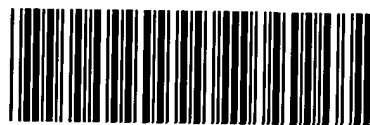

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Trustees' report and financial statements
for the year ended 31 March 2024

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**Reference and administrative details of the charity, its Trustees and advisers
for the year ended 31 March 2024**

Trustees	Mr M Gannon, Chair Ms L Templeton (resigned 28 November 2023) Mr D Newton (resigned 31 August 2024) Mr O Watson Mr C Lee Ms M Waite Mr R Aubry Mr N Symonds-Baig (appointed 27 April 2023) Ms S Rock (appointed 21 September 2023) Mr M Ballantyne, Treasurer (appointed 5 July 2024)
Company registered number	06823256
Charity registered number	1139174
Registered office	Media House Padge Road Beeston Nottinghamshire NG9 2RS
Chief executive officer	Will Evans (appointed 9 October 2023) Chris Ratcliffe (resigned 20 September 2023)
Independent auditors	Bates Weston Audit Ltd Statutory Auditors Chartered Accountants Canal Street Derby DE1 2RJ
Bankers	Barclays Bank PLC Leicester LE87 2BB
Solicitors	Irwin Mitchell LLP Riverside East House 2 Millsands Sheffield S3 8DT

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Chair's statement
for the year ended 31 March 2024

The chairman presents his statement for the year.

On behalf of the Board of Boccia England, I am pleased to present the Annual Accounts and Trustee Report for the year ended 31 March 2024.

As the registered Charity and National Governing Body (NGB) for boccia in England, we are responsible for all aspects of the sport in England from beginner to expert. What makes boccia unique is that it is a totally inclusive sport which can be played by anyone regardless of age, gender, ability, or disability. It also brings opportunities to those who otherwise would not have access to sport and the benefits it can bring, making a positive difference to their lives.

The year started with a bang when we launched our Wellbeing Toolkit in April highlighting the difference boccia makes to the lives of those who play and support the sport.

In May we saw an action-packed day in Nottingham for the Heathcoat Cup Finals with the BE Cup Finals being held at the end of the month.

The Boccia England team paid a visit to Slovakia in June to get some world class, international competition under their belts.

National and Super League Finals took place in July for those of the competitive type and National Boccia Day took place on 27th September, encouraging everyone to just have a go and play.

Shortly after National Boccia Day we produced a series of Boccia Activity Cards to encourage more people to play and access the benefits of boccia.

Using these resources and partnering with Family Fund we launched a pilot project in the North West during October to tackle isolation and loneliness, particularly in young people with physical disabilities, by bringing families and friends close together through the game of boccia. The pilot was a great success, and we will be looking to roll the project out more widely in 2024-2025.

Our AGM took place on 23rd November, followed by our Boccia England Awards in December whereby we celebrated players, coaches, volunteers and clubs, after all, Boccia would not happen without them.

Throughout January to March 2024, we saw a flurry of competitions where players pitched their skills and wits to reach the podium.

Finally, our Big Boccia Survey launched early 2024, which was a chance for key stakeholders to have their say and help shape their sport.

The biggest challenge throughout the year has been the economic climate with cost continuing to rise at an unprecedented rate. We have absorbed costs on behalf of our members as best we can but will need to consider how we meet these costs in the following year.

Volunteers continue to be the backbone of our sport and for this we are eternally grateful.

We have also had a number of staff departures and recruitments over the year enabling us to bring in new skills and knowledge as required. Clearly it takes time for new staff to bed in, but we have recruited some great people this year, as well as retaining some longer serving and more senior staff.

I am grateful to the Board and Trustees who have continued to ensure that our governance and strategic support remains robust and compliant. The board and I want to give thanks to our hardworking staff and volunteers who continue to work tirelessly to ensure that we provide the right opportunities for everyone.

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Chair's statement (continued)
for the year ended 31 March 2024

Next year we will be focussing on our three key goals of the strategy: to build a nationwide infrastructure for the sport, increase public awareness of the sport and ensure every household with a physically disabled child or young person has the chance to play boccia.

