

# Blackpool Stanley Rugby League Club

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Unaudited Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2025



Established 1979

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## 1. Reference and Administrative Details

### Trustees

Mr S Clements  
Mr S Gilderdale  
Mr J H Gill  
Mr S J Hornby  
Mr K Laycock  
Mr G Parker  
Mr M Sinclair-Sly

### Place of Business

Rathlyn Avenue  
Blackpool  
FY3 8ED

The Charity is incorporated in England &  
Wales.

Company Registration Number 07104788

Charity Registration Number 1139190

### Bankers

Lloyds Bank  
30 Corporation Street  
Blackpool  
Lancashire

### General Information

The company is a charitable company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales.

The postal address is:

Club Secretary  
c/o 46, Leeds Road,  
Blackpool  
FY1 4HJ

These financial statements were authorised by the Board on dd/mm/2026

## **2. Trustees Report 2025**

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company. This trustees' report includes the directors' report and as such fulfils the requirements by company law.

### **2.1 Trustees**

Mr S Clements  
Mr S Gilderdale  
Mr J H Gill  
Mr S J Hornby  
Mr K Laycock  
Mr G Parker  
Mr M Sinclair-Sly

### **2.2 Objectives and activities**

The objective of the club shall be to promote and further the interests of Rugby League in Blackpool and wherever possible the surrounding areas.

The aims and objectives should be consistent with the furthering of equal opportunities.

### **2.3 Public benefit**

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

### **2.4 Financial Review**

The club maintained its policy of making rugby league free at the point of delivery with no players paying subscriptions. However, every member was encouraged to support the recycling policy of the club by donating clothes and textiles and also to join the club lottery. There were a number of events in 2025 where members were encouraged to volunteer to help raise club funds through these events.

The National Governing Body, The Rugby Football League, continued to charge a fee for all participants in the community game. The fee varied by age group from £15 for the youngest members to up to £26 to older age groups. The club was only able to finance these fees at primary age groups (up to under 11 or school year 6) in 2025.

The club maintained a fully operational club house at Kingscote Park, Layton. All facilities both social and playing were fully available to members and guests throughout the year. Most clubhouse revenue was generated by junior/youth rugby home games with the revenue profile moving from Licensed wet sales to

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food and none licensed wet sales. Revenue from licensed bar sales was down on previous years due to the club running less over 18 teams than in previous years.

Masters (over 35) bar sales did help with licensed bar sales but not to the extent as in previous years (i.e. when the club was running open age rugby).

Expenditure in 2025 included the purchase of a New Junior Kit at the cost of £3K. This Asset will be written off over 3 years, with no additional Junior Kit purchases required in 2026 or 2027.

Other additional Expenditure in 2025 included the final payment to Wigan Warriors for the 2024 Development Project and the club also held a combined end of season Presentation Night at a third party venue.

Income from the Hire of the Clubhouse was down significantly in 2025 compared to 2024 as no revenue was received from utilising the club as a Polling Station as was the case in 2024.

The club increased the numbers subscribing to the club lottery during 2025. Promoting the lottery amongst junior and youth teams helped increase lottery participation but the introduction of walking rugby at the club was a major factor in increasing participation in the club lottery.

The club remained a fully accredited member of Ofgem's Non Domestic Renewal Heat Incentive and submitted regular quarterly energy readings throughout 2025. The club received payments from the scheme quarterly throughout 2025. Utility costs, particularly electricity, were managed closely such that costs were reduced when the club was closed and ultimately this impacted the amount of heat generated and the amount of revenue received through the RHI scheme.

The club continued to work with Blackpool Council, the landlord, with a view to improving the facilities at Kingscote Park. The facilities currently restricts the options available to grow more variants of Rugby League and overall participation numbers.

## **2.5 Reserves Policy**

The charity operates a reserves policy that reviews the amount of reserves required to ensure that they are adequate to fulfil the charity's continuing obligations on a quarterly basis.

## **2.6 Going concern**

Due to the increased number of none specific rugby league activity generating additional income and the close monitoring of expenditure the club continues to be a going concern.

