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# Boccia England

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

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## **Boccia England**

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## **Boccia England**

### **Reference and Administrative Details**

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## **Boccia England**

### **Chair's Report**

The chair presents his statement for the year ended 31 March 2025.

#### **Annual Accounts and Trustee Report – Year Ended 31 March 2025**

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 2025.

As the National Governing Body (NGB) for boccia in England and a registered charity, we are responsible for all aspects of the sport—from welcoming new players to supporting those striving for success at the Los Angeles 2028 Paralympic Games.

We proudly describe boccia as *“the most inclusive sport in the world.”* It is a sport created for wheelchair users but accessible to everyone regardless of age, gender, ability, or disability. Its benefits for physical and mental wellbeing are profound, and we are committed to enabling more people to experience them.

#### **2024–2025: A Year of Change**

This year brought significant transition for Boccia England.

In September 2024, after eight years as Chief Executive Officer, Chris Ratcliffe left the organisation to become CEO of UK Deaf Sport. We thank Chris sincerely for his leadership and wish him well in his new role.

Following an extensive recruitment process, the Board appointed Will Evans as CEO in October 2024. Having joined earlier in the year as Head of Sport, Will brought strong knowledge of our community and was able to move seamlessly into the role, providing continuity and fresh leadership.

Towards the end of the financial year, we also vacated our offices at Media House. This decision was made both to reduce costs and to reflect the post-Covid shift towards flexible working. While shared workspace remains available at our new registered address, the staff team now works fully remotely. The Trustees are confident that this change will not affect the quality of service to members.

#### **Success On and Off the Court**

The Paris 2024 Paralympic Games provided an important opportunity to raise the profile of boccia. Our *Boccia Watcher* campaign successfully engaged new audiences, boosted social media interactions, drove traffic to our website, and attracted volunteers to our events.

The Games also inspired a major stakeholder event hosted at Jaguar Land Rover's Warwickshire headquarters. Showcasing boccia in such environments helps us reach new audiences and strengthens the corporate partnerships essential for diversifying our future income.

At home, Boccia England competitions crowned new National Champions in Sheffield and Heathcoat Cup winners at the University of Warwick. Southern All Stars dominated the Super League, securing both the league title and post-season cup.

Across the year, 148 players competed in 16 events held at 10 locations, alongside 56 teams in the National League. These events are only possible thanks to the dedication of our volunteers, whose contribution is invaluable and deeply appreciated.

English athletes also excelled at the UK Championships in Largs, Scotland. Highlights included BC2 athlete Reshad Saraj winning gold, with further medals for Richard Armstrong, Fay Hart, James Clowes, Will Arnott, Sally Kidson, Sophie Newnham, and Louis Saunders across multiple classifications.

Sadly, the boccia community suffered the loss of three much-loved figures: George Keith, Matt Berry, and Will Arnott. Their passing has been felt profoundly, and our thoughts remain with their families and friends.



## Boccia England

### Chair's Report

#### Governance, Safeguarding, and Standards

Our Annual General Meeting took place on 17 December 2024, drawing strong participation from players, coaches, club volunteers, and members—clear evidence of the passion that drives our community. The Trustees and staff remain committed to supporting this energy in every way possible.

During the year, we strengthened our safeguarding work with the appointment of a dedicated safeguarding officer. We continue to meet the requirements of the NSPCC's Child Protection in Sport Unit and will submit evidence to the Ann Craft Trust in 2025–2026 with the aim of achieving their standards.

We also developed a boccia-specific *Safeguarding and Protecting Children* workshop in partnership with UK Coaching. By tailoring scenarios to the realities of boccia, we have created a resource that better reflects the experiences of our participants.

Next year will see the full implementation of our new minimum standards for clubs, ensuring all volunteers are appropriately trained, safeguarding and DBS checks are in place, and risks are well managed within club settings.

#### Looking Ahead to 2025–2026

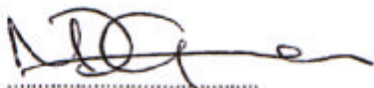
In the year ahead, Boccia England will continue to pursue the three goals at the heart of our strategy:

- (1) Building a nationwide infrastructure for the sport.
- (2) Increasing public awareness of boccia.
- (3) Ensuring every household with a physically disabled child or young person has the opportunity to play boccia.

