,345,000
Premier League Kicks		
Number of football club charities delivering programme	89	93
Number of sessions delivered	66,265	63,208
Number of delivery venues	1,280	1,284
Percentage of delivery in top 30% most deprived communities	60%	60%

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Programme statistics	01/08/23 – 31/07/24	01/08/24 – 31/07/25
Number of participants engaged	105,956	106,922
Number of participants engaged in volunteering	1,527	1,093
Percentage of participants that identify as female*	23%	24%
Percentage of participants from ethnically diverse communities*	36%	36%
Percentage of participants that reported being disabled*	4%	7%
Premier League Inspires		
Number of football club charities delivering programme	45	45
Number of sessions delivered	40,386	39,115
Number of delivery venues	604	587
Percentage of delivery in top 30% most deprived communities	41%	45%
Number of participants engaged	16,122	17,011
Percentage of participants that identify as female*	46%	45%
Percentage of participants from ethnically diverse communities*	27%	28%
Percentage of participants that reported being disabled*	13%	16%
Premier League and PFA Community Fund		
Number of football club charities funded	25	25
Number of projects delivered	87	71
Number of sessions delivered	36,769	42,764
Number of delivery venues	547	598
Percentage of delivery in top 30% most deprived communities	52%	52%
Number of participants engaged	24,036	30,669
Percentage of participants that identify as female*	45%	43%
Percentage of participants from ethnically diverse communities*	38%	41%
Percentage of participants that reported being disabled*	10%	10%
Premier League Fans Fund		
Number of football club charities funded	81	97
Number of sessions delivered	4,547	8,708
Number of delivery venues	164	410
Percentage of delivery in top 30% most deprived communities	50%	52%
Number of participants engaged	4,232	18,393
Percentage of participants that identify as female*	46%	40%

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Programme statistics	01/08/23 – 31/07/24	01/08/24 – 31/07/25
Percentage of participants from ethnically diverse communities*	31%	26%
Percentage of participants that reported being disabled*	11%	8%

*The majority of football club charities fully transitioned to the Premier League Charitable Funds M&E system - Salesforce during the 2024/25 cycle. A small number of club charities are using an Application Programming Interface (API) to transfer their data from third-party systems to Salesforce. The transition to Salesforce has seen an improvement in data capture, quality and confidence overall, particularly with unique participant and demographic recording. Reporting has been refined and counting rules clearly defined to avoid duplication.

**2023/24 figure amended from venue count (2437) to schools count (2096).

Premier League Primary Stars

Premier League Primary Stars uses the appeal of the Premier League and professional football clubs to help primary school children be active and develop essential life skills. It also supports teachers in delivering high-quality PE and educational content. Key highlights:

- £7.8m awarded to 89 club charities.
- 110,000+ unique participants engaged
- Demographics (where reported):
 - 48% female
 - 26% ethnically diverse
 - 3% disabled or with SEN
- 105,000+ sessions delivered in 2,000+ schools
- 46% of schools located in the top 30% most deprived communities (IMD)
- 4,000+ targeted education interventions and 500+ social action projects delivered
- 77,670 teachers and 19,401 schools registered on the programme website, reaching 1.3m+ children
- 117 digital resource packs (938 individual resources) covering PSHE, PE, Maths, English, and inclusion themes
- 28,000 free books distributed for World Book Day in partnership with the National Literacy Trust and World Book Day Charity

Of 32,000+ Premier League Primary Stars participants surveyed, 73% reported feeling more inspired and engaged in school, 71% had improved their confidence and self-esteem, 70% improved their education attainment and 70% improved their mental health and well-being.

Premier League Primary Stars Football Tournaments

The Premier League Primary Stars Football Tournament and Under 11 National Girls Football Tournament 2025 took place at Molineux Stadium in June, involving 480 children representing their clubs. Regional qualifiers engaged over 20,000 young people nationwide. Tottenham Hotspur and Newcastle won the under-11 mixed and girls titles respectively, while Altrincham were crowned under-11 national girls' champions on day two.

