ACCRINGTON STANLEY FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY TRUST LIMITED

England & Wales · Charity number 1139575

Details

Other names	ACCRINGTON STANLEY COMMUNITY TRUST
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Company number	07369852
Registered	2010-12-30
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS FOR WHICH THE COMPANY IS FORMED SHALL BE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC AND, IN PARTICULAR, THE INHABITANTS OF ACCRINGTON AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS BY: (I) TO PROMOTE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN HEALTHY RECREATION IN PARTICULAR BY THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR THE PLAYING OF ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL AND OTHER SPORTS CAPABLE OF IMPROVING HEALTH ("FACILITIES" IN THIS CLAUSE MEANS LAND, BUILDINGS, EQUIPMENT AND ORGANISING SPORTING ACTIVITIES); (II) TO ADVANCE THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN LANCASHIRE BY COACHING IN AND PROVIDING FACILITIES FOR THE GAME OF FOOTBALL AND OTHER SPORTING ACTIVITIES SO AS TO DEVELOP THEIR PHYSICAL, MENTAL AND SPIRITUAL CAPABILITIES TO ENABLE THEM TO GROW TO FULL MATURITY AS INDIVIDUALS AND MEMBERS OF SOCIETY; (III) TO ADVANCE AND ASSIST IN ADVANCING THE EDUCATION OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC, WITH A PARTICULAR FOCUS ON THAT OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE ATTENDING SCHOOLS IN THE LANCASHIRE AREA BY THE PROVISION AT VENUES SELECTED OR APPROVED BY THE CHARITY OF MEETINGS, LECTURES, CLASSES AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE BENEFIT OF SUCH CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AND BY THE PROVISION OF EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS FOR DISTRIBUTION TO SUCH CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE; (IV) TO PROVIDE AND ASSIST IN PROVIDING FACILITIES FOR THE GAME OF FOOTBALL AND OTHER SPORTING ACTIVITIES, RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF SUCH PERSONS WHO HAVE NEED FOR SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABLEMENT, POVERTY OR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES OR FOR THE PUBLIC AT LARGE IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE; (V) TO ADVANCE RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS HARMONY AND EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY AMONG CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE BY ARRANGING ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING ACTIVITIES CONNECTED WITH THE GAME OF FOOTBALL AND OTHER SPORTING ACTIVITIES) TO ENCOURAGE SHARED EXPERIENCES AND INTERESTS WITHOUT REFERENCE TO RACE, RELIGION, BELIEF, SEX, DISABILITY, NATIONALITY, ETHNIC OR NATIONAL ORIGIN OR SOCIAL BACKGROUND. (VI) ADVANCING THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH SUCH MEANS AS THE TRUSTEES SHALL THINK FIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHARITY LAW

Activities: THE PROMOTION OF SPORTS ENGAGEMENT AND EDUCATION BY USING FOOTBALL AS A VEHICLE FOR CHANGE, PROMOTING COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN HEALTHY RECREATION, PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR SPORT, AND ADVANCING THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Disability, Amateur Sport, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** ACCRINGTON AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS
- Lancashire

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Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£1,409,075	£1,221,719	£3,700,233	39
2024-06-30	£1,241,843	£1,098,656	£3,512,877	40
2023-06-30	£1,610,998	£989,432	£3,369,690	42
2022-06-30	£1,293,941	£927,887	£2,748,124	44
2021-06-30	£938,775	£572,936	£2,382,070	28

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Christopher Albert Knagg		2022-07-06
David Carl Ellwood		2021-10-20
John David McGregor		2018-03-01
John Peter Leaver		2023-08-30
PURVES ALI		2017-12-14
Peter Jonathan Leatham		2020-07-06
Ram Gupta		2025-12-05
THOMAS DAVID O'NEILL		2018-04-26
Warren Eastham		2024-12-10

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England & Wales - Charity number 1139575

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 07369852 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1139575

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2025

FOR

ACCRINGTON STANLEY FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY TRUST LIMITED

Ainsworths Limited
Chartered Accountants
and Statutory Auditors
Charter House
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ACCRINGTON STANLEY FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY TRUST LIMITED

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2025

TRUSTEES	D Burgess (resigned 5.12.2024) A Ellwood (resigned 28.1.2026) P Ali J D McGregor T D O'Neill R E Houseman (resigned 10.8.2025) P J Leatham D C Ellwood C A Knagg J Leaver W Eastham (appointed 10.12.2024) R P Gupta (appointed 5.12.2025)
REGISTERED OFFICE	Stanley Sports Hub Thorneyholme Road Accrington Lancashire BB5 6BD
REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER	07369852 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER	1139575
AUDITORS	Ainsworths Limited Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors Charter House Stansfield Street Nelson Lancashire BB9 9XY

Day to day management of the charity is delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, M Fearon.

The charity also operates under the shortened name of "Accrington Stanley Community Trust".

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2025

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30th June 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty under Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning its activities.

Accrington Stanley Community Trust exists to use the power of Accrington Stanley Football Club to improve the lives of people across Hyndburn and the surrounding areas through participation in sport, education, health and community programmes.

The charity aims to increase participation in sport and physical activity, improve health and wellbeing, provide education and employment opportunities, and support social inclusion. All activities delivered by the Trust are designed to provide clear public benefit by improving opportunities, wellbeing and life chances for individuals within the local community.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Accrington Stanley Community Trust continues to deliver a broad portfolio of projects across its four key delivery areas of Sport Participation, Education, Health & Wellbeing and Community Engagement. Through partnerships with schools, local authorities, health organisations and community groups, the charity continues to expand its reach and impact across Hyndburn and surrounding areas.

During the year the charity engaged 20,187 individuals through its programmes and activities, delivering more than 30 community projects designed to improve health, wellbeing, education and social inclusion.

The year also marked an important milestone as the Trust celebrated 15 years of community impact since its formation in 2010, reflecting the sustained growth of the organisation and its continued commitment to supporting local communities.

Sports Participation

Sport participation remains central to the charity's work, providing opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to engage in physical activity.

The charity continues to deliver grassroots football and multi-sport programmes across Hyndburn, Ribble Valley and Rossendale, working with schools, grassroots clubs and community organisations to increase opportunities for participation.

The Premier League Primary Stars programme engaged 2,781 primary school pupils during the year through sport and educational sessions delivered within local schools.

The Premier League Kicks programme continued to provide free football sessions and positive activities for young people, engaging 463 participants.

Holiday activity provision remained an important part of the charity's work, with 512 children attending holiday courses delivered during school breaks.

Early years football sessions through Stanley Kickers introduce young children to football in a fun and supportive environment, while the charity's disability sport programme continues to expand opportunities for individuals with disabilities to take part in sport and physical activity.

Community Engagement

Community engagement programmes enable the charity to support individuals and groups who may face barriers to participation.

The Champions Programme, delivered in partnership with the Lancashire Violence Reduction Network, provides mentoring and support for individuals reintegrating into the community or at risk of offending.

The charity also continues to support the local veteran community, engaging 150 veterans through social activities and support networks designed to reduce isolation and improve wellbeing.

Health and wellbeing

Improving health and wellbeing remains a key priority for the charity.

The Extra Time Hub sessions provide opportunities for adults aged over 50 to socialise and participate in low-intensity activities, with 73 regular participants attending sessions during the year.

Walking football and other physical activity initiatives continue to encourage older adults to remain active while benefiting from the social aspects of participation.

The charity has also continued to develop its health programmes, including cancer prehabilitation sessions delivered at Stanley Sports Hub in partnership with health organisations. These sessions provide exercise and peer support for individuals preparing for cancer treatment.

Programmes such as Joy of Moving also promote healthy lifestyles and physical activity among children within local schools.

Education
Education remains one of the charity's flagship delivery areas, providing young people with pathways into further education, employment and careers in sport.

The Football Education Programme currently supports 110 students studying full-time sport qualifications, alongside competitive football opportunities.

The charity works closely with local schools through programmes designed to support personal development, confidence and aspiration among young people.

Additional employability workshops and alternative education provision continue to support individuals who benefit from a more tailored approach to learning.

Achievements and performance
During the year the charity continued to deliver significant impact across the community.

The charity distributed 3,795 free Accrington Stanley match tickets to members of the local community, helping to strengthen engagement with the football club.

Through the Big Shirt Giveaway initiative, 1,248 free Accrington Stanley shirts were provided to Year 3 pupils across Hyndburn, strengthening the connection between young people and their local football club.

Stanley Sports Hub continues to serve as the charity's headquarters and flagship community facility, providing a base for programme delivery while offering high-quality sports facilities for local residents, grassroots clubs and community organisations.

Strategy and future plans
On 1 July 2025, the charity launched a new three-year strategic plan covering the period 2025-2028. The strategy sets out the organisation's ambition to further strengthen its impact across Hyndburn through sport, education, health and community engagement.

Key priorities include expanding inclusive programmes, strengthening partnerships across the region and continuing to enhance the facilities and services available at Stanley Sports Hub.

A significant development planned for the coming year is the construction of new padel courts at Stanley Sports Hub, representing a major investment in the site and introducing one of the fastest-growing sports in the UK to the local community. This development will increase participation opportunities while supporting the long-term sustainability of the facility.

The charity will continue to review and develop its programmes to ensure services remain responsive to the evolving needs of the community while maintaining strong links with Accrington Stanley Football Club, whose support remains central to the Trust's ability to engage and inspire local people.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The charity has generated net income of £187,356 in the year to the 30th of June 2025, representing an increase from that recognised in the prior year (£143,187).

The income from donations and grants awarded have seen a slight but steady increase to £181,617 (2024: £165,215).

There was again a deficit on charitable activities of £57,109 (2024: deficit of £77,493) which was funded by grants and other trading income.

The free reserves of the charity (excluding amounts held as fixed assets) have increased from £85,290 to £293,128.

As at the year end, the total funds of the charity stand at £3,700,233 (2024: £3,512,877) of which 92% is invested in the Sports Hub facility to ensure the sustainability and continuity of the charity for many years to come.

Reserves policy

The objective of having unrestricted funds in reserve, is to enable the charity to cope with unplanned events. Very often, the effects of an unplanned event can be managed in the long-term, but the charity needs reserves in the meantime.

The trustee directors' have set an overall target level for free reserves based on 12 months' net operating costs. This is over and above those reserves represented by fixed assets on the balance sheet.

The directors acknowledge that the level of reserves changes during the year and could either be a good indicator of the underlying financial health of the charity; or could be an indicator of potential problems.

The directors must monitor and review the level of reserves annually, in line with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission; however, the level of reserves is monitored throughout the year as part of the normal monitoring and budgetary reporting processes.

The current level of unrestricted, free reserves equates to 3 months' net operating costs which is below the trustee directors' target due to continuing investment in the Sports Hub to increase the availability and variation in facilities and services available to the public, but also to increase future income. The level of free reserves are increasing year on year and we aim to continue building reserves to a level that is equivalent to 12 months of expenditure, to provide stability within the charity and reduce any risk of closure due to insufficient funding.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Structure

Accrington Stanley Community Trust is a registered charity (No. 1139575) and operates as the official charitable arm of Accrington Stanley Football Club.

Governance

The charity's governing document is its Memorandum and Articles of Association, last updated on the 18th of April 2017, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The charity is governed by a Board of Trustees, who are responsible for the strategic direction, governance and oversight of the organisation. The Trustees bring a wide range of experience across sectors including education, sport, business, health and community development, enabling the charity to benefit from diverse professional expertise.

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the charity's governing document and serve on a voluntary basis. The Board meets regularly throughout the year to review performance, monitor financial sustainability and ensure compliance with relevant legislation and regulatory requirements.

Management

Day-to-day management of the charity is delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, who is responsible for implementing the organisation's strategy and overseeing programme delivery. The Chief Executive is supported by a senior management team responsible for operational areas including sport and health programmes, education provision, community engagement, partnerships and facilities management.

The charity maintains a close working relationship with Accrington Stanley Football Club, allowing it to utilise the club's brand and community reach to engage local residents and deliver meaningful social impact across Hyndburn.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Accrington Stanley Football in the Community Trust Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law, the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law).

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 the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- 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 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.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES - continued
In so far as the trustees are aware:

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

AUDITORS
The auditors, Ainsworths Limited, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 25th March 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

P Ali - Trustee

Opinion
We have audited the financial statements of Accrington Stanley Football in the Community Trust Limited (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 30th June 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, 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 (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 30th June 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; 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 UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

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

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

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

Other information
The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

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.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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 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.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006
In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:
- the information given in the Report of the Trustees, which includes the Directors' Report and Strategic Report for the purposes of company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Strategic Report and the Directors' Report included within the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception
In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:
- adequate and proper 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' exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Report of the Trustees; or
- material misstatement in the Strategic Report or Directors' Report included within the Report of the Trustees.

Responsibilities of trustees
As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, 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.