A new four-year funding agreement with Sport England will support the identification and development of talented players. We will establish new talent hubs in at least three cities, beginning with a pilot in Bristol, and provide one-day training camps nationwide to support existing athletes. We will also strengthen our connection with Boccia UK to support English athletes to access the highest levels of coaching.

Following last year's competition review, the 2025–2026 season will adopt a refreshed structure. Individual qualifying events will pause until April 2026, while new Heathcoat Cup Festivals will offer social and emerging players the chance to build skills and connect with others in a welcoming environment.

The Board of Trustees and I are proud to be part of Boccia England. With dedicated staff, committed volunteers, and a passionate community, we look forward to building on this year's progress and driving the sport forward in 2025–2026.



Mark Gannon  
Chairman and trustee

## **Boccia England**

### **Trustees' Report**

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2025.

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 2024

Mr Mark Gannon (appointed 22 January 2022)

Ms Marianne Waite (resigned 7 March 2025)

Mr Owen Watson (appointed 6 June 2018)

Mr Dan Newton (resigned 31 August 2024)

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 Michael Ballantyne (appointed 5 July 2024)

#### **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.



## **Boccia England**

### **Trustees' Report**

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.

#### **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 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.

## **Boccia England**

### **Trustees' Report**

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.



# 2024-2025 Key Highlights

## Infrastructure

### Clubs / Membership

Birmingham Boccia Club established by volunteers from United by 2022 and supported by Serco Leisure

**95%**  
of BE Member Clubs in England now linked with their local Sport Welfare Officer



**Minimum Standards launched**  
for all BE Member Clubs

**13**  
teams

competed in the 2024 National League Finals



### Partnerships

- New partnership with Greencore to support volunteer food at competitions
- New Partnerships with Troopr, Complete PE & United by 2022

**Big Boccia Conversations** continued in Merseyside, Lancashire, Nottingham, Manchester & developed in Derbyshire

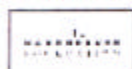
**Try Boccia Packages** launched to nationwide partners

**School Try Boccia Festival** with Redhill Academy Trust

- Supported Paralympics Fanzone and Discover Days
- Supported Access Sport with Disability Sport Festival

## Every Household

Funding secured to support us in introducing boccia to young people



ADVERTISER TRUST

The Baily Thomas Foundation



## Public Awareness

Boccia Watcher social media and events campaign delivered to coincide with the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games



Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport attended our National Championships Qualifier in Wigan

## Operational Effectiveness



Created the **Safeguarding & Protecting Children** Boccia Specific course with UK Coaching

### Our People

Recruitment included;

- New CEO
- New Head of Sport
- Governance and Safeguarding Officer
- Workforce Development Officer
- Regional Volunteer Engagement Officer



CPD spotlight profile training session held with board, full company wide team report being used to better collaboration



**Online booking system** introduced for team members

H&S working group in place with key improvements realised

Recruited and onboarded a new Treasurer



New ops planning system introduced  
5-year budget plan created and completed



BE a Friend introduced



### Competitions

16 competitions in 10 different venues

**148** competing in individual competitions

**56 teams** playing in the National League

**8 teams** playing in the Super League



### Talent

Relaunch of the Boccia England Player Pathway

Secured Sport England funding to support our 2025 - 2029 Talent Plan



### Workforce

**5** new Boccia Champions across Merseyside

**Gifted 10 VI** sets to visually impaired groups & clubs





## **Boccia England**

### **Trustees' Report**

#### **Achievements**

The Chair's report sets out our major achievements in 2024-2025 and our plans for 2025-2026. In addition, the Key Highlights of 2024-25 are set out in the infographic.

We also launched our People Plan, which sets out how we will support and develop the Boccia England workforce—both paid and voluntary. This plan will guide our future work and provide a framework for reporting progress to stakeholders.

As always, we extend our sincere thanks to our volunteers and staff, whose commitment and dedication ensure that boccia remains a positive, inclusive, and welcoming sport.

To ensure sustainability, we will broaden our income streams by pursuing new grant funding opportunities and expanding our commercial revenue generation.

Finally, we remain committed to maintaining the highest standards of governance and risk management, ensuring that everything we do is delivered with integrity and accountability.

#### **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.

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.

## **Boccia England**

### **Trustees' Report**

#### **Reserves policy and going concern**

The trustees consider that, due to 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, it was prudent to retain unrestricted reserves equivalent to 6 months operating expenditure or £250,000 whichever is the greater.