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Premier League Kicks

Premier League Kicks provides free weekly sessions in areas of high need, using football, multi-sport activities, mentoring, and educational workshops to help young people develop life skills and reach their potential. Key highlights:

- £10m awarded to 93 club charities, including £214k to 23 clubs for a targeted police partnership pilot (match-funded by local police)
- 106,000+ unique participants engaged
- Participant demographics (where reported):
 - 24% female
 - 36% ethnically diverse
 - 7% disabled or with special educational needs (SEN)
- 63,963 sessions delivered across 1,278 venues
- 1,100+ participants received 1:1 mentoring
- 60% of venues located in the top 30% most deprived communities (IMD)

Of 5,000+ participants surveyed, 93% improved enjoyment of football and sport, 93% felt their physical wellbeing had improved, and 94% reported participating in more competitive sport and physical activity.

Premier League Kicks Cup

The Premier League Kicks Cup finals took place at St George's Park in July, involving 370 young people from 41 club charities. Nine regional qualifiers engaged over 1,300 players. Alongside the tournament, participants attended workshops on gender stereotypes and nutrition and met Premier League and WSL officials. Everton and Crewe Alexandra won the under-16 mixed and girls' competitions respectively.

Premier League Disability Football Festivals

In June and July, more than 450 young people from over 50 clubs participated in Premier League Disability Football Festivals hosted by Everton, West Bromwich Albion, and Arsenal. The pan-disability events supported neurodivergent players and those with sensory or physical disabilities, promoting inclusion and confidence through football.

Premier League Inspires

Premier League Inspires supports young people aged 11–18 to overcome barriers within education, helping them build personal skills, constructive attitudes and positive behaviours through targeted interventions, primarily in secondary schools. Key highlights:

- £3.3m awarded to 45 club charities
- 17,000+ unique participants engaged
- Participant demographics (where reported):
 - 45% female
 - 28% ethnically diverse
 - 16% disabled or with SEN
- 39,000+ sessions delivered across 580+ schools
- 45% of schools located in the top 30% most deprived communities (IMD)
- 1,800+ participants received 1:1 mentoring
- 320+ unique players engaged

Of the 5,000+ participants surveyed, 77% reported improved confidence and self-esteem, 75% reported improved mental wellbeing, 74% felt more inspired and engaged and 71% reported having improved skills and knowledge.

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An evaluation of the programme conducted by Sheffield Hallam University demonstrated that 92% of schools believe that Premier League Inspires helped to improve pupils' behaviour; 96% stated that the programme increased pupils' engagement in lessons; almost 80% of schools felt that Premier League Inspires helped to reduce pupil absenteeism and 86% said that the programme reduced pupils' risk of exclusion.

Premier League Inspires Challenge

In May, over 190 young people from 41 clubs attended the Premier League Inspires Challenge Celebration at Wembley Stadium, showcasing social action projects focused on gender equality. More than 2,750 young people participated in the challenge throughout the year, part of the wider Premier League Inspires programme supporting 11–18-year-olds at risk of not reaching their potential.

Premier League and PFA Community Fund

The Premier League and PFA Community Fund enables Premier League football club charities to address local challenges and inequalities through delivery of diverse community-based projects. Key highlights:

- £4.6m awarded to 25 club charities for 71 projects
- 30,000+ unique participants engaged
- Participant demographics (where reported):
 - 43% female
 - 41% ethnically diverse
 - 10% disabled or with SEN
- 42,000+ sessions delivered across 590 venues
- 52% of venues located in the top 30% most deprived communities (IMD)
- 300+ professional players engaged

Of the 1,500+ participants surveyed, 78% increased participation in competitive sport, 79% improved physical wellbeing and 79% increased enjoyment of football and sport.

Premier League Fans Fund

Launched in Season 2023/24, the Premier League Fans Fund harnesses the reach and influence of Premier League Clubs to deepen connections between Clubs, supporters, and their local communities. Projects are locally developed in collaboration with Clubs and fan groups, aiming to enrich matchday experiences, foster meaningful fan engagement, and involve historically under-represented communities. Key highlights:

- £2.8m awarded to 97 club charities for fan-led projects
- 18,000+ unique participants engaged
- Participant demographics (where reported):
 - 40% female
 - 26% from ethnically diverse communities
 - 8% disabled or with special educational needs
- 8,700+ sessions delivered across 410 venues
- 52% of venues located in the top 30% most deprived communities (IMD)

Of the 500+ participants surveyed, 78% increased participation in competitive sport, 76% improved physical wellbeing, 79% increased enjoyment of football and sport, and 75% demonstrated more positive behaviours and attitudes.