Mark Gannon

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Mr M Gannon, Chair

Date: 16/12/2024

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Trustees' report
for the year ended 31 March 2024

On behalf of Boccia England, the Trustees are pleased to present their Annual Report together with the Financial Statements of the charity for the year ending 31 March 2024 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for Companies Act purposes and filing.

The Financial Statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

Status

Boccia England was established as a charitable company limited by guarantee (No.6823256 England and Wales) in November 2008 and achieved charitable status (No. 1139174) in November 2010. The charitable company is limited by guarantee without having a share capital and the liability of the members is limited to £1 each. The charitable company is governed by its Articles of Association.

Trustees

The following trustees have served the company since 1 April 2023

Mark Gannon (appointed 31st January 2022)
Marianne Waite (appointed 27th January 2022)
Mr Owen Watson (appointed 6 June 2018)
Mr Dan Newton (reappointed 31 August 2020)
Ms Lauren Templeton (resigned 28 November 2023)
Mr Christopher Lee (appointed 21 May 2019)
Mr Robert Aubry (appointed 17th November 2022)
Ms Samantha Rock (appointed 21 September 2023)
Mr Naeman Symonds-Baig (appointed 27 April 2023)
Mr Mike Ballantyne (appointed 5 July 2024)

Mr Dan Bentley stepped down as a Players' Advocate at the end of September 2024.

Mr Owen Watson resigned as Treasurer 4 July 2024 but remains a trustee.

The Trustees would like to express their thanks for the many years of hard work undertaken by those Trustees who have stepped down since the beginning of the period being reported on, being Lauren Templeton and Dan Newton and to Dan Bentley who has stepped down as player advocate for his support and input over many years. The Trustees would also like to express their thanks for the years of responsibility in the role of Treasurer held by our Senior Independent Director, Owen Watson who has now stepped down from that role but remains a Trustee and our Senior Independent Director.

Trustees Responsibilities

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 surplus or deficit of the charitable company for that year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business; and
- Observe methods and principles in the charity SORP.

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Trustees' report (continued)
for the year ended 31 March 2024

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to 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.

Decision Making

The Board of Trustees administers the charity. The Board meets quarterly and there are five sub committees, covering governance, remuneration, nominations, audit, financial management and sport.

The Chief Executive is appointed by the Trustees and manages the day to day operations of the charity, working within delegated powers approved by the Trustees. This includes the day to day management, finance, employment, and sports development activities.

Trustees approve the organisation's Scheme of Delegated Authority annually. This policy outlines authority levels within the staff team and procedures for decision making.

Governance and Recruitment of Trustees

As the National Governing Body of the sport of Boccia in England, and with Sport England as a partner, we are required to comply with the Code of Sports Governance. We are fully committed to not only comply with the letter of the code but the spirit in which it was created. We believe that high standards of governance and conduct lead to better decision making and ensure a better outcome for the beneficiaries of our charity, whereby all members of the Board adhere to Boccia England's Code of Conduct.

Our Governance Committee is chaired by our Senior Independent Director and consists entirely of Independent Directors. It meets regularly through the year, with specific meetings on Audit, Remuneration and Nominations.

All appointments to the board are managed principally by the Nominations Committee. We undertake an annual review of the Skills of the Board and consider both the immediate and longer term skills that the board requires to enable the organisations success. We proactively challenge ourselves to consider new ways we can take positive action to improve the diversity on the Board, whilst recognising that diversity takes many forms. We are committed to transparency in this area and publish an Equality & Diversity statement on our website, which includes information on how we are doing as well as a link to our action plan.

Depending on the nature or specialism of the role we are recruiting for, sometimes we use specialist recruitment consultants in our support of ensuring we access the best talent available to join the board. We are also actively managing our social media on platforms such as LinkedIn to make our vacancies more visible, open, and accessible to a wider range of candidates. We aren't afraid to appoint trustees to their first board appointment, as believe this opens us up to a wider talent pool and increases the diversity of thought in our executive.

Trustee Induction and Training

All new Trustees undertake an induction with the Board Chair and Chief Executive. They are provided with the organisation's Governance Manual which outlines various policies, documents, and procedures.