## **2.7 Achievements and Performance 2025**

- The club did manage to field junior / youth teams in 2025. An under 13 team competed in the North West Counties (NWC) 13-15 league in 2025. An Under 11's Team competed in the North West Counties 7-12 league

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in 2025, Regular training sessions were held for Under 9's during 2025 with a view to entering a team in the league as under 10's in 2026..

- The club ran a Masters (over 35) mens team in 2025. The team played festival rugby throughout the summer months with a number of these being hosted at Kingscote Park.
- Walking rugby sessions continued and thrived throughout the summer months of 2025.
- The club fully funded a variety of volunteer training in 2025 including first aid courses, safeguarding courses and coaching courses in pursuit of its aims and objectives and the maintenance of the Rugby Football Leagues Club Mark standard.
- The club also financed volunteer training with the Ground Maintenance Association for volunteers to complete the GMA Level 1 in Rugby League Pitch Maintenance.
- The club continued to develop links with the wider community of Layton. As part of the work conducted with Layton Together the club participated in the Annual Layton Christmas Lights switch on.
- The club was used by Blackpool Council to host a summer Forest school one day a week throughout the school summer holidays
- The club ran a Christmas Hamper Appeal in 2025. Donations from various sources meant the club were able to deliver 78 food hampers to families in need in the Layton area at Christmas.
- The club continued with community activities at the clubhouse during 2025. A regular Knitting and Coffee Club were maintained.
- The club worked with a number of local primary schools throughout the year. The clubs knitting groups provided knitted goods (hats, scarfs, gloves etc) to a couple of local schools for children who attend. The knitting group also provided a trauma teddies to the local policing teams for use in helping children who are victims or witnesses to crime.
- The club hosted a 4 Day Community Festival in 2025. All of the four days were open to the local community and a variety of activities were available across the day including a traditional fun fare, stalls run by local residents, circus skills, donkey rides, bucking bronco etc.
- The club was able to increase the number of private parties held at the club during 2025.

## **2.8 Plans for Future Periods.**

- The club plans to continue its development of rugby league during the next period (2026). The club will do this by
  - o Increasing the number of participants in the sport by increasing the numbers of teams playing competitive games under the club umbrella. The club plans to have an under 14's team, an under 12's team and an under 10's team in the league and a developing under 8's group under the umbrella of the league with a view to arranging friendlies for the team during the year.

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- o Develop further links with schools in the immediate catchment area so that young people can be aware of the club and signposted to it.
- o Develop sources of volunteers to support the development activities. This may include the appointment of a Development Officer, subject to funding, Council support and NGB support.
- o Work closely with Blackpool Council to improve the overall facilities available to young people through the club at Kingscote Park. The main focus of this will be to develop a second pitch, including funding, and improve the drainage to the existing pitch.

The club also aims to develop other sources of income during 2026. The club will do this by

- Increasing the use of the club house by other community groups.
- Increasing the number of community events on the park that will bring increased use and revenues to the club house.
- Look to open the kitchen and bar for more hours each week outside of rugby events
- Look to run summer camps in 2026 with funding via HAF.

## **2.9 Structure, Governance & Management**

Blackpool Stanley operates a Governance model which is open, inclusive and seeks to represent the wishes of its members in the pursuit of the club's objectives. An executive Board, elected by the members annually, ensures that the club operates within the memorandum and articles of association and that volunteer and official time is focused and targeted at achieving the overall club objectives. A series of committees representing the different functional areas of the club (Youth/Junior rugby section, Commercial, Events, Press and Marketing) are established to deal with the day to day running of the club. These committees come together periodically as a management committee to assess the progress of the club. The terms of reference for these committees together with those of the Executive Board and the Management Board are held within the RFL approved club mark file. The Executive Board ensures that the various committees work together to achieve the club objectives and manage this through the Management Board. All meetings held within the governance structure are minuted and minutes are held by the appropriate secretary or chairperson.