Our 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 a Report of the Independent Auditors 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.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Identifying and assessing potential risks related to irregularities

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, we considered the following:

- the nature of the industry and sector, control environment and business performance including the key drivers for directors' remuneration and dividend levels;
- results of our enquiries of management about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities;
- any matters we identified having made enquiries of management about their policies and procedures relating to:
  - > identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations and whether they were aware of any instances of noncompliance;
  - > detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
  - > the internal controls established to mitigate risks of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- the matters discussed among the audit engagement team regarding how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud.

As a result of these procedures, we considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud. In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override.

We also obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that the company operates in, focusing on provisions of those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context included the UK Companies Act and local tax legislation.

In addition, we considered provisions of other laws and regulations that do not have a direct effect on the financial statements, but compliance with which may be fundamental to the company's ability to operate.

Audit response to risks identified

As a result of performing the above our procedures to respond to the risks identified included the following:

- reviewing the financial statements disclosure and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with provisions of relevant laws and regulations described as having a direct effect on the financial statements;
- enquiring of management about actual and potential litigation and claims;
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risk of material misstatement due to fraud;
- obtained an understanding of provisions and held discussions with management to understand the basis of recognition or non-recognition of tax provisions; and
- in addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessing whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluating the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the further removed the non-compliance with laws and regulations is from events and transactions reflected in the financial statements the less likely we would become aware of it. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

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 Report of the Independent Auditors.

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 the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Mel Henry (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Ainsworths Limited
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25th March 2026

ACCRINGTON STANLEY FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY TRUST LIMITED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	**30.6.25 Total funds £**	30.6.24 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	3	**58,584**	**123,033**	**181,617**	165,215
Charitable activities	6				
Sports engagement and education		**641,694**	**473,268**	**1,114,962**	997,890
Other trading activities	4	**103,813**	-	**103,813**	72,349
Investment income	5	**8,683**	-	**8,683**	5,401
Other income		-	-	-	988
Total		**812,774**	**596,301**	**1,409,075**	1,241,843
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	7	**37,830**	-	**37,830**	23,273
Charitable activities	8				
Sports engagement and education		**587,588**	**596,301**	**1,183,889**	1,075,383
Total		**625,418**	**596,301**	**1,221,719**	1,098,656
NET INCOME		**187,356**	-	**187,356**	143,187
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		**3,512,877**	-	**3,512,877**	3,369,690
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**3,700,233**	-	**3,700,233**	3,512,877

The notes form part of these financial statements

ACCRINGTON STANLEY FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY TRUST LIMITED (REGISTERED NUMBER: 07369852)

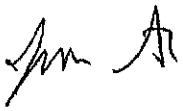
BALANCE SHEET
30TH JUNE 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	30.6.25 Total funds £	30.6.24 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	15	**3,407,105**	-	**3,407,105**	3,421,575
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	16	**77,156**	-	**77,156**	114,623
Cash at bank and in hand		**303,809**	-	**303,809**	233,454
		380,965	-	**380,965**	348,077
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	17	**(47,837)**	-	**(47,837)**	(196,775)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		**333,128**	-	**333,128**	151,302
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		**3,740,233**	-	**3,740,233**	3,572,877
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	18	**(40,000)**	-	**(40,000)**	(60,000)
NET ASSETS		**3,700,233**	-	**3,700,233**	3,512,877
FUNDS	21				
Unrestricted funds				**3,700,233**	3,512,877
TOTAL FUNDS				**3,700,233**	3,512,877

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 25th March 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:

P Ali - Trustee



The notes form part of these financial statements

ACCRINGTON STANLEY FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY TRUST LIMITED

CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2025

	Notes	30.6.25 £	30.6.24 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	**209,402**	291,585
Interest paid		**(7,396)**	(9,970)
Net cash provided by operating activities		**202,006**	281,615
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		**(119,600)**	(161,137)
Sale of tangible fixed assets		**-**	7,000
Interest received		**8,683**	5,401
Net cash used in investing activities		**(110,917)**	(148,736)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Loan repayments in year		**(20,734)**	(20,000)
Net cash used in financing activities		**(20,734)**	(20,000)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		**70,355**	112,879
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		**233,454**	120,575
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		**303,809**	233,454

The notes form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2025

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	30.6.25	30.6.24
	£	£
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	**187,356**	143,187
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	**133,883**	123,728
Loss/(profit) on disposal of fixed assets	**186**	(988)
Interest received	**(8,683)**	(5,401)
Interest paid	**7,396**	9,970
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	**37,467**	(38,318)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	**(148,203)**	59,407
Net cash provided by operations	**209,402**	291,585

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.7.24	Cash flow	At 30.6.25
	£	£	£
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	**233,454**	**70,355**	**303,809**
	233,454	**70,355**	**303,809**
Debt			
Debts falling due within 1 year	**(20,735)**	**735**	**(20,000)**
Debts falling due after 1 year	**(60,000)**	**20,000**	**(40,000)**
	(80,735)	**20,735**	**(60,000)**
Total	**152,719**	**91,090**	**243,809**

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. STATUTORY INFORMATION

Accrington Stanley Football in the Community Trust Limited is a charitable company, limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales. The charity and company registered numbers and registered office address can be found on the Company Information page.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, 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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Accrington Stanley Football in the Community Trust Limited meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty
Preparation of the financial statements requires management to make significant judgements and estimates. The main area of estimation is in respect of the useful lives of fixed assets. The depreciation rates used can be identified in the fixed asset accounting policy below.

Income
All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Grants receivable, donations and income from charitable activities are accounted for when due. Income is deferred when it is received in advance of the period to which it relates.

Legacies are recognised at the earlier of: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the charitable company that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate.

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

Expenditure
Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under charitable activities and their associated supports.

Tangible fixed assets
Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Short leasehold	- 4% on cost, 2% on cost and Straight line over 10 years
Plant and machinery	- 5% on cost and Straight line over 5 years
Fixtures and fittings	- 15% on reducing balance
Motor vehicles	- 25% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- Straight line over 3 years

Additional building works are only depreciated once completed and brought into use.

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2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

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

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments
Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits
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.

Debtors
Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment.

Creditors
Short term creditors are measured at transaction price.

3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	30.6.25	30.6.24
	£	£
Donations	**2,934**	31,674
Grants	**178,683**	133,541
	181,617	165,215

4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	30.6.25	30.6.24
	£	£
Cafeteria sales	**69,915**	47,533
Sponsorships	**22,080**	24,816
Business club	**9,160**	-
Other	**2,658**	-
	103,813	72,349

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5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	30.6.25	30.6.24
	£	£
Interest receivable	**8,683**	5,401

6. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Activity	30.6.25	30.6.24
		£	£
Course income and project grants	Sports engagement and education	**770,662**	667,091
School provision	Sports engagement and education	**39,444**	33,945
Holiday courses	Sports engagement and education	**19,798**	41,433
Stanley Soccer League	Sports engagement and education	**682**	16,759
ASCT provision	Sports engagement and education	**30,190**	27,115
Pitch hires	Sports engagement and education	**254,186**	211,547
		1,114,962	997,890

7. RAISING FUNDS

Other trading activities

	30.6.25	30.6.24
	£	£
Cafeteria purchases	**37,830**	23,273

8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs (see note 9)	Support costs (see note 10)	Totals
	£	£	£
Sports engagement and education	**859,813**	**324,076**	**1,183,889**

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9. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	30.6.25	30.6.24
	£	£
Staff costs	563,681	478,167
Hire of plant and machinery	4,330	2,474
Rates and water	4,407	7,512
Light and heat	16,434	25,814
Referees and football consumables	26,629	38,256
Residential courses	44,534	39,797
Bursaries awarded	120	7,850
Donations	643	70
Staff training	1,826	3,704
Motor and travel expenses	18,690	12,617
Hire of facilities	8,549	12,337
Repairs and renewals	39,860	22,441
Pitch maintenance costs	38,142	45,415
Depreciation	91,968	85,326
	859,813	781,780

10. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management	Finance	Information technology
	£	£	£
Sports engagement and education	281,144	12,673	5,199

	Other	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£
Sports engagement and education	12,423	12,637	324,076

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

	30.6.25 Sports engagement and education	30.6.24 Total activities
	£	£
Wages	181,869	159,493
Social security	16,987	14,100
Pensions	5,614	4,835
Insurance	11,033	8,402
Telephone	9,931	8,264
Postage and stationery	4,657	5,131
Advertising	8,952	10,276
Depreciation of tangible and heritage assets	41,915	38,402
Loss on sale of tangible fixed assets	186	-
Bank charges	5,277	3,336
Carried forward	286,421	252,239

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10. SUPPORT COSTS - continued

	30.6.25 Sports engagement and education	30.6.24 Total activities
	£	£
Brought forward	**286,421**	**252,239**
Interest payable and similar charges	**7,396**	**9,970**
Computer costs	**5,199**	**3,003**
Sundries	**12,423**	**10,801**
Auditors' remuneration	**5,000**	**4,500**
Accountancy and legal fees	**7,637**	**13,090**
	324,076	**293,603**

11. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	30.6.25	30.6.24
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	**5,000**	4,500
Depreciation - owned assets	**133,884**	123,728
Hire of plant and machinery	**4,330**	2,474
(Deficit)/surplus on disposal of fixed assets	**186**	(988)

12. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30th June 2025 nor for the year ended 30th June 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30th June 2025 nor for the year ended 30th June 2024.

13. STAFF COSTS

	30.6.25	30.6.24
	£	£
Wages and salaries	**701,822**	604,463
Social security costs	**50,987**	38,773
Other pension costs	**15,342**	13,359
	768,151	656,595

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13. STAFF COSTS - continued

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	30.6.25	30.6.24
Charitable activities	**34**	35
Management and administration	**5**	5
	39	40

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

Total employee benefits paid to the charity's key management personnel for the year ended 30th June 2025 was £176,777 (2024: £155,809).

14. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	74,999	90,216	165,215
Charitable activities			
Sports engagement and education	706,490	291,400	997,890
Other trading activities	72,349	-	72,349
Investment income	5,401	-	5,401
Other income	988	-	988
Total	860,227	381,616	1,241,843
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	19,424	3,849	23,273
Charitable activities			
Sports engagement and education	748,952	326,431	1,075,383
Total	768,376	330,280	1,098,656
NET INCOME	91,851	51,336	143,187
Transfers between funds	51,336	(51,336)	-
Net movement in funds	143,187	-	143,187
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	3,369,690	-	3,369,690
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	3,512,877	-	3,512,877

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15. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Short leasehold £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £
COST			
At 1st July 2024	**3,438,486**	**224,337**	**107,795**
Additions	**113,657**	**2,337**	**495**
Disposals	**-**	**(339)**	**-**
At 30th June 2025	**3,552,143**	**226,335**	**108,290**
DEPRECIATION			
At 1st July 2024	**298,849**	**31,883**	**25,891**
Charge for year	**91,968**	**25,681**	**12,354**
Eliminated on disposal	**-**	**(153)**	**-**
At 30th June 2025	**390,817**	**57,411**	**38,245**
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 30th June 2025	**3,161,326**	**168,924**	**70,045**
At 30th June 2024	3,139,637	192,454	81,904

	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 1st July 2024	**31,555**	**37,624**	**3,839,797**
Additions	**-**	**3,111**	**119,600**
Disposals	**-**	**-**	**(339)**
At 30th June 2025	**31,555**	**40,735**	**3,959,058**
DEPRECIATION			
At 1st July 2024	**26,537**	**35,062**	**418,222**
Charge for year	**1,255**	**2,626**	**133,884**
Eliminated on disposal	**-**	**-**	**(153)**
At 30th June 2025	**27,792**	**37,688**	**551,953**
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 30th June 2025	**3,763**	**3,047**	**3,407,105**
At 30th June 2024	5,018	2,562	3,421,575

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16. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	30.6.25	30.6.24
	£	£
Trade debtors	29,799	50,678
Other debtors	35,624	44,611
Prepayments and accrued income	11,733	19,334
	77,156	114,623

17. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	30.6.25	30.6.24
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 19)	20,000	20,735
Trade creditors	4,517	144,402
Social security and other taxes	3,933	3,036
Accruals and deferred income	19,387	28,602
	47,837	196,775

18. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	30.6.25	30.6.24
	£	£
Bank loans (see note 19)	40,000	60,000

19. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	30.6.25	30.6.24
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank loans	20,000	20,735
Amounts falling between one and two years:		
Bank loans	20,000	20,000
Amounts falling due between two and five years:		
Bank loans	20,000	40,000

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20. SECURED DEBTS

The following secured debts are included within creditors:

	30.6.25	30.6.24
	£	£
Bank loans	60,000	80,735

The bank loans are secured by fixed and floating charges relating to the property and undertaking of the charity.

21. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.7.24	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 30.6.25
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	**85,290**	**321,425**	**(113,587)**	**293,128**
Funds held as fixed assets	**3,427,587**	**(134,069)**	**113,587**	**3,407,105**
	3,512,877	**187,356**	**-**	**3,700,233**
TOTAL FUNDS	**3,512,877**	**187,356**	**-**	**3,700,233**

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21. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	**812,774**	**(491,349)**	**321,425**
Funds held as fixed assets	**-**	**(134,069)**	**(134,069)**
	812,774	**(625,418)**	**187,356**
Restricted funds			
NCS Funding	**40,399**	**(40,399)**	**-**
Football Education Programme	**22,876**	**(22,876)**	**-**
Premier League Primary Stars	**65,000**	**(65,000)**	**-**
Premier League Kicks	**35,000**	**(35,000)**	**-**
Lottery Community Fund	**9,950**	**(9,950)**	**-**
Premier League Fans Fund	**25,000**	**(25,000)**	**-**
Holiday activty fund	**35,585**	**(35,585)**	**-**
Accrington Stanley Community Trust Education Agreement	**23,050**	**(23,050)**	**-**
BHF Blood Pressure	**5,000**	**(5,000)**	**-**
Kids Cup	**1,180**	**(1,180)**	**-**
Veterans Foundation Grants	**8,132**	**(8,132)**	**-**
Violence Reduction Network	**70,537**	**(70,537)**	**-**
Workers Education Association	**12,735**	**(12,735)**	**-**
Sky Bet	**100,000**	**(100,000)**	**-**
The Football Foundation	**23,033**	**(23,033)**	**-**
Kellogg's	**20,000**	**(20,000)**	**-**
The Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust	**47,771**	**(47,771)**	**-**
Duke of Edinburgh	**8,947**	**(8,947)**	**-**
Head Start	**7,606**	**(7,606)**	**-**
NHS Lancashire	**10,180**	**(10,180)**	**-**
Police Crime Commissioner Fund	**7,945**	**(7,945)**	**-**
Premier League Core Funding	**10,000**	**(10,000)**	**-**
Premier League Kicks Police	**6,375**	**(6,375)**	**-**
	596,301	**(596,301)**	**-**
TOTAL FUNDS	**1,409,075**	**(1,221,719)**	**187,356**

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21. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.7.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 30.6.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	(20,488)	215,579	(109,801)	85,290
Funds held as fixed assets	3,390,178	(123,728)	161,137	3,427,587
	3,369,690	91,851	51,336	3,512,877
Restricted funds				
Business Development	-	10,000	(10,000)	-
The Football Foundation	-	31,336	(31,336)	-
The CIWMT	-	10,000	(10,000)	-
	-	51,336	(51,336)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	3,369,690	143,187	-	3,512,877

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	860,227	(644,648)	215,579
Funds held as fixed assets	-	(123,728)	(123,728)
	860,227	(768,376)	91,851
Restricted funds			
NCS Funding	23,173	(23,173)	-
Premier League Primary Stars	65,000	(65,000)	-
Premier League Kicks	35,000	(35,000)	-
Premier League Fans Fund	25,000	(25,000)	-
The English Sports Council	7,071	(7,071)	-
Veterans Foundation Grants	9,632	(9,632)	-
Violence Reduction Network	66,076	(66,076)	-
Workers Education Association	20,490	(20,490)	-
Business Development	10,000	-	10,000
Sky Bet	10,000	(10,000)	-
The Football Foundation	31,336	-	31,336
Turing Scheme	38,880	(38,880)	-
Premier League Capability Grant	10,000	(10,000)	-
Streetgames UK	4,000	(4,000)	-
The CIWMT	10,000	-	10,000
The Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust	15,958	(15,958)	-
	381,616	(330,280)	51,336
TOTAL FUNDS	1,241,843	(1,098,656)	143,187

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21. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Transfers between funds

Transfers are all to the designated fixed assets fund representing assets purchased from general funds.

22. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The charity received grant funding of £1m from the Football Foundation to construct the Stanley Sports Hub from which the charity operates. A charge is registered in favour of the Football Foundation over the Stanley Sports Hub in case conditions attached to the grant are breached. The charge is to last for a period of 21 years, expiring on the 5th of May 2041. The carrying amount of the asset secured at 30th June 2025 is £3,161,326 (2024: £3,139,637). There have been no breaches to date and the trustees do not foresee that any such breach will occur.

23. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 30th June 2025.

ACCRINGTON STANLEY FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY TRUST LIMITED

England & Wales - Charity number 1139575

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 07369852 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1139575

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2024

FOR

ACCRINGTON STANLEY FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY TRUST LIMITED

Ainsworths Limited
Chartered Accountants
and Statutory Auditors
Charter House
Stansfield Street
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Lancashire
BB9 9XY

ACCRINGTON STANLEY FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY TRUST LIMITED

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ACCRINGTON STANLEY FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY TRUST LIMITED

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2024

TRUSTEES	D Burgess (resigned 5.12.2024) A Ellwood P Ali J D McGregor T D O'Neill R E Houseman P J Leatham D C Ellwood C A Knagg J Leaver (appointed 30.8.2023) W Eastham (appointed 10.12.2024)
REGISTERED OFFICE	Stanley Sports Hub Thorneyholme Road Accrington Lancashire BB5 6BD
REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER	07369852 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER	1139575
AUDITORS	Ainsworths Limited Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors Charter House Stansfield Street Nelson Lancashire BB9 9XY
BANKERS	Yorkshire Bank Plc 40 Church Street BLACKBURN Lancashire BB1 5AW

Day to day management of the charity is delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, M Fearon.

The charity also operates under the shortened name of "Accrington Stanley Community Trust".

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2024

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30th June 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The Memorandum of Association states that the charity's objects are to benefit the public and, in particular, the inhabitants of Accrington and the surrounding areas by:

1. Promoting community participation in healthy recreation in particular by the provision of facilities for the playing of association football and other sports capable of improving health ("facilities" in this clause means land, buildings, equipment and organising sporting activities);

2. Advancing the physical education of young people in Lancashire by coaching in and providing facilities for the game of football and other sporting activities so as to develop their physical, mental and spiritual capabilities to enable them to grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society;

3. Advancing and assisting in advancing the education of the general public, with a particular focus on that of children and young people attending schools in the Lancashire area by the provision at venues selected or approved by the charity of meetings, lectures, classes and activities for the benefit of such children and young people and by the provision of educational materials for distribution to such children and young people;

4. Providing and assisting in providing facilities for the game of football and other sporting activities, recreation or other leisure time occupation of such persons who have need for such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, poverty or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving their conditions of life;

5. Advancing racial and religious harmony and equality and diversity among children and young people by arranging activities (including activities connected with the game of football and other sporting activities) to encourage shared experiences and interests without reference to race, religion, belief, sex, disability, nationality, ethnic or national origin or social background; and

6. Advancing the education of children and young people through such means as the trustees shall think fit in accordance with charity law.

The charity's principal activity is the promotion of Sports Engagement and Education by using football as a vehicle for change, this is achieved through a number of sports based programmes delivered during the year.

Public benefit

In setting out the charity's objectives and planning of activities the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance and section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011. The trustees are confident that the charity offers services of real and practical use to the local population and therefore complies with the responsibility placed on all charities under the Charities Act 2011 to demonstrate a public benefit.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The charity continues to deliver a range of projects in our key areas of Sport Participation, Community Engagement, Health and Education. Over 30 different projects are now delivered including some new ones added over the year. The charity engaged with 21,421 people over the course of 2023/24.

Sports Participation

Our Sports Development team focus on engaging with the community in order to raise the number of those engaging and participating in physical exercise. 2023/24 has seen partnerships strengthen with local schools and community groups. The charity continues to grow delivery in this area and covers the boroughs of Hyndburn, Ribble Valley and Rossendale.

2023/24 we received a new 1-year cycle of funding for the established Premier League Primary Stars programme, which provides fantastic provision in our local schools, offering a number of high-quality sessions over the year. The programme has since been funded until at least June 2025 by the Premier League.

2023/24 we received a new 1-year cycle of funding for the established Premier League Kicks. Over 500 people have participated in 2023/24 and the programme has been funded until at least June 2025 by the Premier League.

The match day provision at Accrington Stanley Football Club has continued with us focusing on grassroots teams. Over 40 grassroots teams enjoyed match day experiences as well as a number of birthday parties and mascot packages. We also introduced a joint initiative with Accrington Stanley Football Club where we now give out over 3,000 free match tickets to our local community each season.

The Football Development Centres has seen over 150 unique participants in the last 12 months and the girl's specific development centre continues to be very popular.

Our adult 7-aside league which sits under the banner of the 'Stanley Soccer League' sees us engage with over 200 adults on a weekly basis. Over 3,500 7-aside football interactions with adults in 2023/24 through this project alone with 2,500 7-aside fixtures taking place.

The Holiday Courses include more activities and multiple booking options to ensure participation is fun, accessible and affordable for all. 500+ unique participants have taken part in holiday courses during 2023/24. The Holiday Activity Fund (HAF) continued to provide children with free holiday provision and a nutritious meal each day during the holidays. This was very well attended and we had participants from numerous school locations across Hyndburn.

The Stanley Kickers sessions for 2-4-year olds has seen around 100 participants take their first steps into football.

We've expanded our disability sport programme during 2023/24 and now have 6 sessions each week delivered from the Stanley Sports Hub.

Community Engagement

The National Citizen Service (NCS) programme is hugely beneficial to the community of Hyndburn and surrounding areas. This project has now been adapted and we're delivering the community engagement element of it including workshops in schools and trips to activity centres. We delivered the first of a 2-year programme to around 100 participants.

The Champions programme continues to go from strength to strength since it was launched in 2020/21, working in partnership with Lancashire Violence Reduction Network to tackle re-offending and integration back into the community from those who find themselves on probation. We are one of 7 Lancashire Football Club Community Trust's that are now providing this unique peer mentored support package to residents of our area, focused on strategies that mitigate the risk of re-offending after release from prison and working with people who have just moved to the country. Our project mentors begin by making an assessment of the participant needs, steering them towards other projects and opportunities that will benefit them. We provide them with a vital support network as they begin to re-establish their place in the community.

We launched a new Veterans project in 2021/22 which sees us engage with local people who served in the armed forces. A mixture of coffee mornings, gatherings and sports sessions has been delivered with aims to increase engagement in future years. We've seen an uptake in participation in 2023/24 which sets us up to further develop the project in the future.

Health

2023/24 has seen numerous health awareness campaigns with the charity linking in with various other organisations to support their work.

The Walking Football project for over 50's has had another successful year. In 2023/24 we have had over 60 unique participants.

New 'Extra Time Hub's' for men and women over the age of 50 were launched at Stanley Sports Hub. A weekly 2-hour session per group, offering low intensity activities such as darts, dominoes, table tennis and the chance to socialise with others in the community. Both sessions have grown over the year and are now a vital offering for members of our community who could be at risk of social isolation following retirement.

Funding was once again confirmed in 2023/24 to continue a health project called Joy of Moving. A school-based educational programme for children aged 9-10 years old. It aims to encourage physical activity, promote nutritional education and build awareness of the importance of a healthy diet and active lifestyle. In 2023/24 over 1,000 children took part in the 6-week programme which was adapted to fit in with government restrictions.

All of the above has allowed the charity to raise its profile within this field and reach out to those specialist partners across the community. Our aim is to develop this area further in the coming years.

Education

2023/24 has been another successful year for the education department, continuing as one of the charities flagship areas.

The Work Experience with the local high schools and colleges offer a great insight into the sports industry for pupils.

The Football Education programme has 64 students that will gain an NCFE Level Two or BTEC Level Three Extended Diploma in Sport as well as compete in the 11-aside CEFA League for two to three years. Since starting in 2010 this project has now seen over 200 student's progress to various universities directly after completing this course. The Charity also continues to deliver a Foundation Degree, in partnership with the University of South Wales.

We also delivered a number of employability workshops, linking in with Job Centre Plus to try and raise the aspirations and job opportunities of those unemployed in Hyndburn.

A new partnership with Rossendale School sees us deliver alternative education to a select number of their pupils each week.

Achievements and Performance

During the year, the charity engaged with 21,421 individuals, including over 3,000 coming from local primary schools. 1,239 free Accrington Stanley shirts were given away to all Year 3 children in Hyndburn. 3,795 free Accrington Stanley match tickets were given to members of the community, as we try to engage more people in attending matches at the Wham stadium. The charity delivers over 30 community projects in Hyndburn and the surrounding areas.

The opening of the new £2m Stanley Sports Hub facility in March 2020 is the biggest achievement of the Charity to date and we had to manage a difficult year of stop start provision on site due to the pandemic. The Stanley Sports Hub has become a thriving community facility that Accrington can be proud of for many years to come. We are now averaging around 150,000 visits per year now all restrictions are removed as well as providing numerous job opportunities for people in the local area with vacancies such as receptionists, caterers, coordinators and other key roles.

We've invested further in the grass football pitches at Stanley Sports Hub, with a full new primary and secondary drainage system. A new irrigation system was installed in 2022.