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Premier League Changemakers

Premier League Changemakers is a leadership activity for girls and young women participating on the Premier League Kicks and Premier League Inspires programmes. The programme also encourages participation in gender equality and mental health social action projects, to increase participants' confidence and support the development of vital life skills. There are currently 44 football club charities across the Premier League and English Football League delivering the project. More than 2,000 girls and young women have engaged in Premier League Changemakers to date.

In March, the Premier League Charitable Fund hosted a special Premier League Changemakers event at the National Football Museum in partnership with Professional Game Match Officials Limited, celebrating International Women's Day and the role of women in football. The Premier League Charitable Fund also hosted 58 girls aged 12–15 from 22 club charities at the Premier League Changemakers celebration event at Wolverhampton Wanderers, participating in workshops on gender equality, youth voice, and leadership, led by inspirational women including FIFA official Nicoleta Bria.

Financial Review

Donation income for the year was £38.07m (2024: £38.08m) and a total of £34.60m (2024: £32.64m) was paid out for grants. The work of Premier League Charitable Fund is reliant mainly on donations from the Premier League and the PFA, (see note 2). Income from grants and other sources for the year under review and expenditure expended are detailed in the Statement of Financial Activities.

The net loss for the period of £1.20m (2024 profit: £1.57m) has been reflected in the available reserves which resulted in restricted fund of £19.42m (2024: £20.62m).

Investment Policy

The Premier League Charitable Fund holds cash balances throughout the year as a result of donations received from its funding partners. These cash balances represent short to medium term funding requirements of the Charity. Accordingly, it is the policy of the Premier League Charitable Fund to place these cash holdings in fixed term treasury deposits in order to maintain liquidity and maximise the interest receivable. The length of term of these deposits ranges from one-week to twelve-months depending on cash requirements in terms of grants payable and day-to-day administration costs.

Reserves

Total reserves at the end of the reporting period are £19.42m (2024: £20.62m); these are all restricted. Please refer to note 9 for the future commitments. Within each of the restricted funds, management has agreed with the funding partners that the grant allocations of each programme will only be calculated after the central and support costs of that programme have been accounted for. Although all of the Premier League Charitable Fund's funds are restricted and no unrestricted reserves are held, the agreement in place with the Premier League Charitable Fund's key funder, Premier League, allows core costs to be appropriately allocated to various projects.

The current reserves policy is that eighteen months of the operational expenditure should be covered by the reserves held. The policy has been considered by the Audit and Risk Committee this season and is reviewed periodically by trustees to ensure it continues to meet the evolving needs of the Premier League Charitable Fund.

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Going concern

The ARC, on behalf of the trustees, regularly reviews management information on budgets and forecasts for income, expenditure and cash-flows. It does this for the organisation as a whole, and on a project-by-project basis.

In respect of the season 2025/26 to season 2027/28, Premier League Charitable Fund have confirmed total funding of c.£114m from the Premier League and PFA. While funding from the Premier League has increased, there is also an increase on other partnership funding of c.£4.65m for the same period. Any shortfall that this creates will be managed through available reserves. Trustees have also reflected that the increase is due to a new fund and so this is additional restricted income.

Trustees have taken account of the current and future operating environment including the impact of inflation and increased cost of living and the wider economic climate. Having done so and having reviewed the funding partnership agreement for funding for the next three years, the trustees have confidence that they have sufficient funding in place to cover core expenditure for the next year. Total core expenditure for the current season was £2.15m (2024: £1.83m). As noted in the principal risk mitigations should funding fall further then ultimately the trustees retain the discretion to reduce the grant commitments.

The trustees consider the level of funding to be sufficient to meet the objectives of the Premier League Charitable Fund. The trustees have a reasonable expectation that the organisation has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for at least twelve months from the date of approval of the financial statements. Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Plans for future period

As the charity enters its 15th year, the 2025/26 season marks a significant milestone in our journey. This anniversary year offers a moment to reflect on the impact of our investments and an opportunity to celebrate the collective efforts of our network, which has helped transform lives and communities through the power of football.

To mark the occasion, we have renamed the charity the Premier League Foundation and unveiled a new brand identity which helps shine a light on the people and places we support. This refreshed identity repositions the charity as much more than a fund, providing a renewed sense of purpose and reflects its position as one of the largest sports charities in the world.