### 3. Statement of Financial Activities

This section includes the Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>			
Donations and Legacies	13570		13570
Other trading activities	17022		17022
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>30592</b>		<b>30592</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Charitable Activities	24743	6719	31462
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>24743</b>	<b>6719</b>	<b>31462</b>
Net income [expenditure] and net movement in funds	<b>5849</b>	<b>(6719)</b>	<b>(870)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>			
Total funds brought forward	8838	9248	18085
Total funds carried forward	<b>14687</b>	<b>2528</b>	<b>17215</b>

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>			
Donations and Legacies	10296		10296
Other trading activities	22549		22549
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>32845</b>		<b>32845</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Charitable Activities	29554	2620	32174
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>29554</b>	<b>2620</b>	<b>32174</b>
Net income [expenditure] and net movement in funds	<b>3291</b>	<b>-2620</b>	<b>671</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>			
Total funds brought forward	5547	11868	17415
Total funds carried forward	<b>8838</b>	<b>9248</b>	<b>18085</b>

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## 4. Balance sheet

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Tangible assets	13315	21893
<b>Current assets</b>		
Debtors		706
Cash at bank and in hand	22056	22673
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>		5000
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>18379</b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>22056</b>	<b>18379</b>
	<b>35371</b>	<b>40272</b>
<b>Funds of the Charity:</b>		
	<b>35371</b>	<b>40272</b>
<b>Restricted income funds</b>	2528	9247
<b>Unrestricted income funds</b>		
	14687	8838
<b>Total funds</b>		
	<b>17215</b>	<b>18085</b>

For the year in question the charitable company was entitled to exemption from an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The trustees/directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts

The financial statements on pages 8 to 13 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on **01/02/2024** and signed on their behalf by:

Mr S J Hornby.  
Trustee

### 4.1 Income from donations and legacies

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2024	Unrestricted Funds		Total	Total 2025
	General	Restricted funds		
	£	£	£	£
Donations and legacies:				
Donations from local collections	3700		3700	4315
Grants, including capital grants:	2549		2549	336
Lottery Membership	5925		5925	5345
Sponsorship	600		600	300
Council Utility	795		795	
	<b>13570</b>		<b>13570</b>	<b>10296</b>

## 4.2 Income from other trading activities

Total	Unrestricted funds		Total
	General		
	£	2025 £	2024 £
Fundraising income:			
Sale of purchased goods – bar	11705	11705	16654
Sale of purchased goods – General	663	663	61
Sale of donated goods	2578	2578	1661
Renewable Heat Incentive	1025	1025	1610
Hire of Clubhouse	150	150	1300
Income from Clubs	901	901	890
Other			372
	<b>17022</b>	<b>17022</b>	<b>22549</b>

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## 4.3 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Activity Undertak en Directly	Grant funding of activity	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Assets	2261	3504	5765	1889
Bar and Food purchases inc. after match hospitality	3608		3608	5140
Clubhouse Costs	10		10	336
Development Project		2520	2520	
Event Expenses	1321		1321	425
Facilities Hire				85
Fees	829		829	1137
Food Stock	1803		1803	2145
Insurance	1706		1706	1144
Lottery Prizes	2800		2800	2840
Maintenance	2489		2489	4075
Merchandise	192		192	740
Ground & Playing Expenses	417		417	191
RFL				
Staff Costs	220		220	550
Stationery & Sundry Costs	152		152	380
Utilities	5509		5509	5850
Van	1027		1027	1668
Volunteering Expenses				
Volunteering Training		695	695	605
Website	400		400	354
Governance costs – accountancy fees				
Other				
	<b>24743</b>	<b>6719</b>	<b>31462</b>	<b>29554</b>

## 4.4 Analysis of governance and support costs

### Governance costs

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
	General £	£	£	£
<b>Other governance costs – Accountancy fees</b>				

## 4.5 Government Grants

During the year the club didn't benefit from any government (Sport England) support schemes

## 4.6 Trustees remuneration and expenses

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

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4.7 Staff costs	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Staff costs during the year were:</b>	220	550

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

## 4.8 Taxation

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

## 4.9 Tangible Fixed Assets

	<b>Furniture and Equipment £</b>	<b>Other Tangible fixed Assets £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
<b>Cost at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025</b>	1430	20990	22420
Additions	5764		5764
<b>Depreciation at 1<sup>st</sup> January</b>		7022	7022
Charge for the year	501	7346	7847
<b>Net book value</b> At 31 December 2025	6693	6622	13315

## 4.10 Debtors

2025	2024 £
	706

## 4.11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

2025	2024 £
	5000

## 4.12 Charity status

The Charity is a Charity limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 towards the assets of the Charity in the event of liquidation.