The Board regularly reviews its skills matrix to ensure that it has a good mix of knowledge and skills to effectively make decisions. Trustees receive training throughout the year either through e learning or through presentations from staff or partners. A board succession plan is in place.

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Trustees' report (continued)
for the year ended 31 March 2024

Principal Activities

The principal activities of Boccia England undertaken for public benefit are:

- The promotion of community participation in healthy recreation by the provision of facilities and equipment for the playing of boccia.
- The advancement of education including physical education [of all residents in the United Kingdom] in the sport of boccia (regardless of their race, gender, or disability) by the provision of facilities and equipment for the sport of boccia.
- The relief of need of people with disabilities by the provision of facilities and equipment for the playing of boccia.
- The advancement of boccia as an amateur sport by the provision of facilities and equipment for the sport of boccia.

Strategy

Our strategy: 'Improving lives through boccia', sets out our vision where we want to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to gain a positive experience of boccia. Our mission is to create positive, engaging, and accessible opportunities for physically disabled people to play boccia.

We have set three goals to help achieve our vision, these goals are.

1. An effective, nationwide community boccia infrastructure, where we will focus on restarting our competition structure and helping our clubs return to play.
2. Increased public awareness of boccia focusing on education and representation to encourage more people to play, and,
3. Every household with a physically disabled child or young person has a chance to play boccia which will focus on making boccia easy to access, particularly for those who we have not yet reached directly.

We have created a plan that includes our aims to strengthen our infrastructure whilst raising awareness and build partnerships to give everyone the opportunity to gain a positive experience of boccia.

We prioritise those who stand to benefit the most and are most in need of our support. But we're also excited by what boccia can offer more widely as an inclusive and welcoming sport. To make that happen, we need to collaborate with partners and people, joining forces with coaches, volunteers, referees, clubs, members, and players.

Ultimately, as we work towards our goals, we'll grow participation, membership, satisfaction, and diversity to drive home the positive impact of boccia on us all. Furthermore, by running Boccia England effectively, we will be able to better measure our success and stay accountable over the next 10 years. This means that we'll be 'fit for purpose' – not just now, but in 10 years and beyond. We can achieve this through proper management, financial diversification, and a system of business support.

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Achievements



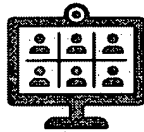
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Highlights

Infrastructure



59 Boccia England
Member Clubs
8 NEW Boccia England
Member Clubs



Intro to Visual
Impaired Boccia
Webinar
supporting 12 groups
with their delivery



Boccia
Competition
Management
System
launched

Trained 20
new Level 1 officials

Delivered 13
Boccia Leaders courses

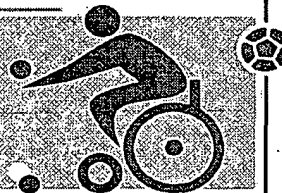
Recruited 5
new Competition Coordinators



168 players competed in individual
competitions

16 competitions in
11 different venues

54 teams competed in the
National League competition



Coach Advanced Programme (level 3) with UK Boccia

Public Awareness

THE
**BIG
BOCCIA
SURVEY**
2024
Big Boccia Survey
2024 launched



26% increase in
LinkedIn followers



6% increase in
Facebook followers
total of 4,646

Developed
play boccia
resources
for school
network



**BOCCIA
WATCHER**
Created #BocciaWatcher
campaign and supported
Paralympics



Every household

TRY
BOCCIA
SAY BOT-CHA
AT HOME

With the Family Fund, Boccia at Home Pilot Project
provided 50 free sets of boccia balls to
families in the Merseyside region



87% of
families played
boccia at least
once a week



Big Boccia conversations
took place in;
• Nottinghamshire
• Merseyside
• Greater Manchester
• Lancashire

THE
**BIG
BOCCIA
CONVERSATION**

Operational Effectiveness

Organisational People
Plan launched



Safeguarding videos created
for players and volunteers at
BE events and competitions



Achieved requirements
of Code for Sports
Governance

Continued to meet the
CPSU Safeguarding in
Sport standards

Diversity and
Inclusion Plan
launched



Included in Ann Craft Trust's
**Listening to the Voice
of Participants project**

Received grant from
Peter Harrison of
£20,000
over 3 years

Continued sponsorship
with Trelleborg
and Irwin Mitchell

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During 2023/24 saw a period of growth in our activities with an increase in our individual and club membership. We also saw an increased number of entries in our competitions. We successfully completed a full competition season where we delivered regional and national competition events throughout the country supporting over 500 players who competed.