The rebrand was officially launched at a special anniversary reception held on 17 November 2025 and will be accompanied by a year-long campaign showcasing powerful stories of impact and achievement from across our network.

Looking ahead, we are excited to launch our new 2025–2030 strategy, which sets out a bold vision for the next phase of our work. Developed in consultation with key stakeholders across the football and charitable sectors, the strategy will focus on deepening our impact, strengthening partnerships, and ensuring we continue to meet the evolving needs of communities across England and Wales.

With a new identity, a clear strategic direction, and a continued commitment to collaboration, the Premier League Foundation is well-positioned to build on its strong foundations and drive even greater positive change in the years ahead.

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Auditor

Deloitte LLP have expressed their willingness to continue in office and will remain as auditor unless a resolution is passed by the company changing this status.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

The Trustees' Report, including the Strategic Report, was approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on behalf of the Premier League Charitable Fund on 8 December 2025.

 Christine Davies (Dec 8, 2025 22:07:03 GMT)

Christine Davies CBE
Chair of Board of Trustees, Premier League Charitable Fund

Trustees' responsibilities statement

The Trustees (who are also Directors of the Premier League Charitable Fund for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. In so far as the trustees are aware:

- There is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware; and
- The trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

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Independent auditor's report to the members of The Premier League Charitable Fund
Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements of The Premier League Charitable Fund (the 'charitable company'):

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 July 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland"; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

We have audited the financial statements which comprise:

- the statement of financial activities (incorporating an income and expenditure account);
- the balance sheet;
- the cash flow statement; and
- the related notes 1 to 15.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report.

We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the Financial Reporting Council's (the 'FRC's') Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the report of the Trustees, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purpose of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the FRC's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below.

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We considered the nature of the charitable company's industry and its control environment, and reviewed the charitable company's documentation of their policies and procedures relating to fraud and compliance with laws and regulations.

We also enquired of management and those charged with governance about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities, including those that are specific to the charitable company's business sector.

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that the charitable company operates in, and identified the key laws and regulations that:

- had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. These included the UK Charities Act and UK Companies Act; and
- do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which may be fundamental to the charitable company's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty. These included the Charity Commission for England and Wales (Charity Commission) regulations.

We discussed among the audit engagement team regarding the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud and how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements.

As a result of performing the above, we identified the greatest potential for fraud in relation to revenue recognition, and our specific procedures performed to address it are described below:

- Comparison of expected income per the main Premier League agreement to the income recognised on the ledger to determine that the value is accurate and restrictions have been appropriately recognised;
- Review of the terms and conditions attached to the grant funding contracts to ensure the recognition criteria has been met; and
- Review of in-year minutes and communications received from the Premier League with regard to any amendments to funding in the year.

In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override. In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, we tested the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessed whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluated the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

In addition to the above, our procedures to respond to the risks identified included the following:

- reviewing financial statement disclosures by testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with provisions of relevant laws and regulations described as having a direct effect on the financial statements;
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- enquiring of management concerning actual and potential litigation and claims, and instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations; and
- reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.

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Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report, which includes the strategic report and the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the strategic report and the directors' report included within the trustees' report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified any material misstatements in the strategic report or the directors' report included within the trustees' report.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report in respect of the following matters if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

We have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Andy Fern
Andy Fern (Dec 10, 2025 18:11:18 GMT)

Andy Fern ACCA (Senior statutory auditor)

For and on behalf of Deloitte LLP

Statutory Auditor

Birmingham, United Kingdom

8 December 2025

Statement of financial activities (incorporating an income and expenditure account)

For the year ended 31 July 2025

	Notes	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £
Income from;			
Donations	2	38,075,480	38,085,796
Investments		996,926	1,299,688
Total income		<u>39,072,406</u>	<u>39,385,484</u>
Expenditure on;			
Charitable activities;		26,902,069	24,437,230
Community Cohesion		13,374,389	13,370,785
Education			
Total expenditure	3	<u>40,276,458</u>	<u>37,808,015</u>
Net (Deficit)/ Surplus for the year		<u>(1,204,052)</u>	<u>1,577,469</u>
Funds brought forward		<u>20,624,553</u>	<u>19,047,084</u>
Funds carried forward	9	19,420,501	20,624,553