Planning permission was granted for a new £1m building extension at Stanley Sports Hub, with construction works starting in September 2023 and completed in April 2024. The new extension is a huge benefit to the organisation and the community groups that use the added facilities. It gives us the space we need to continue to grow our provision.

A new 3-year strategy was launched on 1st July 2022, and we entered the second year of it in 2023/24. Our strategy has been developed through detailed consultation both internally and externally with local, regional and national organisations and policies. We have collated feedback from key stakeholders, participants, parents and our workforce using several methods such as surveys, meetings and strategy focus groups. The strong foundations that were first established in 2010 when Accrington Stanley Community Trust were formed has enabled us to identify key areas to focus on in order to make a difference to our community. This Strategy comes at a key time in our development and provides a platform for positive change and modernisation going forward. It builds on some significant achievements to date and on the good progress already made against our initial objectives.

Strategic Aims

1. Provide a High-Quality Service
Our strategic objectives:
- Ensure all participants receive a positive, enjoyable and safe experience.
- Develop and deliver a quality assurance framework across all programmes and invest in workforce development.
- Measure impact through different techniques and publicise an impact report annually to all stakeholders.

2. Govern and Lead Effectively
Our strategic objectives:
- Ensure financial sustainability.
- Ensure there is an appropriate governance and leadership structure to support the strategy and deliver the charitable aims and objectives.
- Ensure compliance with relevant legislation and regulation.

3. Deliver Inclusion, Health & Wellbeing, Sport Participation and Education Programmes
Our strategic objectives:
- Provide a variety of inclusive projects that deliver positive change to disadvantaged and disabled people in Hyndburn.
- Build strong relationships with other organisations to make a positive impact on health, well-being and inclusion in our community.
- Instil aspects of health, well-being and inclusion into the culture of our organisation to create a lasting legacy.
- Increase Sport Participation rates in Hyndburn.
- Provide high quality education and expand current provision.

4. Expand and Operate an Excellent Community Sports Hub Facility
Our strategic objectives:

- Work with key stakeholders to further design, develop and build an extension to the indoor areas of the Stanley Sports Hub.
- Provide a core base for the charity to use as its headquarters to deliver our charitable aims and objectives.
- Maintain a sustainable state of the art sports and education facility for the local community, grassroots clubs and voluntary sector organisations.

At the year end, the charity employed over 50 members of staff and has further established a strong team of skilled individuals to develop the work of the charity further.

Facilities
The charity opened the new multi-million-pound community sports hub in March 2020, which is now the home of the Charity and a base for its projects.

The aims of the sports hub are to increase participation in sport, improve health and exercise levels and provide more opportunities for disabled people to access vital sport and education activities. The Sports Hub hosts many projects that develop skills for people out of work, create new job opportunities, inspire people to become volunteers for local sports organisations, sports clubs and charities, and provide a pathway for gifted and talented young people into elite sport.

FINANCIAL REVIEW
Financial position
The charity has generated net income of £143,187 in the year to the 30th of June 2024, representing a decrease on that recognised in the prior year (£621,566).

The main reason for the decrease is due to extra income from donations and grants awarded to the charity in the prior year towards the cost of the extension of the Sports Hub, as can be seen from the decrease in donations and legacies to £165,215 (2023: £710,536).

There was a deficit on charitable activities of £77,493 (2023: deficit of £116,927). The reduction in the deficit is due to a greater increase in income than expenditure.

The free reserves of the charity (excluding amounts held as fixed assets) have increased from a deficit of £20,488 to a surplus £85,290. The free reserves had previously been in a deficit due to the charity having used some of its own funds in extending the Sports Hub facility, however the free reserves returned to a positive figure in the current year.

As at the year end, the total funds of the charity stand at £3,512,877 (2023: £3,369,690) of which more than 97% is invested in the Sports Hub facility to ensure the sustainability and continuity of the charity for many years to come.

Reserves policy
The objective of having unrestricted funds in reserve, is to enable the charity to cope with unplanned events. Very often, the effects of an unplanned event can be managed in the long-term, but the charity needs reserves in the meantime.

The trustee directors' have set an overall target level for free reserves based on 12 months' net operating costs. This is over and above those reserves represented by fixed assets on the balance sheet.

The directors acknowledge that the level of reserves changes during the year and could either be a good indicator of the underlying financial health of the charity; or could be an indicator of potential problems.

The directors must monitor and review the level of reserves annually, in line with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission; however, the level of reserves is monitored throughout the year as part of the normal monitoring and budgetary reporting processes.

The current level of unrestricted, free reserves is insufficient due to the spend on the extension of the Sports Hub in the previous year. We aim to return to building reserves to a level that is equivalent to 12 months of expenditure, to provide stability within the charity and reduce any risk of closure due to insufficient funding.

FUTURE PLANS

2023/24 is the second year of the charities three-year business plan which is reviewed and updated annually, in order to achieve its objectives. The charity plans to continue the activities outlined above in the forthcoming years subject to funding arrangements.

The Stanley Sports Hub facility will be a key area of growth for the Charity, establishing a base to expand current provision as well as providing a top-class sports facility for the community of Hyndburn. Plans were completed on a £1m building extension and £250,000 investment in the grass pitches. The charity now aims to grow its provision with the added facilities at Stanley Sports Hub.

Future facility plans include the construction of a new 5v5 Floodlit 3G Cage in 2024/25 to enhance Stanley Sports Hub even further.

The charity also plans to deliver new projects as it continues to grow year on year.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association, last updated on the 18th of April 2017, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

New trustees are recruited and appointed by existing trustees to ensure the board maintains an appropriate spread of knowledge and skills to enable them to deliver the charity's aims and objectives.

New trustees are typically already aware of the charity and are introduced further by the board and the employees of the charity.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Accrington Stanley Football in the Community Trust Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- 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.

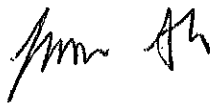
The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding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

In so far as the trustees are aware:

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

AUDITORS
The auditors, Ainsworths Limited, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 26th March 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



P Ali - Trustee

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF ACCRINGTON STANLEY FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY TRUST LIMITED

Opinion
We have audited the financial statements of Accrington Stanley Football in the Community Trust Limited (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 30th June 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, 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 (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 30th June 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 UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

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

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

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

Other information
The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

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.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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 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.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006
In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:
- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception
In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the 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 take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Report of the Trustees.

Responsibilities of trustees
As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, 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.

Our 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 a Report of the Independent Auditors 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.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Identifying and assessing potential risks related to irregularities

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, we considered the following:

- the nature of the industry and sector, control environment and business performance including the key drivers for directors' remuneration and dividend levels;
- results of our enquiries of management about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities;
- any matters we identified having made enquiries of management about their policies and procedures relating to:
  - > identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations and whether they were aware of any instances of noncompliance;
  - > detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
  - > the internal controls established to mitigate risks of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- the matters discussed among the audit engagement team regarding how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud.

As a result of these procedures, we considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud. In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override.

We also obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that the company operates in, focusing on provisions of those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context included the UK Companies Act and local tax legislation.

In addition, we considered provisions of other laws and regulations that do not have a direct effect on the financial statements, but compliance with which may be fundamental to the company's ability to operate.

Audit response to risks identified

As a result of performing the above our procedures to respond to the risks identified included the following:

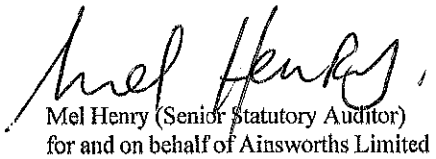
- reviewing the financial statements disclosure and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with provisions of relevant laws and regulations described as having a direct effect on the financial statements;
- enquiring of management about actual and potential litigation and claims;
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risk of material misstatement due to fraud;
- obtained an understanding of provisions and held discussions with management to understand the basis of recognition or non-recognition of tax provisions; and
- in addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessing whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluating the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the further removed the non-compliance with laws and regulations is from events and transactions reflected in the financial statements the less likely we would become aware of it. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

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 Report of the Independent Auditors.

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 the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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26th March 2025

ACCRINGTON STANLEY FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY TRUST LIMITED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	30.6.24 Total funds £	30.6.23 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	3	**74,999**	**90,216**	**165,215**	710,536
Charitable activities	6				
Sports engagement and education		**706,490**	**291,400**	**997,890**	868,774
Other trading activities	4	**72,349**	-	**72,349**	42,061
Investment income	5	**5,401**	-	**5,401**	124
Other income		**988**	-	**988**	-
Total		**860,227**	**381,616**	**1,241,843**	1,621,495
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	7	**19,424**	**3,849**	**23,273**	14,228
Charitable activities	8				
Sports engagement and education		**748,952**	**326,431**	**1,075,383**	985,701
Total		**768,376**	**330,280**	**1,098,656**	999,929
NET INCOME		**91,851**	**51,336**	**143,187**	621,566
Transfers between funds	21	**51,336**	**(51,336)**	-	-
Net movement in funds		**143,187**	-	**143,187**	621,566
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		**3,369,690**	-	**3,369,690**	2,748,124
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**3,512,877**	-	**3,512,877**	3,369,690

The notes form part of these financial statements

ACCRINGTON STANLEY FOOTBALL IN THE
COMMUNITY TRUST LIMITED (REGISTERED NUMBER: 07369852)

BALANCE SHEET
30TH JUNE 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	30.6.24 Total funds £	30.6.23 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	15	**3,421,575**	-	**3,421,575**	3,390,178
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	16	**112,278**	**2,345**	**114,623**	76,305
Cash at bank and in hand		**223,186**	**10,268**	**233,454**	120,575
		335,464	**12,613**	**348,077**	196,880
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	17	**(184,162)**	**(12,613)**	**(196,775)**	(137,368)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		**151,302**	-	**151,302**	59,512
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		**3,572,877**	-	**3,572,877**	3,449,690
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	18	**(60,000)**	-	**(60,000)**	(80,000)
NET ASSETS		**3,512,877**	-	**3,512,877**	3,369,690
FUNDS	21				
Unrestricted funds				**3,512,877**	3,369,690
TOTAL FUNDS				**3,512,877**	3,369,690

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 26th March 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

P Ali - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

ACCRINGTON STANLEY FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY TRUST LIMITED

CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2024

	Notes	30.6.24 £	30.6.23 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	**291,585**	633,552
Interest paid		**(9,970)**	-
Net cash provided by operating activities		**281,615**	633,552
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		**(161,137)**	(1,238,331)
Sale of tangible fixed assets		**7,000**	-
Interest received		**5,401**	124
Net cash used in investing activities		**(148,736)**	(1,238,207)
Cash flows from financing activities			
New loans in year		**-**	100,000
Loan repayments in year		**(20,000)**	-
Net cash (used in)/provided by financing activities		**(20,000)**	100,000
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		**112,879**	(504,655)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		**120,575**	625,230
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		**233,454**	120,575

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NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2024

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	30.6.24 £	30.6.23 £
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	143,187	621,566
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	123,728	93,111
Profit on disposal of fixed assets	(988)	-
Interest received	(5,401)	(124)
Interest paid	9,970	-
Loan written off in the year	-	(104,924)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(38,318)	2,775
Increase in creditors	59,407	21,148
Net cash provided by operations	291,585	633,552

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.7.23 £	Cash flow £	At 30.6.24 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	120,575	112,879	233,454
	120,575	112,879	233,454
Debt			
Debts falling due within 1 year	(20,000)	(735)	(20,735)
Debts falling due after 1 year	(80,000)	20,000	(60,000)
	(100,000)	19,265	(80,735)
Total	20,575	132,144	152,719

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1. STATUTORY INFORMATION

Accrington Stanley Football in the Community Trust Limited is a charitable company, limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales. The charity and company registered numbers and registered office address can be found on the Company Information page.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, 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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Accrington Stanley Football in the Community Trust Limited meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty
Preparation of the financial statements requires management to make significant judgements and estimates. The main area of estimation is in respect of the useful lives of fixed assets. The depreciation rates used can be identified in the fixed asset accounting policy below.

Income
All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Grants receivable, donations and income from charitable activities are accounted for when due. Income is deferred when it is received in advance of the period to which it relates.

Legacies are recognised at the earlier of: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the charitable company that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate.

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

Expenditure
Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under charitable activities and their associated supports.

Tangible fixed assets
Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Short leasehold	- 4% on cost, 2% on cost and Straight line over 10 years
Plant and machinery	- 5% on cost and Straight line over 5 years
Fixtures and fittings	- 15% on reducing balance
Motor vehicles	- 25% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- Straight line over 3 years

Additional building works are only depreciated once completed and brought into use.

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2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

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

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments
Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits
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.

Debtors
Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment.

Creditors
Short term creditors are measured at transaction price.