We also achieved confirmation of compliance with the Code for Sports Governance which in itself was a significant undertaking that demonstrates the high levels of governance and compliance that is in place at Boccia England.

In addition, we also supported the School Games Organisers network to directly reach 22,500 pupils within schools and give them the opportunity to play boccia through the UK School Games. Over 70% of pupils that participated in boccia being identified as having a disability.

A key part of our strategic focus is to develop our local infrastructure through creating more local opportunities for people to play boccia in the right locations with the appropriate level of support. To achieve this, we have focused on working in the Northwest and East Midlands regions to develop effective partnerships to reach wider audiences.

Through a series of big boccia conversations we have engaged with more than 10 local boccia clubs, over 100 local partner organisations and over 75 individuals to talk about how we can improve the experience and opportunities for disabled people.

We continued to invest in our people through training and development opportunities for our workforce with a focus on recruiting new people to support the delivery of our competitions and community engagement. In collaboration with the Family Fund, we successfully delivered a pilot programme of providing 50 households in the Merseyside Region with free boccia ball sets to help homes with disabled children access the sport and become active through boccia.

The improvements we have made to our talent pathway has seen a number of Boccia England Pathway Athletes transition into the Boccia UK's programme. We also hosted the 2023 UK National Boccia Championships. Our focus in talent is to provide an inclusive environment that enables the long-term development of athletes. Working with the True Athlete Project, we have seen our athletes and coaches benefit directly from participating in a holistic mindfulness-based approach that unleashes sport's potential to change lives, across diverse contexts.

As set out in our long term monitoring and evaluation framework we undertook to obtain the views of our members and non-members through our 2024 Big Boccia Survey to support us to better understand the impact of our work. The findings from this survey will be analysed in 2024/25.

We are hugely reliant on the support of our staff and volunteers to ensure that we fulfil our objectives, and we offer our grateful thanks to all those who continue to make Boccia a positive experience during 2023/24.

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Future Plans

Our plans for 2024/25 remain focused primarily on ensuring that we have the right staffing and volunteer structure in place to ensure we can continue to deliver our longer-term strategic objectives as set out in our people plan. This includes:

- Developing and growing our local infrastructure and support our clubs network to develop thrive and grow with minimum standards in place to ensure that these settings are well run offering disabled people a positive experience in the sport.
- To continue to evolve our competition programme to increase the right opportunities for those on the pathway through the delivery of a refreshed national boccia competition and UK challenger event.
- Focus our work in the Northwest and East Midlands to develop our longer term regional plans in these areas with the aim to identify a third region by 2026 with identified partners.
- Delivery of a pilot talent hub aimed at younger athletes and secure the continuation of our Sport England Talent funding for 2025-29.
- Disseminate the findings from our 2024 Big Boccia Survey and build on these initial findings with focus groups to discuss their experiences of boccia in particular amongst young people.
- Continue to deliver high standards of governance
- Raise income through fundraising to achieve our ambitions. This includes securing longer-term funding to support more households access boccia ball sets in collaboration with Family Fund and other partner
- Ensure that we continue to support our people through the implementation of our People Plan and our agreed objectives as set out in the plan.

Risk Management

The Trustees consider the major risks to which the charity is exposed each quarter and have reviewed those risks and have put in place systems and procedures to manage them.

Public Benefit

The Trustees have considered their duties under section 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and have determined that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, when pursuing the charity's aims and objectives.

FINANCE

Pricing policy

It is recognised that in many cases our athletes are financially disadvantaged partly due to high personal living costs and therefore our pricing policy reflects our strategy of enabling all within our community, whatever their means, to take part in our activities. We will continue to review fees annually.