There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those listed above and the net income for the year. All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

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Balance sheet
As at 31 July 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Current assets			
Prepayments	8	18,942	-
Cash and cash equivalents			
Cash at bank and in hand	14	20,404,122	22,915,558
		20,423,064	22,915,558
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7		
Accrued Costs		(582,823)	(454,413)
Trade Creditors		(419,739)	(166,592)
Deferred Income		-	(1,670,000)
Total assets less current liabilities being net current assets		19,420,502	20,624,553
Restricted funds	9	19,420,502	20,624,553
Total funds		19,420,502	20,624,553

These financial statements of the charity Premier League Charitable Fund registered charity number 1137208 were approved by the trustees and authorised for issue on 8 December 2025.

and signed on their behalf by;

 Christine Davies (Dec 8, 2025 22:07:03 GMT)

Christine Davies CBE
Chair of the Board of Trustees, Premier League Charitable Fund

Cash flow statement
For the year ended 31 July 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Net cash flow from operating activities	13	(3,508,363)	187,184
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Interest received	13	996,926	1,299,688
(Decrease)/Increase in cash and cash equivalents in the year		(2,511,437)	1,486,872
Cash and equivalents brought forward	14	22,915,558	21,428,686
Cash and equivalents carried forward	14	20,404,122	22,915,558

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Notes to the financial statements
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1. Accounting policies

The Premier League Charitable Fund, a public benefit entity, is incorporated in England and Wales as a company limited by guarantee not having a share capital.

The Trustees comply with the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2019) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2019)' applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with financial reporting standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), effective 1 January 2019, and Companies Act 2006.

The principal accounting policies adopted, which have been applied consistently in the current year, are described below. These financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees are satisfied that the Charity has sufficient financial resources for at least 12 months from the date these accounts were signed. This assessment has been made taking regard of the current levels of cash, the known income for the next 12 months and assessing the likely level of charitable expenditure over the same time period within each restricted fund; please refer to the "Reserves" and "Going concern" sections of the report of the trustees on page 16 for additional information.

The functional currency of the Charity is sterling, being the currency of the country in which it operates.

Accounting convention

These accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention.

Fund accounting

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor.

Further details of each fund are disclosed in note 9.

Income

All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities ('SOFA') when the charitable company is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies apply to categories of income:

- Donations are recognised in the SOFA when receivable unless the donor specifies that the grant or donation must only be used in particular financial accounting years or the donor has imposed conditions which must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement, in which case the income is deferred;
- Where income is received in advance of its recognition, it is deferred and included in creditors;
- Where entitlement occurs before income is received, this income is generated is accrued; and
- Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis. This income is generated from short to medium term treasury deposit movement during the year.

Donated staff time received from the Premier League has not been recognised in the financial statements as it is not practicable to quantify the cost.

Cost of charitable activities

This includes all expenditure directly related to the objects of the Charity. This consists mainly of assessing grant applications and making and monitoring grants. It also includes support costs representing staffing and associated costs.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been recognised as support costs and allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of resources. The allocation of support cost is agreed on an annual

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basis by the Trustees, as part of the budget process. No support costs have been applied to Other programmes as minimum grant making activity and staff time has been spent on these activities.

Grants are charged to the SOFA when a constructive obligation exists. Where grants are awarded over a number of years, future instalments of the grants are dependent upon the satisfactory fulfilment of the Premier League Charitable Fund's monitoring and quality assurance requirements. Premier League Charitable Fund reviews projects at least annually to approve future instalments of the grants.

Governance costs

Governance costs are the costs associated with the governance arrangements of the Charity. Included within this category are costs associated with the strategic as opposed to day to day management of the Charity's activities. These costs are shown in note 5.

Pension costs

For defined contribution pensions the amount charged to the statement of financial activities in respect of pension costs and other post-retirement benefits is the contributions payable in the year. Differences between contributions payable in the year and contributions actually paid are shown as either accruals or prepayments in the balance sheet.

Irrecoverable VAT

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense in the SOFA and allocated to the same category as the associated expense.

Financial assets and liabilities

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the Charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when (a) the contractual right to the cash flows from the financial asset expires or is settled, (b) the Charity transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or (c) the Charity, despite having retained some, but not all, significant risks and rewards of ownership, has transferred control of the asset to another party.