3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	30.6.24	30.6.23
	£	£
Donations	31,674	1,898
Grants	133,541	708,638
	165,215	710,536

4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	30.6.24	30.6.23
	£	£
Cafeteria sales	47,533	29,201
Sponsorships	24,816	12,800
Other	-	60
	72,349	42,061

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5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	30.6.24	30.6.23
	£	£
Interest receivable	5,401	124

6. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Activity	30.6.24	30.6.23
		£	£
Course income and project grants	Sports engagement and education	667,091	584,721
School provision	Sports engagement and education	33,945	42,292
Holiday courses	Sports engagement and education	41,433	33,977
Stanley Soccer League	Sports engagement and education	16,759	17,546
ASCT provision	Sports engagement and education	27,115	31,001
Pitch hires	Sports engagement and education	211,547	159,237
		997,890	868,774

7. RAISING FUNDS

Other trading activities

	30.6.24	30.6.23
	£	£
Cafeteria purchases	23,273	14,228

8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs (see note 9)	Support costs (see note 10)	Totals
	£	£	£
Sports engagement and education	781,780	293,603	1,075,383

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9. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	30.6.24	30.6.23
	£	£
Staff costs	**478,167**	434,876
Hire of plant and machinery	**2,474**	2,014
Rates and water	**7,512**	1,599
Light and heat	**25,814**	38,636
Referees and football consumables	**38,256**	28,085
Residential courses	**39,797**	5,292
Bursaries awarded	**7,850**	8,980
Donations	**70**	2,775
Staff training	**3,704**	1,825
Motor and travel expenses	**12,617**	19,477
Hire of facilities	**12,337**	16,852
Repairs and renewals	**22,441**	33,357
Pitch maintenance costs	**45,415**	37,456
Sub contractors	**-**	790
Depreciation	**85,326**	69,230
	781,780	701,244

10. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management	Finance	Information technology
	£	£	£
Sports engagement and education	**248,903**	**13,306**	**3,003**

	Other	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£
Sports engagement and education	**10,801**	**17,590**	**293,603**

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

	30.6.24 Sports engagement and education	30.6.23 Total activities
	£	£
Wages	**159,493**	**167,489**
Social security	**14,100**	**16,254**
Pensions	**4,835**	**4,748**
Insurance	**8,402**	**7,429**
Telephone	**8,264**	**9,440**
Postage and stationery	**5,131**	**7,045**
Advertising	**10,276**	**11,208**
Depreciation of tangible and heritage assets	**38,402**	**23,881**
Bank charges	**3,336**	**2,402**
Carried forward	**252,239**	**249,896**

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10. SUPPORT COSTS - continued

	30.6.24 Sports engagement and education	30.6.23 Total activities
	£	£
Brought forward	252,239	249,896
Interest payable and similar charges	9,970	-
Computer costs	3,003	4,998
Sundries	10,801	10,473
Auditors' remuneration	4,500	4,200
Accountancy and legal fees	13,090	14,890
	293,603	284,457

11. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	30.6.24	30.6.23
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	4,500	4,200
Depreciation - owned assets	123,728	93,110
Hire of plant and machinery	2,474	2,014
Surplus on disposal of fixed assets	(988)	-
Accountancy and payroll fees paid to auditor	-	6,480

12. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30th June 2024 nor for the year ended 30th June 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30th June 2024 nor for the year ended 30th June 2023.

13. STAFF COSTS

	30.6.24	30.6.23
	£	£
Wages and salaries	604,463	576,617
Social security costs	38,773	34,920
Other pension costs	13,359	11,830
	656,595	623,367

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13. STAFF COSTS - continued

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	30.6.24	30.6.23
Charitable Activities	35	36
Management and Administration	5	6
	40	42

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

Total employee benefits paid to the charity's key management personnel for the year ended 30th June 2024 was £155,809 (2023: £134,274).

14. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	710,536	-	710,536
Charitable activities			
Sports engagement and education	521,626	347,148	868,774
Other trading activities	42,061	-	42,061
Investment income	124	-	124
Total	1,274,347	347,148	1,621,495
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	14,228	-	14,228
Charitable activities			
Sports engagement and education	638,553	347,148	985,701
Total	652,781	347,148	999,929
NET INCOME	621,566	-	621,566
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	2,748,124	-	2,748,124
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	3,369,690	-	3,369,690

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15. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Short leasehold £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £
COST			
At 1st July 2023	**3,323,483**	**195,974**	**100,061**
Additions	**115,003**	**37,613**	**7,734**
Disposals	**-**	**(9,250)**	**-**
At 30th June 2024	**3,438,486**	**224,337**	**107,795**
DEPRECIATION			
At 1st July 2023	**213,523**	**14,360**	**11,956**
Charge for year	**85,326**	**20,761**	**13,935**
Eliminated on disposal	**-**	**(3,238)**	**-**
At 30th June 2024	**298,849**	**31,883**	**25,891**
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 30th June 2024	**3,139,637**	**192,454**	**81,904**
At 30th June 2023	3,109,960	181,614	88,105

	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 1st July 2023	**31,555**	**36,837**	**3,687,910**
Additions	**-**	**787**	**161,137**
Disposals	**-**	**-**	**(9,250)**
At 30th June 2024	**31,555**	**37,624**	**3,839,797**
DEPRECIATION			
At 1st July 2023	**24,864**	**33,029**	**297,732**
Charge for year	**1,673**	**2,033**	**123,728**
Eliminated on disposal	**-**	**-**	**(3,238)**
At 30th June 2024	**26,537**	**35,062**	**418,222**
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 30th June 2024	**5,018**	**2,562**	**3,421,575**
At 30th June 2023	6,691	3,808	3,390,178

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16. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	30.6.24	30.6.23
	£	£
Trade debtors	50,678	68,204
Other debtors	44,611	-
Prepayments and accrued income	19,334	8,101
	114,623	76,305

17. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	30.6.24	30.6.23
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 19)	20,735	20,000
Trade creditors	144,402	67,388
Social security and other taxes	3,036	2,416
Accruals and deferred income	28,602	47,564
	196,775	137,368

18. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	30.6.24	30.6.23
	£	£
Bank loans (see note 19)	60,000	80,000

19. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	30.6.24	30.6.23
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank loans	20,735	20,000
Amounts falling between one and two years:		
Bank loans	60,000	20,000
Amounts falling due between two and five years:		
Bank loans	-	60,000

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20. SECURED DEBTS

The following secured debts are included within creditors:

	30.6.24	30.6.23
	£	£
Bank loans	80,735	100,000

The bank loans are secured by fixed and floating charges relating to the property and undertaking of the charity.

21. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.7.23	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 30.6.24
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	(20,488)	215,579	(109,801)	85,290
Funds held as fixed assets	3,390,178	(123,728)	161,137	3,427,587
	3,369,690	91,851	51,336	3,512,877
Restricted funds				
Business Development	-	10,000	(10,000)	-
The Football Foundation	-	31,336	(31,336)	-
The CIWMT	-	10,000	(10,000)	-
	-	51,336	(51,336)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	3,369,690	143,187	-	3,512,877

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21. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	860,227	(644,648)	215,579
Funds held as fixed assets	-	(123,728)	(123,728)
	860,227	(768,376)	91,851
Restricted funds			
NCS Funding	23,173	(23,173)	-
Premier League Primary Stars	65,000	(65,000)	-
Premier League Kicks	35,000	(35,000)	-
Premier League Fans Fund	25,000	(25,000)	-
The English Sports Council	7,071	(7,071)	-
Veterans Foundation Grants	9,632	(9,632)	-
Violence Reduction Network	66,076	(66,076)	-
Workers Education Association	20,490	(20,490)	-
Business Development	10,000	-	10,000
Sky Bet	10,000	(10,000)	-
The Football Foundation	31,336	-	31,336
Turing Scheme	38,880	(38,880)	-
Premier League Capability Grant	10,000	(10,000)	-
Streetgames UK	4,000	(4,000)	-
The CIWMT	10,000	-	10,000
The Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust	15,958	(15,958)	-
	381,616	(330,280)	51,336
TOTAL FUNDS	1,241,843	(1,098,656)	143,187

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.7.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 30.6.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	608,090	656,417	(1,284,995)	(20,488)
Funds held as fixed assets	2,140,034	(34,851)	1,284,995	3,390,178
	2,748,124	621,566	-	3,369,690
TOTAL FUNDS	2,748,124	621,566	-	3,369,690

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21. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,036,774	(380,357)	656,417
Funds held as fixed assets	-	(34,851)	(34,851)
Street Games UK	3,500	(3,500)	-
Active Lancashire	1,193	(1,193)	-
Football College	222,880	(222,880)	-
Cotton Ind Mem T.	10,000	(10,000)	-
	1,274,347	(652,781)	621,566
Restricted funds			
NCS Funding	61,447	(61,447)	-
Premier League Primary Stars	65,000	(65,000)	-
Premier League Kicks	49,500	(49,500)	-
English Football League Trust	12,810	(12,810)	-
The Football Stadia Improvement/Fans Fund	7,936	(7,936)	-
Y Not Aspire	150	(150)	-
University of South Wales	39,958	(39,958)	-
Holiday activty fund	20,730	(20,730)	-
Accrington Stanley Community Trust Education Agreement	1,000	(1,000)	-
BHF Blood Pressure	4,500	(4,500)	-
Violence Reduction Network	60,302	(60,302)	-
Workers Education Association	23,815	(23,815)	-
	347,148	(347,148)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	1,621,495	(999,929)	621,566

Transfers between funds

Transfers are all to the designated fixed assets fund representing assets purchased from general funds.

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22. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The charity received grant funding of £1m from the Football Foundation to construct the Stanley Sports Hub from which the charity operates. A charge is registered in favour of the Football Foundation over the Stanley Sports Hub in case conditions attached to the grant are breached. The charge is to last for a period of 21 years, expiring on the 5th of May 2041. The carrying amount of the asset secured at 30th June 2024 is £3,139,637 (2023: £3,109,960). There have been no breaches to date and the trustees do not foresee that any such breach will occur.

23. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

During the current year, the charity entered into an agreement to construct a new 3G playing arena at their current facilities at Thorneyholme Road. A total of £70,438 has been contracted for construction work for construction work which did not commence until July 2024. There was no such commitment at the end of the prior financial year.

24. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 30th June 2024.

ACCRINGTON STANLEY FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY TRUST LIMITED

England & Wales - Charity number 1139575

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 07369852 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1139575

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2023

FOR

ACCRINGTON STANLEY FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY TRUST LIMITED

Ainsworths Limited
Charter House
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ACCRINGTON STANLEY FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY TRUST LIMITED

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ACCRINGTON STANLEY FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY TRUST LIMITED

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2023

TRUSTEES	D Burgess A Ellwood P Ali J D McGregor T D O'Neill R E Houseman P J Leatham D C Ellwood C A Knagg (appointed 6.7.2022) J Leaver (appointed 30.8.2023)
REGISTERED OFFICE	Stanley Sports Hub Thorneyholme Road Accrington Lancashire BB5 6BD
REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER	07369852 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER	1139575
AUDITORS	Ainsworths Limited Charter House Stansfield Street Nelson Lancashire BB9 9XY
BANKERS	Yorkshire Bank Plc 40 Church Street BLACKBURN Lancashire BB1 5AW

Day to day management of the charity is delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, M Fearon.

The charity also operates under the shortened name of "Accrington Stanley Community Trust".

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2023

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30th June 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The Memorandum of Association states that the charity's objects are to benefit the public and, in particular, the inhabitants of Accrington and the surrounding areas by:

1. Promoting community participation in healthy recreation in particular by the provision of facilities for the playing of association football and other sports capable of improving health ("facilities" in this clause means land, buildings, equipment and organising sporting activities);

2. Advancing the physical education of young people in Lancashire by coaching in and providing facilities for the game of football and other sporting activities so as to develop their physical, mental and spiritual capabilities to enable them to grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society;

3. Advancing and assisting in advancing the education of the general public, with a particular focus on that of children and young people attending schools in the Lancashire area by the provision at venues selected or approved by the charity of meetings, lectures, classes and activities for the benefit of such children and young people and by the provision of educational materials for distribution to such children and young people;

4. Providing and assisting in providing facilities for the game of football and other sporting activities, recreation or other leisure time occupation of such persons who have need for such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, poverty or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving their conditions of life;

5. Advancing racial and religious harmony and equality and diversity among children and young people by arranging activities (including activities connected with the game of football and other sporting activities) to encourage shared experiences and interests without reference to race, religion, belief, sex, disability, nationality, ethnic or national origin or social background; and

6. Advancing the education of children and young people through such means as the trustees shall think fit in accordance with charity law.

The charity's principal activity is the promotion of Sports Engagement and Education by using football as a vehicle for change, this is achieved through a number of sports based programmes delivered during the year.

Public benefit

In setting out the charity's objectives and planning of activities the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance and section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011. The trustees are confident that the charity offers services of real and practical use to the local population and therefore complies with the responsibility placed on all charities under the Charities Act 2011 to demonstrate a public benefit.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The charity continues to deliver a range of projects in our key areas of Sport Participation, Community Engagement, Health and Education. Over 30 different projects are now delivered including some new ones added over the year. The charity engaged with 16,285 local people over the course of 2022/23.