This policy is reviewed annually and next year's report and accounts will reflect a revised policy.

The Trust had unrestricted reserves of £295,617 (2024: £310,205) as of 31st March 2025, which is just below the target of 6 months operating expenditure.

Our balance sheet on 31st March 2025 remains strong with net assets of £295,617.

#### **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.

We received £515,396 (2024: £575,227) in grants, donations and gifts in kind during the past year, which is targeted both at specific projects and in general support of our charitable objectives.

During 2024 to 2025 our fundraising was supported by an external consultant, Amelia Epton. This work was supplemented by the core staff team.

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.

#### **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 remains the ability to raise sufficient income through fundraising activities to help further our strategic ambitions. Boccia England faces more competition in securing funding from trusts and foundations.



## **Boccia England**

### **Trustees' Report**

#### **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.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on .....5/11/25..... and signed on its behalf by:



.....  
Mark Gannon  
Chairman and trustee

## Boccia England

### Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Boccia England for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' 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. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they 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 its 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 apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards, comprising FRS 102 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; 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 proper accounting records that can 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.

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

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 5/11/25 and signed on its behalf by:



Mark Gannon  
Chairman and trustee

## **Boccia England**

### **Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Boccia England ('the Company')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2025.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

Since the Company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Boccia England as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Mr Dave Tucker ACA FCCA  
The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

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Date: 13 November 2025



## Boccia England

### Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>				
Donations and legacies	3	13,525	501,871	515,396
Charitable activities	4	50,558	-	50,558
Investment income	5	15,806	-	15,806
Other income	6	9,096	-	9,096
Total income		<u>88,985</u>	<u>501,871</u>	<u>590,856</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Raising funds	7	(20,049)	-	(20,049)
Charitable activities	8	<u>(83,524)</u>	<u>(501,871)</u>	<u>(585,395)</u>
Total expenditure		<u>(103,573)</u>	<u>(501,871)</u>	<u>(605,444)</u>
Net expenditure		<u>(14,588)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(14,588)</u>
Net movement in funds		(14,588)	-	(14,588)
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>				
Total funds brought forward		<u>310,205</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>310,205</u>
Total funds carried forward	23	<u>295,617</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>295,617</u>

The notes on pages 17 to 30 form an integral part of these financial statements.

## Boccia England

### Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

#### Prior year comparative

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>				
Donations and legacies	3	41,016	534,211	575,227
Charitable activities	4	54,113	-	54,113
Investment income	5	4,650	-	4,650
Other income	6	8,249	-	8,249
Total income		<u>108,028</u>	<u>534,211</u>	<u>642,239</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Raising funds	7	(25,722)	-	(25,722)
Charitable activities	8	<u>(96,924)</u>	<u>(534,211)</u>	<u>(631,135)</u>
Total expenditure		<u>(122,646)</u>	<u>(534,211)</u>	<u>(656,857)</u>
Net expenditure		<u>(14,618)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(14,618)</u>
Net movement in funds		(14,618)	-	(14,618)
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>				
Total funds brought forward		<u>324,823</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>324,823</u>
Total funds carried forward	23	<u>310,205</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>310,205</u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2024 is shown in note 23.

# Boccia England

(Registration number: 06823256)  
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

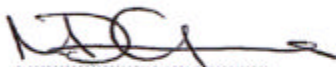
	Note	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	16	1,756	4,689
<b>Current assets</b>			
Stocks	17	10,122	6,093
Debtors	18	29,544	27,224
Cash at bank and in hand	19	368,944	387,617
		408,610	420,934
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	20	(114,749)	(115,418)
<b>Net current assets</b>		293,861	305,516
<b>Net assets</b>		295,617	310,205
<b>Funds of the charity:</b>			
<b>Unrestricted income funds</b>			
Unrestricted funds		295,617	310,205
<b>Total funds</b>	23	295,617	310,205

For the financial year ending 31 March 2025 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

## Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The financial statements on pages 13 to 30 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 31.03.25 and signed on their behalf by:



Mark Gannon  
Chairman and trustee

The notes on pages 17 to 30 form an integral part of these financial statements.