Investment powers and policy

With regard to the liquidity requirements of operating Boccia England, the trustees, have kept available funds in interest bearing deposit accounts and seek to achieve rates of deposit which match or exceed inflation as measured by the retail prices index. Due to wider economic circumstances deposit rates have been depressed and so this aim was not achieved in the year.

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The Board of Boccia England oversees the cash management and effective use of the charity cash reserves, where it seeks to maximise the amount of cash invested with an optimal level of return. This includes the investment of the charity cash reserves in the Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) Charity Deposit Platform, which provides an optimal level of return as well as ensuring flexibility in releasing cash in line with our projected cash flow requirements. Boccia England does not hold any stocks or shares.

Reserves policy and going concern

The trustees consider the minimum level of unrestricted reserves to be 6 months operating expenditure or £250k, whichever is greater. This is reviewed annually, and it is the intention of the Board to create a fund from surplus reserves to enable Boccia England to grow the sport in a sustainable way. The Trustees continue to review this policy and will make appropriate changes as are considered necessary.

The Trust had unrestricted reserves of £310,205 as of 31st March 2024.

At the year ended, the Trustees determined that, due to the position in the Sport England funding cycle, the prevailing uncertainty resulting from increased operating costs, and the increased competitiveness of the fundraising market comparative to the relative maturity of our fundraising capability that it was prudent to temporarily hold, the current level of reserves whilst the policy is reviewed.

Fundraising

Boccia England's fundraising is ultimately overseen by the Board, with the day to day delivery of fundraising activity the responsibility of the CEO and the staff team.

During the year, we received £575,227 in grants, donations and gifts in kind which is targeted both at specific projects and in general support of our charitable objectives.

Charitable fundraising from Trusts and Foundations remains a strategically important source of revenue for Boccia England as a charity. We have engaged a fundraising consultant in the past year to support our work in this area and envisage this continuing whilst a revised fundraising strategy is developed.

All fundraisers, employed or voluntary, are expected to work in line with the Fundraising Regulator's Code of Fundraising Practice, which is used as a reference point when developing any new fundraising activity or reviewing existing activity. We have no reported compliance issues and continue to review and update policies and procedures in line with the Code to ensure that compliance remains strong. We are registered with the Fundraising Regulator. Boccia England also has in place a Fundraising and Donation Acceptance Policy.

We do not undertake door to door, face to face or direct mail fundraising and public fundraising in general is currently very limited. As a result, the risk of fundraising in relation to vulnerable people is extremely limited. Fundraisers work closely with others in the organisation to ensure that fundraising communications are easy to understand, respectful of potential donors, provide clarity about the cause and do not mislead in any way. As public fundraising activity increases in the future, the Fundraising Manager will develop guidance for volunteers and other staff to ensure they understand the standards we aim to uphold and what to consider when it comes to vulnerable people and fundraising.

The Trustees are not aware of any complaints in relation to fundraising activities. We have clear processes in place as to how complaints will be handled should they arise.

Pay and Remuneration

The organisation has remuneration and performance review policies which outline set pay frameworks and procedures for setting all staff salaries and pay awards. The Remuneration Committee approves any new or amended arrangements.

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Principal risks and uncertainties

The Board reviews the overall Risk Register on a regular basis. Risk appetite has been defined for specific risk categories and is included in our Risk Register. The key risk identified by the Board is the ability to continue to raise consistent levels of income through fundraising activities to help further our strategic ambitions. Boccia England appears to face increasing competition in securing funding from trusts and foundations.

Health and safety of employees

The well being of the Company's employees is safeguarded through strict adherence to health and safety standards. The Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 1989 imposes certain requirements on employers and the Company has taken the necessary action to ensure compliance with the Act, including the adoption of a Safety statement. Boccia England undertakes an annual health and safety audit.

Provision of Information to Auditors

So far as the Trustees are aware, there is no relevant information (as defined by Section 418 of the Companies Act 2006) of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware, and each Trustee has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a Trustee to make them aware of any audit information and to establish that the charitable company's auditors are aware of any matters which should to be brought to their attention.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Mark Gannon

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Mr M Gannon, Chair
(Chair of Trustees)

Date: 16/12/2024

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Independent auditors' report to the Members of Boccia England

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Boccia England (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. 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).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2024 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; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

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 Auditors' 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 United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council'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.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditors' 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.