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the Charity after deducting all its liabilities. All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs) unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, when the financial asset or financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due. Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash highly liquid investments. Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the Charity's accounting policies, which are described in this note, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates. The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision

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affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods. There are no critical accounting judgments or key sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date.

2. Donations

Income from donations comprises:

	2025 £	2024 £
Grant income – FA Premier League	29,670,000	29,670,000
Grant income – PFA	8,400,000	8,400,000
Grant income – Comic Relief**	-	5,000
Other donations	5,480	10,796
Total	38,075,480	38,085,796

**£5k of funding from this funder is the result of a tripartite agreement with BT Group.

3. Analysis of expenditure

	Year ended 31 July 2025			Total 2025 £
	Grants to institutions £	Direct costs £	Support costs £	
Community Cohesion;				
Premier League Kicks	10,043,875	452,570	644,809	11,141,254
Premier League and PFA Community	10,467,893	1,193,198	644,809	12,305,900
Premier League Fans Fund	2,795,000	-	107,468	2,902,468
Other	185,489	366,959	-	552,447
	23,492,256	2,012,726	1,397,087	26,902,069
Education;				
Premier League Inspires	3,355,000	157,270	214,936	3,727,206
Premier League Primary Stars	7,755,000	1,354,841	537,341	9,647,182
	11,110,000	1,512,111	752,278	13,374,389
	34,602,256	3,524,837	2,149,365	40,276,458

Support costs have been allocated on a basis consistent with use of resources.

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3. Analysis of expenditure (continued)

	Year ended 31 July 2024			Total 2024
	Grants to institutions £	Direct costs £	Support costs £	£
Community Cohesion;				
Premier League Kicks	10,036,293	441,144	549,279	11,026,716
Premier League and PFA Community	10,327,018	1,121,250	549,279	11,997,547
Premier League Fans Fund	1,280,000	-	91,546	1,371,546
Other	-	41,422	-	41,422
	21,643,311	1,603,815	1,190,104	24,437,230
Education;				
Premier League Inspires	3,333,596	99,191	183,093	3,615,880
Premier League Primary Stars	7,670,393	1,626,779	457,732	9,754,904
	11,003,989	1,725,970	640,825	13,370,785
	32,647,300	3,329,785	1,830,930	37,808,015

Football Club Charity Grant payment analysis

	Number of football club charities 2025	Number of football club charities 2024	Number of non- football club charities 2025	Number of Non- football club charities 2024
£0 to £500k	66	66	5	1
£501k to £1m	30	31	-	-
Total	96	97	5	1

The above grants are paid to a number of organisations to carry out the approved projects. Football club charities and other organisations can apply for grants under a number of different programmes. As described in the Trustees' report, Premier League Charitable Fund invited applications from football club charities from the Premier League, English Football League and National League. The largest single programme grant given in the year was £374k (2024: £230k) and the largest total grant given to a single football club charity was £974k (2024: £962k).

4. Net (expenditure) is stated after charging:

	2025 £	2024 £
Fees payable to the company's auditor for the audit of the company's annual accounts	30,000	25,000

5. Direct and support costs

	Direct costs 2025 £	Support costs 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Direct costs 2024 £	Support costs 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Staff costs	-	1,743,036	1,743,036	-	1,391,914	1,391,914
External project support	3,524,837	-	3,524,837	3,329,785	-	3,329,785
Other expenses	-	286,329	286,329	-	294,016	294,016
Office overheads	-	120,000	120,000	-	120,000	120,000
Governance costs	-	30,000	30,000	-	25,000	25,000
	3,524,837	2,179,365	5,704,202	3,329,785	1,830,930	5,160,715

External project support consists of costs relating to external resources purchased to carry out the programme activities.