## Boccia England

### Statement of Cash Flows for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Net cash expenditure		(14,588)	(14,618)
<b>Adjustments to cash flows from non-cash items</b>			
Depreciation	10	2,933	2,494
Investment income	5	<u>(15,806)</u>	<u>(4,650)</u>
		(27,461)	(16,774)
<b>Working capital adjustments</b>			
(Increase)/decrease in stocks	17	(4,029)	2,785
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	18	(2,320)	7,104
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	20	(18,350)	22,703
Increase in deferred income		<u>17,681</u>	<u>15,604</u>
Net cash flows from operating activities		<u>(34,479)</u>	<u>31,422</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Interest receivable and similar income	5	15,806	4,650
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	16	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,952)</u>
Net cash flows from investing activities		<u>15,806</u>	<u>698</u>
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents		(18,673)	32,120
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April		<u>387,617</u>	<u>355,497</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March		<u>368,944</u>	<u>387,617</u>

All of the cash flows are derived from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The notes on pages 17 to 30 form an integral part of these financial statements.

## **Boccia England**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

#### **1 Charity status**

The charity is limited by guarantee, incorporated in , and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

The address of its registered office is:

Regus House Herald Way  
Pegasus Business Park  
Castle Donington  
Derby  
DE74 2TZ

#### **2 Accounting policies**

##### **Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates**

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

##### **Statement of compliance**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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)) (issued in October 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

##### **Basis of preparation**

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 notes.

##### **Going concern**

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

##### **Income and endowments**

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 the income receivable can be measured reliably.

##### **Donations and legacies**

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

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### **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

#### ***Grants receivable***

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

#### ***Deferred income***

Deferred income represents amounts received for future periods and is released to incoming resources in the period for which, it has been received. Such income is only deferred when:

- The donor specifies that the grant or donation must only be used in future accounting periods; or
- The donor has imposed conditions which must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement.

#### ***Investment income***

Interest is recognised once the interest is receivable.

#### ***Expenditure***

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

#### ***Raising funds***

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

#### ***Charitable activities***

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

#### ***Support costs***

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

#### ***Governance costs***

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees meetings and reimbursed expenses.

#### ***Taxation***

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.



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### **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

#### **Tangible fixed assets**

Individual fixed assets are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

#### **Depreciation and amortisation**

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

<b>Asset class</b>	<b>Depreciation method and rate</b>
Office equipment	20% straight line
Computer equipment	33% straight line

#### **Stock**

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell, after due regard for obsolete and slow moving stocks. Cost is determined using the first-in, first-out (FIFO) principle.

#### **Trade debtors**

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

#### **Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

#### **Trade creditors**

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

#### **Foreign exchange**

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate of exchange at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the balance sheet date are reported at the rates of exchange prevailing at that date.

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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

#### Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

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.

#### Pensions and other post retirement obligations

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.

### 3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	TOTAL 2025	TOTAL 2024
	£	£	£	£
<b>Donations</b>				
Unrestricted / Core	13,525	-	13,525	41,016
<b>Grants</b>				
Peter Harrison	-	372	372	2,500
Sport England	-	485,316	485,316	502,201
Sport England - EHP	-	16,100	16,100	14,450
UK Champs	-	-	-	8,500
Sterry Family Foundation	-	83	83	1,560
Trelborg	-	-	-	5,000
<b>TOTAL 2025</b>	13,525	501,871	515,396	575,227
<b>TOTAL 2024</b>	41,016	534,211	575,227	

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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

#### 4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Membership fees	8,141	8,141	7,475
Partnerships contribution	1,979	1,979	-
Competition and other fees	12,615	12,615	19,974
Product sales	27,823	27,823	26,664
	<u>50,558</u>	<u>50,558</u>	<u>54,113</u>

£50,558 (2024: £54,113) of income from charitable activities was unrestricted.

#### 5 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Interest receivable and similar income;			
Interest receivable on bank deposits	<u>15,806</u>	<u>15,806</u>	<u>4,650</u>

£15,806 (2024: £4,650) of investment income was unrestricted.

#### 6 Other income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Royalties received	4,110	4,110	7,298
Miscellaneous income	4,986	4,986	951
	<u>9,096</u>	<u>9,096</u>	<u>8,249</u>

£9,096 (2024: £8,249) of other income was unrestricted.



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#### 7 Expenditure on raising funds

##### a) Costs of raising voluntary income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Trading	19,215	19,215	24,674
Courses	834	834	1,048
	20,049	20,049	25,722

#### 8 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Participation programme	74,558	326,498	401,056	460,144
Talent Programme	8,966	175,373	184,339	170,991
	83,524	501,871	585,395	631,135

£83,524 (2024: £96,924) of expenditure on charitable activities was unrestricted and £501,871 (2024: £534,211) was restricted.