Sports Participation

Our Sports Development team focus on engaging with the community in order to raise the number of those engaging and participating in physical exercise. 2022/23 has seen partnerships strengthen with local schools. The charity continues to sustain delivery in this area and covers the boroughs of Hyndburn, Ribble Valley and Rossendale.

2022/23 was also the first year of a new 1-year cycle of the Premier League Primary Stars programme, which provides fantastic provision in our local schools, offering a number of high-quality sessions over the year. The programme has since been funded until at least June 2023 by the Premier League.

The match day provision at Accrington Stanley Football Club has resumed to full capacity following the end of the pandemic. Over 40 grassroots teams enjoyed match day experiences as well as a number of birthday parties and mascot packages.

The Football Development Centres has seen over 150 unique participants in the last 12 months and we've introduced a girl's specific session which is very popular.

Our adult 7-aside league which sits under the banner of the 'Stanley Soccer League' sees us engage with over 400 adults on a weekly basis. Over 7500 7aside football interactions with adults in 2022/23 through this project alone with 5000 7-aside fixtures taking place.

The Holiday Courses include more activities and multiple booking options to ensure participation is fun, accessible and affordable for all. 400+ unique participants have taken part in holiday courses during 2022/23. The Holiday Activity Fund (HAF) continued to provide children with free holiday provision and a nutritious meal each day during the holidays. This was very well received and we delivered at numerous locations across Hyndburn.

The Stanley Kickers sessions for 2-4-year olds has seen around 100 participants take their first steps into football.

Community Engagement

The community engagement department has delivered an increased disability programme during 2022/23.

The National Citizen Service (NCS) programme is hugely beneficial to the community of Hyndburn and surrounding areas. This project has now been adapted and we're delivering the community engagement element of it including workshops in schools and trips to activity centres.

2022/23 was also the first year of a 1-year cycle of the Premier League Kicks. Over 500 people have participated in 2022/23 and the programme has been funded until at least June 2023 by the Premier League.

The Champions programme continues to go from strength to strength since it was launched in 2020/21, working in partnership with Lancashire Constabulary to tackle re-offending and integration back into the community from those who find themselves on probation. We are one of 7 Lancashire Football Club Community Trust's that are now providing this unique peer mentored support package to residents of our area, focused on strategies that mitigate the risk of re-offending after release from prison and working with people who have just moved to the country. Our project mentors begin by making an assessment of the participant needs, steering them towards other projects and opportunities that will benefit them. We provide them with a vital support network as they begin to re-establish their place in the community.

We launched a new Veterans project in 2021/22 which sees us engage with local people who served in the armed forces. A mixture of coffee mornings, gatherings and sports sessions has been delivered with aims to increase engagement in future years. We've seen an uptake in participation in 2022/23 which sets us up to further develop the project in the future.

Health
2022/23 has seen numerous health awareness campaigns with the charity linking in with various other organisations to support their work.

The Walking Football project for over 50's has had another successful year. In 2022/23 we have had over 50 unique participants.

Funding was once again secured in 2022/23 to continue a health project called Joy of Moving. A school-based educational programme for children aged 9-10 years old. It aims to encourage physical activity, promote nutritional education and build awareness of the importance of a healthy diet and active lifestyle. In 2022/23 over 1000 children took part in the 6-week programme which was adapted to fit in with government restrictions.

All of the above has allowed the charity to raise its profile within this field and reach out to those specialist partners across the community. Our aim is to develop this area further in the coming years.

Education
2022/23 has been another successful year for the education department, continuing to establish itself as one of the charities flagship areas.

The Work Experience with the local high schools and colleges offer a great insight into the sports industry for pupils.

The Football Education programme has 62 students that will gain an NCFE Level Two or BTEC Level Three Extended/Diploma in Sport as well as compete in the 11aside CEFA League for two to three years. Since starting in 2010 this project has now seen over 150 student's progress to various universities directly after completing this course. The Charity also entered into the fourth year of delivery of a Foundation Degree, in partnership with the University of South Wales. 8 students enrolled in September 2022 and the project was a huge success.

We delivered a series of targeted interventions for local Primary schools in 2022/23. These aim to support small groups of pupils and enhance their learning across the curriculum. Our 'Talk a Good Game' PSHE workshops focus on effective communication and encourage children to practice the different styles of communication. The project is part of our ever-growing Premier League Primary Stars provision. After consultation with a group of local primary schools we identified a need for local children to think more about the way they communicate, particularly those children who are soon to join high school. The sessions can be adapted for years 3-6 and use football, Accrington Stanley and friendly competitions to engage children in the topic. We use a mixture of self-reflection, paired work and full group activities to highlight key area such as listening, clarity and body language.

Achievements and Performance
During the year, the charity engaged with 16,285 individuals, including over 3000 coming from local primary schools. 1324 free Accrington Stanley shirts were given away to all Year 3 children in Hyndburn. The charity delivers over 30 community projects in Hyndburn and the surrounding areas.

The opening of the new £2m Stanley Sports Hub facility in March 2020 is the biggest achievement of the Charity to date and we had to manage a difficult year of stop start provision on site due to the pandemic. The Stanley Sports Hub has become a thriving community facility that Accrington can be proud of for many years to come. We are now averaging around 150,000 visits per year now all restrictions are removed as well as providing numerous job opportunities for people in the local area with vacancies such as receptionists, caterers, coordinators and other key roles.

We've invested further in the grass football pitches at Stanley Sports Hub, with a full new primary and secondary drainage system. Plans for an irrigation system are being implemented for October 2022.

Planning permission has been granted for a new £1m building extension at Stanley Sports Hub, with construction works set to take place in September 2023 and complete in April 2024.

In July 2022 we hosted the Italy Womens international football team at Stanley Sports Hub throughout their participation in the Womens UEFA EURO 2022 competition. Stanley Sports Hub is now recognised as a 4* rated training ground from UEFA.

A new 3-year strategy was launched on 1st July 2022, and we entered the first year of it in 2022/23. Our strategy has been developed through detailed consultation both internally and externally with local, regional and national organisations and policies. We have collated feedback from key stakeholders, participants, parents and our workforce using several methods such as surveys, meetings and strategy focus groups. The strong foundations that were first established in 2010 when Accrington Stanley Community Trust were formed has enabled us to identify key areas to focus on in order to make a difference to our community. This Strategy comes at a key time in our development and provides a platform for positive change and modernisation going forward. It builds on some significant achievements to date and on the good progress already made against our initial objectives.

Strategic Aims

1 Provide a High-Quality Service

Our strategic objectives:

- Ensure all participants receive a positive, enjoyable and safe experience.
- Develop and deliver a quality assurance framework across all programmes and invest in workforce development.
- Measure impact through different techniques and publicise an impact report annually to all stakeholders.

2 Govern and Lead Effectively

Our strategic objectives:

- Ensure financial sustainability.
- Ensure there is an appropriate governance and leadership structure to support the strategy and deliver the charitable aims and objectives.
- Ensure compliance with relevant legislation and regulation.

3 Deliver Inclusion, Health & Wellbeing, Sport Participation and Education Programmes

Our strategic objectives:

- Provide a variety of inclusive projects that deliver positive change to disadvantaged and disabled people in Hyndburn.
- Build strong relationships with other organisations to make a positive impact on health, well-being and inclusion in our community.
- Instil aspects of health, well-being and inclusion into the culture of our organisation to create a lasting legacy.
- Increase Sport Participation rates in Hyndburn.
- Provide high quality education and expand current provision.

4 Expand and Operate an Excellent Community Sports Hub Facility

Our strategic objectives:

- Work with key stakeholders to further design, develop and build an extension to the indoor areas of the Stanley Sports Hub.
- Provide a core base for the charity to use as its headquarters to deliver our charitable aims and objectives.
- Maintain a sustainable state of the art sports and education facility for the local community, grassroots clubs and voluntary sector organisations.

At the year end, the charity employed over 40 members of staff and has further established a strong team of skilled individuals to develop the work of the charity further.

Facilities

The charity opened the new multi-million-pound community sports hub in March 2020, which is now the home of the Charity and a base for its projects.

The aims of the sports hub are to increase participation in sport, improve health and exercise levels and provide more opportunities for disabled people to access vital sport and education activities. The Sports Hub hosts many projects that develop skills for people out of work, create new job opportunities, inspire people to become volunteers for local sports organisations, sports clubs and charities, and provide a pathway for gifted and talented young people into elite sport.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The charity has generated net income of £621,566 in the year to the 30th of June 2023, representing an increase on that recognised in the prior year (£366,054).

The main reason for this increase is extra income from donations and grants awarded to the charity towards the cost of the extension of the Sports Hub, as can be seen from the increase in donations and legacies to £710,536 (2022: £205,499).

There was a deficit on charitable activities of £116,927 (2022: surplus of £123,215) due to a significant reduction in such income, despite an increase in costs of charitable activities.

The free reserves of the charity (excluding amounts held as fixed assets) have decreased from £503,167 to £(20,488). The free reserves are in deficit due to the charity having used some of its own funds in extending the Sports Hub facility, however the free reserves returned to a positive figure shortly after the year end.

As at the year end, the total funds of the charity stand at £3,369,690 (2022: £2,748,124), all of which is invested in the Sports Hub facility to ensure the sustainability and continuity of the charity for many years to come.

Reserves policy

The objective of having unrestricted funds in reserve, is to enable the charity to cope with unplanned events. Very often, the effects of an unplanned event can be managed in the long-term, but the charity needs reserves in the meantime.

The trustee directors' have set an overall target level for free reserves based on 12 months' net operating costs. This is over and above those reserves represented by fixed assets on the balance sheet.

The directors acknowledge that the level of reserves changes during the year and could either be a good indicator of the underlying financial health of the charity; or could be an indicator of potential problems.

The directors must monitor and review the level of reserves annually, in line with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission; however, the level of reserves is monitored throughout the year as part of the normal monitoring and budgetary reporting processes.

The current level of unrestricted, free reserves is insufficient due to the spend on the extension of the Sports Hub in the year. We aim to return to building reserves to a level that is equivalent to 12 months of expenditure, to provide stability within the charity and reduce any risk of closure due to insufficient funding.

FUTURE PLANS

2022/23 is the first year of the charities new three-year business plan which is reviewed and updated annually, in order to achieve its objectives. The charity plans to continue the activities outlined above in the forthcoming years subject to funding arrangements.

The Stanley Sports Hub facility will be a key area of growth for the Charity, establishing a base to expand current provision as well as providing a top-class sports facility for the community of Hyndburn. Plans were created for a further £1m building extension and £250,000 investment in the grass pitches. These are set to be completed in 2023/24.

The charity also plans to deliver new projects as it continues to grow year on year.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association, last updated on the 18th of April 2017, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

New trustees are recruited and appointed by existing trustees to ensure the board maintains an appropriate spread of knowledge and skills to enable them to deliver the charity's aims and objectives.

New trustees are typically already aware of the charity and are introduced further by the board and the employees of the charity.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Accrington Stanley Football in the Community Trust Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- 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.

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.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

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

AUDITORS

The auditors, Ainsworths Limited, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 13th March 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Anne Ellwood

A Ellwood - Trustee

Opinion
We have audited the financial statements of Accrington Stanley Football in the Community Trust Limited (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 30th June 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, 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 (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 30th June 2023 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 UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

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

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

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

Other information
The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

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.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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 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.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006
In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:
- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the 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 take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Report of the Trustees.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, 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.

Our 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 a Report of the Independent Auditors 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.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Identifying and assessing potential risks related to irregularities

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, we considered the following:

- the nature of the industry and sector, control environment and business performance including the key drivers for directors' remuneration and dividend levels;
- results of our enquiries of management about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities;
- any matters we identified having made enquiries of management about their policies and procedures relating to:
  - > identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations and whether they were aware of any instances of noncompliance;
  - > detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
  - > the internal controls established to mitigate risks of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- the matters discussed among the audit engagement team regarding how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud.

As a result of these procedures, we considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud. In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override.

We also obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that the company operates in, focusing on provisions of those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context included the UK Companies Act and local tax legislation.

In addition, we considered provisions of other laws and regulations that do not have a direct effect on the financial statements, but compliance with which may be fundamental to the company's ability to operate.

Audit response to risks identified

As a result of performing the above our procedures to respond to the risks identified included the following:

- reviewing the financial statements disclosure and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with provisions of relevant laws and regulations described as having a direct effect on the financial statements;
- enquiring of management about actual and potential litigation and claims;
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risk of material misstatement due to fraud;
- obtained an understanding of provisions and held discussions with management to understand the basis of recognition or non-recognition of tax provisions; and
- in addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessing whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluating the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the further removed the non-compliance with laws and regulations is from events and transactions reflected in the financial statements the less likely we would become aware of it. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

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 Report of the Independent Auditors.