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Opinion 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 for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you 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; or
- the Trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a Strategic report.

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 purposes 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.

Auditors' 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 auditors' 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.

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:

Based on our understanding of the charitable company and industry in which it operates, we considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as the Companies Act 2006. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

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Independent auditors' report to the Members of Boccia England (continued)

- Enquiry of management around actual and potential litigation and claims;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- Performing audit work over the risk of management override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for bias.

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

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 auditors' 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 its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Wayne Thomas FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of

Bates Weston Audit Ltd

Statutory Auditors

Chartered Accountants

Canal Street

Derby

DE1 2RJ

Date: 16 December 2024

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**Statement of financial activities (incorporating income and expenditure account)
for the year ended 31 March 2024**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies:	2				
Donations		41,016	-	41,016	49,899
Grants		-	534,211	534,211	613,148
Charitable activities	3	54,113	-	54,113	59,649
Investments		4,650	-	4,650	3,690
Other income	4	8,249	-	8,249	2,233
Total income		108,028	534,211	642,239	728,619
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	5	25,722	-	25,722	32,233
Charitable activities	6	96,924	534,211	631,135	679,351
Total expenditure		122,646	534,211	656,857	711,584
Net movement in funds		(14,618)	-	(14,618)	17,035
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		324,823	-	324,823	307,788
Net movement in funds		(14,618)	-	(14,618)	17,035
Total funds carried forward		310,205	-	310,205	324,823

The notes on pages 18 to 30 form part of these financial statements.

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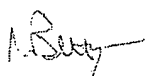
Balance sheet
as at 31 March 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	4,689	3,231
		<u>4,689</u>	<u>3,231</u>
Current assets			
Stocks		6,093	8,878
Debtors	12	27,224	34,328
Investments	13	310,348	302,358
Cash at bank and in hand		77,269	53,139
		<u>420,934</u>	<u>398,703</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(115,418)	(77,111)
Net current assets		<u>305,516</u>	<u>321,592</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>310,205</u>	<u>324,823</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>310,205</u></u>	<u><u>324,823</u></u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	15	-	-
Unrestricted funds	15	310,205	324,823
Total funds		<u><u>310,205</u></u>	<u><u>324,823</u></u>

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



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Mr M Ballantyne
Treasurer
Date: 16/12/2024

The notes on pages 18 to 30 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of cash flows
for the year ended 31 March 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net cash used in operating activities	31,422	(104,832)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Interest Income	4,650	3,690
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(3,952)	(4,847)
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities	698	(1,157)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	32,120	(105,989)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	355,497	461,486
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	387,617	355,497

The notes on pages 18 to 30 form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the financial statements
for the year ended 31 March 2024

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Boccia England meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

1.2 Company status

The charity is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company are the Trustees named on page 1. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity.

1.3 Income

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

1.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the charity to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

1.5 Basis of allocation of expenditure

The expenses were allocated between restricted and unrestricted funds based on the grants received and the purpose for which the grants were awarded. Where this was not possible the expenses were allocated based on management estimates.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

Office equipment	- 20% straight line
Computer equipment	- 33% straight line

1.7 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks.

1.8 Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the operating result.

1.9 Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

1.10 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.11 Leasing

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of financial activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

1.12 Pensions

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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2. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Donations				
Unrestricted/core	41,016	-	41,016	25,000
Grants				
Peter Harrison	-	2,500	2,500	-
Sport England	-	502,201	502,201	451,711
Sport England - EHP	-	14,450	14,450	-
CAF	-	-	-	125,104
CAF Resilience	-	-	-	20,000
Irwin Mitchell	-	-	-	900
Bruce Wake	-	-	-	5,000
UK Champs	-	8,500	8,500	-
Green Hall Foundation	-	-	-	3,000
Sterry Family Foundation	-	1,560	1,560	2,433
Trelborg	-	5,000	5,000	5,000
Subtotal detailed disclosure	41,016	534,211	575,227	638,148
Donations	-	-	-	24,899
	41,016	534,211	575,227	663,047
Total 2023	49,899	613,148	663,047	