	Activity undertaken directly £	Activity support costs £	2025 £
Participation programme	101,997	299,059	401,056
Talent Programme	108,398	75,941	184,339
	210,395	375,000	585,395

	Activity undertaken directly £	Activity support costs £	2024 £
Participation programme	129,736	330,408	460,144
Talent Programme	99,041	71,950	170,991
	228,777	402,358	631,135

In addition to the expenditure analysed above, there are also governance costs of £6,773 (2024 - £9,994) which relate directly to charitable activities. See note 9 for further details.

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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

#### 9 Analysis of governance and support costs

##### Charitable activities expenditure

		Unrestricted funds General	Restricted funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	Basis of allocation	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	A	11,205	216,246	227,451	263,445
Depreciation	B	2,933	-	2,933	2,494
Premises costs	B	10,801	20,532	31,333	22,672
Insurance	B	-	5,637	5,637	6,886
Office Admin costs	B	5,594	620	6,214	4,587
Other	B	32,637	24,186	56,823	53,218
Consultancy	B	2,353	16,100	18,453	23,298
Audit & Accountancy	B	7,374	18,782	26,156	25,758
		<u>72,897</u>	<u>302,103</u>	<u>375,000</u>	<u>402,358</u>

£72,897 (2024: £93,983) of charitable activities expenditure was unrestricted and £302,103 (2024: £308,375) was restricted.

##### Basis of allocation

Reference	Method of allocation
A	For human resources based on activity in terms of time taken
B	100% of the costs incurred

##### Governance costs

	Funds General £	Total funds £
Independent examiner fees		
Examination of the financial statements	3,840	3,840
Depreciation, amortisation and other similar costs	<u>2,933</u>	<u>2,933</u>
<b>Total for 2025</b>	<u>6,773</u>	<u>6,773</u>
<b>Total for 2024</b>	<u>9,994</u>	<u>9,994</u>

#### 10 Net incoming/outgoing resources

Net outgoing resources for the year include:

	2025 £	2024 £
Audit fees	-	7,500
Depreciation of fixed assets	<u>2,933</u>	<u>2,494</u>

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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

#### 11 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

The following trustees expenses were reimbursed during 2024-2025:

**Mark Gannon**

£219 (2024: £379) of expenses were reimbursed to Mark Gannon during the year.

**Daniel Newton**

£Nil (2024: £43) of expenses were reimbursed to Daniel Newton during the year.

**Owen Watson**

£128 (2024: £Nil) of expenses were reimbursed to Owen Watson during the year.

**Robert Aubry**

£408 (2024: £194) of expenses were reimbursed to Robert Aubry during the year.

**Naeman Symonds-Baig**

£69 (2024: £140) of expenses were reimbursed to Naeman Symonds-Baig during the year.

**Samantha Rock**

£Nil (2024: £49) of expenses were reimbursed to Samantha Rock during the year.

**Lauren Templeton**

£Nil (2024: £480) of expenses were reimbursed to Lauren Templeton during the year.

#### 12 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Staff costs during the year were:</b>		
Wages and salaries	214,461	239,155
Social security costs	16,031	23,885
Pension costs	18,743	24,486
	<u>249,235</u>	<u>287,526</u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management / leadership team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2025 No	2024 No
Charitable activities	4	4
Management and administration of charity	3	4
	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.



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### **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

The number of employees whose emoluments fell within the following bands was:

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>
£60,001 - £70,000	-	1

The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £139,745 (2024 - £73,753).

#### **13 Independent examiner's remuneration**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Examination of the financial statements	3,840	-

#### **14 Auditors' remuneration**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Audit of the financial statements	-	7,500

#### **15 Taxation**

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

#### 16 Tangible fixed assets

	Office equipment £	Computer equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 April 2024	13,790	40,890	54,680
Disposals	<u>(13,790)</u>	<u>(29,907)</u>	<u>(43,697)</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>10,983</u>	<u>10,983</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1 April 2024	13,790	36,201	49,991
Charge for the year	-	2,933	2,933
Eliminated on disposals	<u>(13,790)</u>	<u>(29,907)</u>	<u>(43,697)</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>9,227</u>	<u>9,227</u>
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 31 March 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>1,756</u>	<u>1,756</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>4,689</u>	<u>4,689</u>