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## 4.13 Funds

	<b>Balance as at 1 January 2025 £</b>	<b>Incoming Resources £</b>	<b>Resources Expended £</b>	<b>Balance as at 31 December 2025 £</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	8838	30592	24743	14687
<b>Restricted funds</b>	9247		6719	2528
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>18085</b>	<b>30592</b>	<b>31462</b>	<b>17215</b>

	<b>Balance as at 1 January 2024 £</b>	<b>Incoming Resources £</b>	<b>Resources Expended £</b>	<b>Balance as at 31 December 2024 £</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	5547	32845	29554	8838
<b>Restricted funds</b>	11868		2620	9248
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>17415</b>	<b>32845</b>	<b>32174</b>	<b>18085</b>

## **5. 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:

#### **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 the Companies Act 2006.

#### **Basis of Preparation**

Blackpool Stanley Rugby League Club meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost of transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

#### **Going Concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

#### **Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement**

The Charity opted to early adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

#### **Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, management is required to make judgements, estimates and exemptions about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not really apparent from other sources. The estimates and underlying assumptions are based on historic experience and other factors that are considered relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

The key sources of judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements are detailed in the accounting policies.

#### **Income and Endowments**

Voluntary income including donations and grants are recognised where there is entitlement, certainty or receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Sales income from the bar, shirt & ticket sales, donated goods and income derived from events is recognised as earned [that is, as the related goods or services are provided]. As is other income such as income from the renewable heat incentive, hire of the clubhouse and commission.

#### **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,

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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 those conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

### **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 in the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

### **Expenditure**

All expenditure is recognised once there is a 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.

### **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.

### **Grant provisions**

Provisions for grants are made when the intention to make a grant has been communicated to the recipient but there is uncertainty about either the timing of the amount of grant payable.

### **Governance costs**

These include the costs attributable to the Charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including accountancy, strategic management and Trustee's meetings and reimbursed expenses.

### **Government grants**

Government grants are recognised based on the accrual model and are measured at the fair value of the asset received or receivable. Grants are classified as relating either to revenue or to assets. Grants relating to revenue are recognised in income over the period in which the related costs are recognised. Grants relating to assets are recognised over the expected useful life of the asset. Where part of a grant relating to an asset is deferred, it is recognised as deferred income.

### **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 in 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.

### **Tangible fixed assets**

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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:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Furniture and equipment	35% reducing balance
Plant and machinery	35% straight line

## 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 and other creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of the charity's activities and are initially measured at transaction price.

## Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustee's discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the Charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

## 6. Additional Notes

The club received a grant from Blackpool Council (BBC) for £15000 in 2022 to be allocated to the clubs development project at a rate of £5K per annum. The balance as at 31 December 2022 was £10000. A further £5000 was spent in 2023 to fund the development project. The outstanding balance of £5000 at the end of 2023 has at the end of 2024, with Wigan Warriors cost being £2520. Outstanding balance at 2025 was £2357.

The club received a grant from the Lancashire Police and Crime Commissioners Community Fund for £8040 in October 2023. The grant was to help divert young people away from Anti Social Behaviour and into organised and structured activity. During 2023 the club spent £3796 of the grant. During 2024 a further £1595 was spent. The outstanding balance as of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 was £2648.

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During the year the club spent the remaining balance on volunteer training and part of the cost of the new kit. The remaining cost of the kit was funded by pre 2021 funds.

The club received a grant of £2548.80 in June 2025 from Blackpool Council and new posts were purchased during the year for the full amount of the grant.