6. Staff costs and numbers

	2025 £	2024 £
Employee costs during the year amounted to:		
Wages and salaries	1,384,262	1,110,945
Social security	171,006	127,734
Pension	161,310	143,560
Other employee benefits	26,458	9,675
Total	1,743,036	1,391,914

The average headcount analysed by function was:

	2025 No.	2024 No.
Administration and management	25	21

During the current year, the following employees' emoluments (excluding employer pension costs) exceeded £60,000:

Band:	Employees 2025 No.	Employees 2024 No.
£60,000 to £69,999	4	4
£70,000 to £79,999	0	0
£80,000 to £89,999	0	0
£90,000 to £99,999	1	1
£100,000 to £110,000	1	1

During the year, pension contributions on behalf of these staff amounted to £36,538 (2024: £32,780)

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Key management personnel are represented by two individuals (2024: two individuals), being the Chief Executive (9 months) and the Interim Chief Executive (3 months) of the PLCF. The total remuneration (including Employers' NI and pension costs) for key management personnel in the period totalled £148,097 (2024: £142,675).

The pension liability outstanding at year-end was Nil (2024: Nil).

7. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Accruals	582,823	454,413
Trade Creditors	419,739	166,592
Deferred Income*	-	1,670,000
Total	1,002,562	2,291,005

*Deferred Income represents advanced payment received from the Premier League for PL Fans project

8. Prepayment

Prepayments of £18,942 (2024: Nil) relate to a three-month contractual agreement with Salesforce.

9. Restricted funds (2025)

	Balance B/F 2024 £	Donation Income £	Investment Income £	Grants paid £	Direct and support costs £	Total C/F 2025 £
Premier LeagueKicks	4,353,597	11,000,000	299,078	(10,043,875)	(1,097,379)	4,511,421
Premier League and PFA Community*	6,362,955	11,650,000	299,078	(10,467,893)	(1,838,007)	6,006,133
Premier League Inspires	2,486,911	3,750,000	99,693	(3,355,000)	(372,206)	2,609,398
Premier League Primary Stars	4,312,764	10,000,000	249,232	(7,755,000)	(1,892,182)	4,914,814
Premier League Fans Fund	2,033,439	1,670,000	49,847	(2,795,000)	(107,468)	850,818
Other*	1,074,887	5,480	-	(185,489)	(366,959)	527,919
Total restricted funds	20,624,553	38,075,480	996,927	(34,602,256)	(5,674,202)	19,420,502

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***Internal Transfers – 2025**

Project	Balance B/F 2024 £	Internal transfers £	Balance C/F 2025 £
Premier League and PFA Community Fund	6,006,133	106,080	6,112,213
Other	527,919	(106,080)	421,839

***Note - Internal transfers are approved by the Premier League Charitable Fund Board and any funding partners of those programmes. These transfers are a result of the project delivery being consolidated with another initiative.**

Restricted funds (2024)

	Balance B/F 2023 £	Donation Income £	Investment Income £	Grants paid £	Direct and support costs £	Total C/F 2024 £
Premier League Kicks*	3,840,407	11,000,000	389,906	(10,036,293)	(990,423)	4,203,597
Premier League and PFA Community*	6,433,595	11,655,000	389,906	(10,327,018)	(1,670,529)	6,480,955
Premier League Inspires	2,222,823	3,750,000	129,969	(3,333,596)	(282,284)	2,486,912
Premier League Primary Stars*	3,522,746	10,000,000	324,922	(7,670,393)	(2,084,511)	4,092,764
Premier League Fans Fund	1,670,000	1,670,000	64,985	(1,280,000)	(91,546)	2,033,439
Other*	1,357,513	10,796	-	-	(41,422)	1,326,887
Total restricted funds	19,047,084	38,085,796	1,299,688	(32,647,300)	(5,160,715)	20,624,553

***Internal Transfers – 2024**

Project	Balance B/F £	Internal transfers £	Balance C/F 2024
PL Kicks	4,203,597	150,000	4,353,597
PL and PFA Community Fund	6,480,955	(118,000)	6,362,955
PL Primary Stars	4,092,764	220,000	4,312,764
Other	1,326,887	(252,000)	1,074,887

Funds received from principal donors are for specific projects including external project support and general administration costs.

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The main projects represent:

Premier League Kicks

- Premier League Kicks uses the power of football and sport to inspire young people to reach their potential, in some of the most high-need areas in England and Wales.
- The community programme began in season 2006/07 in partnership with the Metropolitan Police, with the aim of involving and supporting young people in regular, positive and fun activity, while helping to create stronger, safer, more inclusive communities.
- Today, 93 club charities work with 43 police forces throughout the country to tackle issues affecting young people, with regular sessions taking place in disadvantaged areas. More than half a million young people have participated to date.