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3. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Product Sales	26,664	26,664	41,274
Membership Fees	7,475	7,475	7,134
Competition and Other Fees	19,974	19,974	11,041
Partnerships Contribution	-	-	200
	<u>54,113</u>	<u>54,113</u>	<u>59,649</u>

4. Other incoming resources

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Miscellaneous income	951	951	2,233
Royalties received	7,298	7,298	-
	<u>8,249</u>	<u>8,249</u>	<u>2,233</u>

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5. Expenditure on raising funds

Costs of raising voluntary income

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Trading	24,674	24,674	28,513
Courses	1,048	1,048	3,720
	<u>25,722</u>	<u>25,722</u>	<u>32,233</u>

6. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Participation programme	95,991	364,153	460,144	519,934
Talent programme	933	170,058	170,991	159,417
	<u>96,924</u>	<u>534,211</u>	<u>631,135</u>	<u>679,351</u>
<i>Total 2023</i>	<u>66,296</u>	<u>613,055</u>	<u>679,351</u>	

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7. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2024 £	Support costs 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Participation programme	129,736	330,408	460,144	519,934
Talent programme	99,041	71,950	170,991	159,417
	<u>228,777</u>	<u>402,358</u>	<u>631,135</u>	<u>679,351</u>
<i>Total 2023</i>	<u>444,783</u>	<u>234,568</u>	<u>679,351</u>	

Analysis of support costs

	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Staff costs	263,445	81,700
Depreciation	2,494	3,115
Premises Costs	22,672	23,961
Insurance	6,886	7,874
Office Admin Costs	4,587	5,265
Other	53,218	61,924
Consultancy	23,298	25,104
Audit & Accountancy	25,758	25,625
	<u>402,358</u>	<u>234,568</u>

8. Auditors' remuneration

	2024 £	2023 £
Auditors' remuneration	<u>7,500</u>	<u>5,850</u>

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9. Staff costs

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	239,155	257,275
Social security costs	23,885	20,570
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	24,486	25,774
	<u>287,526</u>	<u>303,619</u>

The average number of persons employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
Charitable activities	4	5
Management and administration of charity	4	4
	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) exceeded £60,000 was:

	2024	2023
In the band £60,001 - £70,000	1	1

The total amount of employee benefits received by key management personnel is £73,753 (2023: £71,845).

10. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2023 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 March 2024, expenses were reimbursed or paid directly to 6 Trustees (2023 - to 3 Trustees) broken down as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Board expenses	<u>1,285</u>	<u>638</u>

During the year expenses were reimbursed to M Gannon of £379 (2023: £349), L Templeton of £480 (2023: £137), D Newton of £43 (2023: £nil), O Watson of £nil (2023: £152), R Aubry of £194 (2023: £Nil), N Symonds-Baig of £140 (2023: £nil) and S Rock of £49 (2023: £nil) for various expenses incurred on behalf of the charity.

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11. Tangible fixed assets

	Office equipment £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2023	13,790	36,938	50,728
Additions	-	3,952	3,952
At 31 March 2024	<u>13,790</u>	<u>40,890</u>	<u>54,680</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2023	13,790	33,707	47,497
Charge for the year	-	2,494	2,494
At 31 March 2024	<u>13,790</u>	<u>36,201</u>	<u>49,991</u>
Net book value			
At 31 March 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>4,689</u>	<u>4,689</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>3,231</u>	<u>3,231</u>

12. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	1,500	10,878
Other debtors	25,724	23,450
	<u>27,224</u>	<u>34,328</u>

13. Current asset investments

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash held on short term deposit	<u>310,348</u>	<u>302,358</u>

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14. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	41,128	14,816
Other creditors	23,204	23,178
Accruals and deferred income	51,086	39,117
	<u>115,418</u>	<u>77,111</u>

Deferred income at the 31 March 2024 relates to grant income received by the charity. Where necessary, the grant conditions state that the income must be utilised across a certain period. As a result the grant income has been deferred in line with this.

15. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Reserve	324,823	108,028	(122,646)	310,205
	<u>324,823</u>	<u>108,028</u>	<u>(122,646)</u>	<u>310,205</u>
Restricted funds				
Sport England	-	502,201	(502,201)	-
Sport England - EHP	-	14,450	(14,450)	-
Sterry Family Foundation	-	1,560	(1,560)	-
Trelborg	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
Peter Harrison	-	2,500	(2,500)	-
UK Champs	-	8,500	(8,500)	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>534,211</u>	<u>(534,211)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total of funds	<u>324,823</u>	<u>642,239</u>	<u>(656,857)</u>	<u>310,205</u>

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15. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2022</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>Transfers in/out</i>	<i>Balance at 31 March 2023</i>
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General Reserve	306,038	115,471	(98,529)	1,843	324,823
Restricted funds					
Sport England	-	451,711	(451,618)	(93)	-
CAF	-	125,104	(125,104)	-	-
CAF Resilience	-	20,000	(20,000)	-	-
Irwin Mitchell	-	900	(900)	-	-
Bruce Wake	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Green Hall Foundation	-	3,000	(3,000)	-	-
Sterry Family Foundation	-	2,433	(2,433)	-	-
Trelborg	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Other	1,750	-	-	(1,750)	-
	<u>1,750</u>	<u>613,148</u>	<u>(613,055)</u>	<u>(1,843)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total of funds	<u>307,788</u>	<u>728,619</u>	<u>(711,584)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>324,823</u>

The general reserve represents the free fund of the charity which are not designed for particular purposes.

The Sport England Fund supports delivery of the Whole Sport Plan, focused on developing and promoting the sport, increasing participation and helping those with the talent and potential, to improve.

The CAF fund supports the delivery of helping with Athlete mental wellbeing, as well as funding for support costs of the Charity such as staff costs, marketing and IT costs.

Funds received are expended for their intended purpose, in most cases within the same financial year.

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16. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
General funds	324,823	108,028	(122,646)	310,205
Restricted funds	-	534,211	(534,211)	-
	<u>324,823</u>	<u>642,239</u>	<u>(656,857)</u>	<u>310,205</u>

Summary of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
General funds	306,038	115,471	(98,529)	1,843	324,823
Restricted funds	1,750	613,148	(613,055)	(1,843)	-
	<u>307,788</u>	<u>728,619</u>	<u>(711,584)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>324,823</u>

17. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current period

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	4,689	4,689
Current assets	420,934	420,934
Creditors due within one year	(115,418)	(115,418)
Total	<u>310,205</u>	<u>310,205</u>

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17. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior period

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Restricted funds - 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Tangible fixed assets	3,231	-	3,231
Current assets	373,221	25,482	398,703
Creditors due within one year	(51,629)	(25,482)	(77,111)
Total	324,823	-	324,823

18. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Net income/expenditure for the period (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	(14,618)	17,035
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	2,494	3,115
Interest from investments	(4,650)	(3,690)
(Increase)/Decrease in stocks	2,785	(1,208)
(Increase)/Decrease in debtors	7,104	3,794
Increase/(Decrease) in creditors	38,307	(123,878)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	31,422	(104,832)

19. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash in hand	77,269	53,139
Short-term investments	310,348	302,358
Total cash and cash equivalents	387,617	355,497

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20. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 April 2023	Cash flows	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	53,139	24,130	77,269
	<u>53,139</u>	<u>24,130</u>	<u>77,269</u>

21. Operating lease commitments

At 31 March 2024 the charity had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Not later than 1 year	20,356	20,000
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	-	20,000
	<u>20,356</u>	<u>40,000</u>

22. Control relationships

The charity is controlled by the board of trustees.

23. Related party transactions

M Gannon (Charity Chair since 22 January 2022) is CEO of UK Coaching Solutions Limited who are a supplier for Boccia England. A total of £2,576 (2023: £12,772) has been spent with UK Coaching Solutions Limited in the year and at the balance sheet date the Charity owed £300 (2023: £660).