#### 17 Stock

	2025 £	2024 £
Stocks	<u>10,122</u>	<u>6,093</u>

#### 18 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	7,182	1,500
Prepayments	14,096	19,474
Accrued income	3,728	1,300
VAT recoverable	<u>4,538</u>	<u>4,950</u>
	<u>29,544</u>	<u>27,224</u>

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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

#### 19 Cash and cash equivalents

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash on hand	34	78
Cash at bank	73,692	77,191
Short-term deposits	295,218	310,348
	<u>368,944</u>	<u>387,617</u>

#### 20 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	14,471	41,149
Other taxation and social security	3,283	4,120
Other creditors	22,167	19,063
Accruals	16,061	10,000
Deferred income	58,767	41,086
	<u>114,749</u>	<u>115,418</u>

	2025 £	2024 £
Deferred income at 1 April 2024	41,086	25,481
Resources deferred in the period	58,767	41,086
Amounts released from previous periods	(41,086)	(25,481)
Deferred income at year end	<u>58,767</u>	<u>41,086</u>

#### 21 Obligations under leases and hire purchase contracts

##### Operating lease commitments

Total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Land and buildings</b>		
Within one year	<u>-</u>	<u>20,356</u>

#### 22 Pension and other schemes

##### Defined contribution pension scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the year represents contributions payable by the charity to the scheme and amounted to £18,743 (2024 - £24,486).



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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

#### 23 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
<i>General</i>				
General reserve	310,205	88,985	(103,573)	295,617
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Sport England	-	485,316	(485,316)	-
Sport England - EHP	-	16,100	(16,100)	-
Serry Family Foundation	-	83	(83)	-
Peter Harrison	-	372	(372)	-
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	-	501,871	(501,871)	-
<b>Total funds</b>	310,205	590,856	(605,444)	295,617
	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
<i>General</i>				
General reserve	324,823	108,028	(122,646)	310,205
<b>Restricted</b>				
Sport England	-	502,201	(502,201)	-
Sport England - EHP	-	14,450	(14,450)	-
Serry Family Foundation	-	1,560	(1,560)	-
Trelborg	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
Peter Harrison	-	2,500	(2,500)	-
UK Champs	-	8,500	(8,500)	-
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	-	534,211	(534,211)	-
<b>Total funds</b>	324,823	642,239	(656,857)	310,205

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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

The general reserve represents the free funds of the charity which are not designated 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.

Sterry Family Foundation funding will allow us to distribute a further 10 VI Boccia Development Packages to organisations working with blind and partially sighted people across England, equipping them with the training and equipment they need to deliver boccia.

Peter Harrison Trustees have awarded Boccia England a 3 year grant totalling £20,000 towards the core costs associated with building infrastructure in the Northwest and Nottinghamshire to enable more people, particularly those with disabilities, to take part in boccia.

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

#### 24 Analysis of net assets between funds

	<b>Unrestricted funds General £</b>	<b>Restricted funds £</b>	<b>Total funds at 31 March 2025 £</b>
Tangible fixed assets	1,756	-	1,756
Current assets	349,843	58,767	408,610
Current liabilities	<u>(55,982)</u>	<u>(58,767)</u>	<u>(114,749)</u>
Total net assets	<u><u>295,617</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>295,617</u></u>
	<b>Unrestricted funds General £</b>		<b>Total funds at 31 March 2024 £</b>
Tangible fixed assets		4,689	4,689
Current assets		420,934	420,934
Current liabilities		<u>(115,418)</u>	<u>(115,418)</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>310,205</u></u>	<u><u>310,205</u></u>

## Boccia England

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

#### 25 Analysis of net funds

	At 1 April 2024 £	Financing cash flows £	At 31 March 2025 £
Cash at bank and in hand	387,617	(18,673)	368,944
Net funds	387,617	(18,673)	368,944

	At 1 April 2023 £	Financing cash flows £	At 31 March 2024 £
Cash at bank and in hand	355,497	32,120	387,617
Net funds	355,497	32,120	387,617

#### 26 Related party transactions

During the year the charity made the following related party transactions:

##### **UK Coaching Solutions Limited**

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 £3,512 (2024: £2,576) has been spent with UK Coaching Solutions Limited in the year. At the balance sheet date the amount due to/from from UK Coaching Solutions Limited was £Nil (2024 - £300).