Premier League Primary Stars

- Premier League Primary Stars is the Premier League's primary school education programme.
- Launched in 2017 and available to every primary school in England and Wales, Premier League Primary Stars uses the appeal of football to help children be active and develop essential life skills.
- Premier League Primary Stars enables teachers to use resources across English, PSHE, PE and Maths to support children to develop skills and values that are crucial to success in later life. Currently 104 professional football club charities from across the leagues run in-classroom Premier League Primary Stars sessions in local partner schools.
- The free programme also provides teachers and parents with access to more than 650 downloadable resources across a range of curriculum subjects at Key Stage 1 (age 5-7) and Key Stage 2 (age 7-11), developed by teachers for teachers, and in collaboration with experts such as the National Literacy Trust.
- More than 74,000 teachers have signed up to access free online national curriculum-linked resources to date.

Premier League Inspires

- Premier League Inspires uses the power of football to inspire young people aged 11-to-18-years-old at risk of not reaching their potential, to develop the personal skills and positive attitudes needed to succeed in life.
- Launched in 2019 the programme, developed by the Premier League and professional football clubs, and is predominantly delivered in secondary schools.
- Premier League Inspires empowers participants to develop personal, social, employability and life skills through a series of regular face-to-face group sessions, mentoring, workshops and social-action projects, providing pupils with the help they need now and supporting them to plan for their future.
- Premier League Inspires also supports social action and volunteering in the community and provides young people with one-to-one mentoring, small group workshops and opportunities to take part in the annual Premier League Inspires Challenge.

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Premier League and Professional Footballers' Association Community Fund

- Projects supported by the Premier League and Professional Footballers' Association (PFA) Community Fund use the power of football clubs to engage people in projects responding to a local need.
- The partnership between the Premier League and the PFA encourages and enables Premier League club charities to use the power of football to support participants, players and communities to thrive through responding to local needs, tackling inequalities, and develop local strategic partnerships.
- The Fund supports organisations to build stronger connections between communities, players and football clubs by putting initiatives at the heart of local communities that tackle inequalities, raise aspirations, develop thriving communities and players, and inspires positive change.
- The impact of Premier League and PFA supported projects on participants is enhanced by engagement from current, former and future professional football players and scholars.

10. Future project funding

The Premier League Charitable Fund has a three-year grant agreement with the Premier League for seasons 2025/26 to 2027/28, which was signed in August 2025 for £36.67m per year, with an additional one-off payment of £4m from the Premier League in 2025/26. Premier League Charitable Fund grant payments to football club charities is dependent upon the satisfactory fulfilment of the Premier League Charitable Fund's monitoring and quality assurance requirements for the duration of the grant agreement and funding being received from funding partners to enable the Premier League Charitable Fund to provide the grants. Football club charities will be required to provide information on underspend from the grants provided in season 2024/25 which will be off set against grant payments in season 2025/26.

11. Taxation

Premier League Charitable Fund is a registered charity, No. 1137208, which benefits from corporation tax exemptions available to charitable bodies. On the basis that its activities fall within its charitable purposes and its funds are applied only for these purposes, no provision for corporation tax or deferred tax is made.

12. Related party transactions and trustees' remuneration

All trustees give their time freely and no trustee remuneration was paid in the year. Two trustees are paid employees of the Premier League; they are not remunerated for their role as a trustee. Trustee expenses are reimbursed strictly on the basis of expenses incurred necessarily and wholly for the purposes of the Charity's expenses, being principally travel and accommodation expenses. Three trustees received expenses totalling £465 in the year (2024: £935). There are no other related party transactions. Two members of the board of trustees are also a member of the Premier League Charitable Fund's key funding partners. We are satisfied that conflicts are managed in a satisfactory manner.

13. Reconciliation of net cash flow from operating activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Net (loss)/profit for the year	(1,204,052)	1,577,469
Interest received	(996,926)	(1,299,688)
(Decrease) In creditors	(1,288,443)	(90,597)
(Increase) in debtors	(18,942)	-
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities	(3,508,363)	187,184

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14. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash at bank and in hand	20,404,122	22,915,558
Total	20,404,122	22,915,558

15. Post Balance Sheet Events

From 17 November 2025, the Premier League Charitable Fund will operate under the new name: Premier League Foundation. The legal name remains The Premier League Charitable Fund.