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 the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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13th March 2024

ACCRINGTON STANLEY FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY TRUST LIMITED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	**30.6.23 Total funds £**	30.6.22 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	3	**710,536**	-	**710,536**	205,499
Charitable activities	6				
Sports engagement and education		**521,626**	**347,148**	**868,774**	1,040,502
Other trading activities	4	**31,564**	-	**31,564**	47,792
Investment income	5	**124**	-	**124**	148
Total		**1,263,850**	**347,148**	**1,610,998**	1,293,941
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	7	**3,731**	-	**3,731**	10,600
Charitable activities	8				
Sports engagement and education		**638,553**	**347,148**	**985,701**	917,287
Total		**642,284**	**347,148**	**989,432**	927,887
NET INCOME		**621,566**	-	**621,566**	366,054
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		**2,748,124**	-	**2,748,124**	2,382,070
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**3,369,690**	-	**3,369,690**	2,748,124

The notes form part of these financial statements

ACCRINGTON STANLEY FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY TRUST LIMITED (REGISTERED NUMBER: 07369852)

BALANCE SHEET
30TH JUNE 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	**30.6.23 Total funds £**	30.6.22 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	15	**3,390,178**	-	**3,390,178**	2,244,957
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	16	**76,305**	-	**76,305**	79,080
Cash at bank and in hand		**120,575**	-	**120,575**	625,230
		196,880	-	**196,880**	704,310
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	17	**(137,368)**	-	**(137,368)**	(124,791)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		**59,512**	-	**59,512**	579,519
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		**3,449,690**	-	**3,449,690**	2,824,476
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	18	**(80,000)**	-	**(80,000)**	(76,352)
NET ASSETS		**3,369,690**	-	**3,369,690**	2,748,124
FUNDS	20				
Unrestricted funds				**3,369,690**	2,748,124
TOTAL FUNDS				**3,369,690**	2,748,124

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 13th March 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

Anne Ellwood

A Ellwood - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

ACCRINGTON STANLEY FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY TRUST LIMITED

CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2023

	Notes	30.6.23 £	30.6.22 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	**633,552**	452,635
Net cash provided by operating activities		**633,552**	452,635
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		**(1,238,331)**	(145,625)
Interest received		**124**	148
Net cash used in investing activities		**(1,238,207)**	(145,477)
Cash flows from financing activities			
New loans in year		**100,000**	-
Loan repayments in year		**-**	(28,571)
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities		**100,000**	(28,571)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		**(504,655)**	278,587
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		**625,230**	346,643
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		**120,575**	625,230

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NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2023

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	30.6.23	30.6.22
	£	£
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	**621,566**	366,054
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	**93,111**	78,316
Interest received	**(124)**	(148)
Loan written off in the year	**(104,924)**	-
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	**2,775**	(34,642)
Increase in creditors	**21,148**	43,055
Net cash provided by operations	**633,552**	452,635

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.7.22	Cash flow	At 30.6.23
	£	£	£
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	**625,230**	**(504,655)**	**120,575**
	625,230	**(504,655)**	**120,575**
Debt			
Debts falling due within 1 year	**(28,571)**	**8,571**	**(20,000)**
Debts falling due after 1 year	**(76,352)**	**(3,648)**	**(80,000)**
	(104,923)	**4,923**	**(100,000)**
Total	**520,307**	**(499,732)**	**20,575**

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. STATUTORY INFORMATION

Accrington Stanley Football in the Community Trust Limited is a charitable company, limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales. The charity and company registered numbers and registered office address can be found on the Company Information page.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, 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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Accrington Stanley Football in the Community Trust Limited meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty
Preparation of the financial statements requires management to make significant judgements and estimates. The main area of estimation is in respect of the useful lives of fixed assets. The depreciation rates used can be identified in the fixed asset accounting policy below.

Income
All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Grants receivable, donations and income from charitable activities are accounted for when due. Income is deferred when it is received in advance of the period to which it relates.

Legacies are recognised at the earlier of: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the charitable company that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate.

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

Expenditure
Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under charitable activities and their associated supports.

Tangible fixed assets
Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Short leasehold	- 4% on cost, 2% on cost and Straight line over 10 years
Plant and machinery	- 5% on cost and Straight line over 5 years
Fixtures and fittings	- 15% on reducing balance
Motor vehicles	- 25% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- Straight line over 3 years

Additional building works, such as extensions to existing leasehold property, are only depreciated once completed and brought into use.

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2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

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

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments
Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits
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.

Debtors
Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment.

Creditors
Short term creditors are measured at transaction price.

3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	30.6.23	30.6.22
	£	£
Donations	**1,898**	2,406
Grants	**708,638**	203,093
	710,536	205,499

4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	30.6.23	30.6.22
	£	£
Cafeteria sales	**18,704**	23,932
Sponsorships	**12,800**	12,100
Other	**60**	11,760
	31,564	47,792

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5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	30.6.23	30.6.22
	£	£
Interest receivable	**124**	148

6. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Activity	30.6.23	30.6.22
		£	£
Course income and project grants	Sports engagement and education	**584,721**	776,750
School provision	Sports engagement and education	**42,292**	37,579
Holiday courses	Sports engagement and education	**33,977**	39,918
Stanley Soccer League	Sports engagement and education	**17,546**	22,663
ASCT provision	Sports engagement and education	**31,001**	16,835
Subscriptions	Sports engagement and education	**-**	9,626
Pitch hires	Sports engagement and education	**159,237**	137,131
		868,774	1,040,502

7. RAISING FUNDS

Other trading activities

	30.6.23	30.6.22
	£	£
Cafeteria purchases	**3,731**	10,600

8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs (see note 9)	Support costs (see note 10)	Totals
	£	£	£
Sports engagement and education	**707,177**	**278,524**	**985,701**

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9. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	30.6.23	30.6.22
	£	£
Staff costs	**434,876**	479,465
Hire of plant and machinery	**2,014**	1,531
Rates and water	**1,599**	1,376
Light and heat	**38,636**	10,024
Advertising	**5,933**	4,883
Referees and football consumables	**28,085**	30,736
Residential courses	**5,292**	16,919
Matchday tickets	**-**	685
Bursaries awarded	**8,980**	1,858
Donations	**2,775**	5,084
Staff training	**1,825**	2,001
Motor and travel expenses	**19,477**	14,233
Hire of facilities	**16,852**	22,268
Repairs and renewals	**33,357**	10,302
Bad debts	**-**	330
Pitch maintenance costs	**37,456**	41,643
Sub contractors	**790**	3,600
Subscriptions	**-**	602
Depreciation	**69,230**	64,013
	707,177	711,553

10. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management	Finance	Information technology
	£	£	£
Sports engagement and education	**241,561**	**2,402**	**4,998**

	Other	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£
Sports engagement and education	**10,473**	**19,090**	**278,524**

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10. SUPPORT COSTS - continued

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

	30.6.23 Sports engagement and education	30.6.22 Total activities
	£	£
Wages	**167,489**	**122,597**
Social security	**16,254**	**11,762**
Pensions	**4,748**	**3,514**
Insurance	**7,429**	**6,212**
Telephone	**9,440**	**5,690**
Postage and stationery	**7,045**	**7,474**
Advertising	**5,275**	**5,180**
Depreciation of tangible and heritage assets	**23,881**	**14,303**
Bank charges	**2,402**	**2,215**
Computer costs	**4,998**	**4,454**
Sundries	**10,473**	**7,487**
Auditors' remuneration	**4,200**	**4,200**
Accountancy and legal fees	**14,890**	**10,646**
	278,524	**205,734**

11. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	30.6.23	30.6.22
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	**4,200**	4,200
Depreciation - owned assets	**93,110**	78,316
Hire of plant and machinery	**2,014**	1,531
Accountancy and payroll fees paid to auditor	**6,480**	4,361

12. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30th June 2023 nor for the year ended 30th June 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30th June 2023 nor for the year ended 30th June 2022.

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13. STAFF COSTS

	30.6.23	30.6.22
	£	£
Wages and salaries	**576,617**	576,556
Social security costs	**34,920**	29,962
Other pension costs	**11,830**	10,820
	623,367	617,338

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	30.6.23	30.6.22
Charitable Activities	**36**	40
Management and Administration	**6**	4
	42	44

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

Total employee benefits paid to the charity's key management personnel for the year ended 30th June 2023 was £134,274 (2022: £122,597).

14. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	205,499	-	205,499
Charitable activities			
Sports engagement and education	291,162	749,340	1,040,502
Other trading activities	47,792	-	47,792
Investment income	148	-	148
Total	544,601	749,340	1,293,941
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	10,600	-	10,600
Charitable activities			
Sports engagement and education	158,847	758,440	917,287
Total	169,447	758,440	927,887
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	375,154	(9,100)	366,054
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	2,372,970	9,100	2,382,070

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14. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	2,748,124	-	2,748,124

15. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Short leasehold £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £
COST			
At 1st July 2022	**2,332,260**	**20,564**	**32,011**
Additions	**991,223**	**175,410**	**68,050**
At 30th June 2023	**3,323,483**	**195,974**	**100,061**
DEPRECIATION			
At 1st July 2022	**144,293**	**3,865**	**5,751**
Charge for year	**69,230**	**10,495**	**6,205**
At 30th June 2023	**213,523**	**14,360**	**11,956**
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 30th June 2023	**3,109,960**	**181,614**	**88,105**
At 30th June 2022	2,187,967	16,699	26,260

	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 1st July 2022	**31,555**	**33,189**	**2,449,579**
Additions	**-**	**3,648**	**1,238,331**
At 30th June 2023	**31,555**	**36,837**	**3,687,910**
DEPRECIATION			
At 1st July 2022	**22,633**	**28,080**	**204,622**
Charge for year	**2,231**	**4,949**	**93,110**
At 30th June 2023	**24,864**	**33,029**	**297,732**
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 30th June 2023	**6,691**	**3,808**	**3,390,178**
At 30th June 2022	8,922	5,109	2,244,957

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16. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	30.6.23	30.6.22
	£	£
Trade debtors	**68,204**	59,087
Other debtors	**-**	14,850
Prepayments and accrued income	**8,101**	5,143
	76,305	79,080

17. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	30.6.23	30.6.22
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 19)	**20,000**	-
Other loans (see note 19)	**-**	28,571
Trade creditors	**67,388**	77,174
Social security and other taxes	**2,416**	4,073
Other creditors	**-**	5,935
Accruals and deferred income	**47,564**	9,038
	137,368	124,791

18. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	30.6.23	30.6.22
	£	£
Bank loans (see note 19)	**80,000**	-
Other loans (see note 19)	**-**	76,352
	80,000	76,352

19. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	30.6.23	30.6.22
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank loans	**20,000**	-
Other loans	**-**	28,571
	20,000	28,571
Amounts falling between one and two years:		
Bank loans	**20,000**	-
Other loans	**-**	28,572
	20,000	28,572

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19. LOANS - continued

	30.6.23	30.6.22
	£	£
Amounts falling due between two and five years:		
Bank loans	**60,000**	-
Other loans	**-**	47,780
	60,000	47,780

During a previous year the charity received an unsecured and interest free loan of £200,000 from the Wham Foundation. The loan was repayable by instalments over 7 years, which commenced in the year ended 30th June 2020. During the year, an amount of £102,542 (2022: £nil) was written off this loan and credited to the Statement of Financial Activities as a donation. The amount outstanding at 30th June 2023 was £nil (2022: £104,923).

20. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.7.22	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 30.6.23
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	**608,090**	**656,417**	**(1,284,995)**	**(20,488)**
Funds held as fixed assets	**2,140,034**	**(34,851)**	**1,284,995**	**3,390,178**
	2,748,124	**621,566**	**-**	**3,369,690**
TOTAL FUNDS	**2,748,124**	**621,566**	**-**	**3,369,690**

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20. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	**1,026,277**	**(369,860)**	**656,417**
Funds held as fixed assets	**-**	**(34,851)**	**(34,851)**
Street Games UK	**3,500**	**(3,500)**	**-**
Active Lancashire	**1,193**	**(1,193)**	**-**
Football College	**222,880**	**(222,880)**	**-**
Cotton Ind Mem T.	**10,000**	**(10,000)**	**-**
	1,263,850	**(642,284)**	**621,566**
Restricted funds			
NCS Funding	**61,447**	**(61,447)**	**-**
Premier League Primary Stars	**65,000**	**(65,000)**	**-**
Premier League Kicks	**49,500**	**(49,500)**	**-**
English Football League Trust	**12,810**	**(12,810)**	**-**
The Football Stadia Improvement/Fans Fund	**7,936**	**(7,936)**	**-**
Y Not Aspire	**150**	**(150)**	**-**
University of South Wales	**39,958**	**(39,958)**	**-**
Holiday activty fund	**20,730**	**(20,730)**	**-**
Accrington Stanley Community Trust Education Agreement	**1,000**	**(1,000)**	**-**
BHF Blood Pressure	**4,500**	**(4,500)**	**-**
Violence Reduction Network	**60,302**	**(60,302)**	**-**
Workers Education Association	**23,815**	**(23,815)**	**-**
	347,148	**(347,148)**	**-**
TOTAL FUNDS	**1,610,998**	**(989,432)**	**621,566**

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20. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.7.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 30.6.22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	328,292	453,994	(174,196)	608,090
Accrington Stanley Community Trust Girls & Ladies FC	524	(524)	-	-
Funds held as fixed assets	2,044,154	(78,316)	174,196	2,140,034
	2,372,970	375,154	-	2,748,124
Restricted funds				
The Football Stadia Improvement/Fans Fund	9,100	(9,100)	-	-
TOTAL FUNDS	2,382,070	366,054	-	2,748,124

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20. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	517,191	(63,197)	453,994
Accrington Stanley Community Trust Girls & Ladies FC	-	(524)	(524)
Funds held as fixed assets	-	(78,316)	(78,316)
Street Games UK	1,500	(1,500)	-
Active Lancashire	1,160	(1,160)	-
Y Not Aspire	750	(750)	-
Postcode Neighbour	24,000	(24,000)	-
	544,601	(169,447)	375,154
Restricted funds			
NCS Funding	248,660	(248,660)	-
Football Education Programme	167,183	(167,183)	-
Premier League Primary Stars	40,000	(40,000)	-
Premier League Kicks	43,752	(43,752)	-
Lottery Community Fund	9,370	(9,370)	-
English Football League Trust	14,453	(14,453)	-
The Football Stadia Improvement/Fans Fund	24,099	(33,199)	(9,100)
Operation Divert	66,720	(66,720)	-
European Social Fund Grants	4,680	(4,680)	-
University of South Wales	70,500	(70,500)	-
European Healthy Stadia Network	2,850	(2,850)	-
The Football Association	3,000	(3,000)	-
SSCL national offender management service	9,950	(9,950)	-
Holiday activty fund	19,804	(19,804)	-
UEFA pitch improvment	7,066	(7,066)	-
Accrington Stanley Community Trust Education Agreement	4,000	(4,000)	-
BHF Blood Pressure	2,250	(2,250)	-
Disability Football Provison	1,000	(1,000)	-
FFAB Project	1,500	(1,500)	-
Kids Cup	1,890	(1,890)	-
National Literacy Fund	833	(833)	-
Veterans Foundation Grants	5,780	(5,780)	-
	749,340	(758,440)	(9,100)
TOTAL FUNDS	1,293,941	(927,887)	366,054

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20. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.7.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 30.6.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	328,292	1,110,411	(1,459,191)	(20,488)
Accrington Stanley Community Trust Girls & Ladies FC	524	(524)	-	-
Funds held as fixed assets	2,044,154	(113,167)	1,459,191	3,390,178
	2,372,970	996,720	-	3,369,690
Restricted funds				
The Football Stadia Improvement/Fans Fund	9,100	(9,100)	-	-
TOTAL FUNDS	2,382,070	987,620	-	3,369,690

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20. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,543,468	(433,057)	1,110,411
Accrington Stanley Community Trust Girls & Ladies FC	-	(524)	(524)
Funds held as fixed assets	-	(113,167)	(113,167)
Street Games UK	5,000	(5,000)	-
Active Lancashire	2,353	(2,353)	-
Y Not Aspire	750	(750)	-
Postcode Neighbour	24,000	(24,000)	-
Football College	222,880	(222,880)	-
Cotton Ind Mem T.	10,000	(10,000)	-
	1,808,451	(811,731)	996,720
Restricted funds			
NCS Funding	310,107	(310,107)	-
Football Education Programme	167,183	(167,183)	-
Premier League Primary Stars	105,000	(105,000)	-
Premier League Kicks	93,252	(93,252)	-
Lottery Community Fund	9,370	(9,370)	-
English Football League Trust	27,263	(27,263)	-
The Football Stadia Improvement/Fans Fund	32,035	(41,135)	(9,100)
Y Not Aspire	150	(150)	-
Operation Divert	66,720	(66,720)	-
European Social Fund Grants	4,680	(4,680)	-
University of South Wales	110,458	(110,458)	-
European Healthy Stadia Network	2,850	(2,850)	-
The Football Association	3,000	(3,000)	-
Holiday activty fund	40,534	(40,534)	-
UEFA pitch improvment	7,066	(7,066)	-
Accrington Stanley Community Trust Education Agreement	5,000	(5,000)	-
BHF Blood Pressure	6,750	(6,750)	-
Disability Football Provison	1,000	(1,000)	-
FFAB Project	1,500	(1,500)	-
Kids Cup	1,890	(1,890)	-
National Literacy Fund	833	(833)	-
Veterans Foundation Grants	5,780	(5,780)	-
Violence Reduction Network	60,302	(60,302)	-
Workers Education Association	23,815	(23,815)	-
	1,086,538	(1,095,638)	(9,100)
TOTAL FUNDS	2,904,939	(1,917,319)	987,620

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20. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Transfers between funds

Transfers are all to the designated fixed assets fund representing assets purchased from general funds.

21. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The charity received grant funding of £1m from the Football Foundation to construct the Stanley Sports Hub from which the charity operates. A charge is registered in favour of the Football Foundation over the Stanley Sports Hub in case conditions attached to the grant are breached. The charge is to last for a period of 21 years, expiring on the 5th of May 2041. The carrying amount of the asset secured at 30th June 2023 is £3,109,960 (2022: £2,187,967). There have been no breaches to date and the trustees do not foresee that any such breach will occur.

22. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

	30.6.23	30.6.22
	£	£
Contracted but not provided for in the financial statements	-	853,522

During the prior year, the charity entered into an agreement to extend their current facilities at Thorneyholme Road and contracted to construction work amounting to £853,522, with the construction work not commencing until September 2022. There was no such commitment at the end of the current financial year.

23. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 30th June 2023.

ACCRINGTON STANLEY FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY TRUST LIMITED

England & Wales - Charity number 1139575

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 07369852 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1139575

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2022

FOR

ACCRINGTON STANLEY FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY TRUST LIMITED

Ainsworths Limited
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ACCRINGTON STANLEY FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY TRUST LIMITED

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2022

TRUSTEES	D Burgess A Ellwood P Ali J D McGregor T D O'Neill R E Houseman (appointed 11.5.2022) D W Keeley (deceased 10.4.2022) K J Moss (resigned 11.1.2022) P J Leatham D C Ellwood (appointed 20.10.2021) C A Knagg (appointed 6.7.2022)
REGISTERED OFFICE	Stanley Sports Hub Thorneyholme Road Accrington Lancashire BB5 6BD
REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER	07369852 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER	1139575
AUDITORS	Ainsworths Limited Charter House Stansfield Street Nelson Lancashire BB9 9XY
BANKERS	Yorkshire Bank Plc 40 Church Street BLACKBURN Lancashire BB1 5AW

Day to day management of the charity is delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, M Fearon.

The charity also operates under the shortened name of "Accrington Stanley Community Trust".

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30th June 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The Memorandum of Association states that the charity's objects are to benefit the public and, in particular, the inhabitants of Accrington and the surrounding areas by:

1. Promoting community participation in healthy recreation in particular by the provision of facilities for the playing of association football and other sports capable of improving health ("facilities" in this clause means land, buildings, equipment and organising sporting activities);

2. Advancing the physical education of young people in Lancashire by coaching in and providing facilities for the game of football and other sporting activities so as to develop their physical, mental and spiritual capabilities to enable them to grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society;

3. Advancing and assisting in advancing the education of the general public, with a particular focus on that of children and young people attending schools in the Lancashire area by the provision at venues selected or approved by the charity of meetings, lectures, classes and activities for the benefit of such children and young people and by the provision of educational materials for distribution to such children and young people;

4. Providing and assisting in providing facilities for the game of football and other sporting activities, recreation or other leisure time occupation of such persons who have need for such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, poverty or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving their conditions of life;

5. Advancing racial and religious harmony and equality and diversity among children and young people by arranging activities (including activities connected with the game of football and other sporting activities) to encourage shared experiences and interests without reference to race, religion, belief, sex, disability, nationality, ethnic or national origin or social background; and

6. Advancing the education of children and young people through such means as the trustees shall think fit in accordance with charity law.

The charity's principal activity is the promotion of Sports Engagement and Education by using football as a vehicle for change, this is achieved through a number of sports based programmes delivered during the year.

Public benefit

In setting out the charity's objectives and planning of activities the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance and section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011. The trustees are confident that the charity offers services of real and practical use to the local population and therefore complies with the responsibility placed on all charities under the Charities Act 2011 to demonstrate a public benefit.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The charity continues to deliver a range of projects in our key areas of Sport Participation, Community Engagement, Health and Education. Over 30 different projects are now delivered including some new ones added over the year. The charity engaged with 13,306 local people over the course of 2021/22. Adaptations to current projects were put in place as well as a host of new initiatives to support our community during the final parts of the covid-19 pandemic before all restrictions were lifted.

Sports Participation

Our Sports Development team focus on engaging with the community in order to raise the number of those engaging and participating in physical exercise. 2021/22 has seen partnerships strengthen with local schools, as we adapted our delivery to support them through the pandemic and beyond. The charity continues to expand delivery in this area and covers the boroughs of Hyndburn, Ribble Valley and Rossendale.

2021/22 was also the final year of the 3-year cycle of the Premier League Primary Stars programme, which provides fantastic provision in our local schools, offering a number of high-quality sessions over the year. The programme has since been funded until at least June 2023 by the Premier League.

The match day provision at Accrington Stanley Football Club resumed following the announcement that fans were now able to go back and watch football matches, after having a full season of behind closed doors fixtures due to the covid-19 pandemic. Over 40 grassroots teams enjoyed match day experiences.

The Football Development Centres has seen over 100 unique participants in the last 12 months.

Our adult 7-aside league which sits under the banner of the 'Stanley Soccer League' sees us engage with over 400 adults on a weekly basis. Over 7,500 7-a-side football interactions with adults in 2021/22 through this project alone with 5,000 7-a-side fixtures taking place.

The Holiday Courses include more activities and multiple booking options to ensure participation is fun, accessible and affordable for all. 400+ unique participants have taken part in holiday courses during 2021/22. The Holiday Activity Fund (HAF) continued to provide children with free holiday provision and a nutritious meal each day during the holidays was launched on the back of the Marcus Rashford campaign for free school meals in the holidays. This was very well received and we delivered at numerous locations across Hyndburn.

The Stanley Kickers sessions for 2-4 year olds has seen around 100 participants take their first steps into football.

Community Engagement

The community engagement department has delivered an increased disability programme during 2021/22 following the easing of the Covid-19 restrictions which meant lots of our participants had to shield because of their health conditions.

The National Citizen Service (NCS) programme is hugely beneficial to the community of Hyndburn and surrounding areas. This project is now a major part of the organisations work. In 2021/22, 144 participants took part in NCS with the Charity.

2021/22 was also the final year of the 3-year cycle of the Premier League Kicks. Over 400 people have participated in 2021/22 and the programme has been funded until at least June 2023 by the Premier League.

Operation Divert continues to go from strength to strength since it was launched in 2020/21, working in partnership with Lancashire Constabulary to tackle re-offending and integration back into the community from those who find themselves on probation. We are one of 7 Lancashire Football Club Community Trust's that are now providing this unique peer mentored support package to residents of our area, focused on strategies that mitigate the risk of re-offending after release from prison and working with people who have just moved to the country. Our project mentors begin by making an assessment of the participant needs, steering them towards other projects and opportunities that will benefit them. We provide them with a vital support network as they begin to re-establish their place in the community.

We launched a new Veterans project in 2021/22 which sees us engage with local people who served in the armed forces. A mixture of coffee mornings, gatherings and sports sessions has been delivered with aims to increase engagement in future years.

Health
2021/22 has seen numerous health awareness campaigns with the charity linking in with various other organisations to support their work. A key area was our support of the Hyndburn Hub Covid-19 response.

The Walking Football project for over 50's also resumed following disruptions due to the pandemic. In 2021/22 we have had over 40 unique participants, as many returned who were forced to shield due to their age or health conditions.

Funding was once again secured in 2021/22 to continue a health project called Joy of Moving. A school-based educational programme for children aged 9-10 years old. It aims to encourage physical activity, promote nutritional education and build awareness of the importance of a healthy diet and active lifestyle. In 2021/22 over 900 children took part in the 6-week programme which was adapted to fit in with government restrictions.

All of the above has allowed the charity to raise its profile within this field and reach out to those specialist partners across the community. Our aim is to develop this area further in the coming years.

Education
2021/22 has been another successful year for the education department, continuing to establish itself as one of the charities flagship areas.

The Work Experience with the local high schools and colleges offer a great insight into the sports industry for pupils.

The Football Education programme has 49 students that will gain an NCFE Level Two or BTEC Level Three Extended/Diploma in Sport as well as compete in the 11-a-side CEFA League for two to three years. Since starting in 2010 this project has now seen over 100 student's progress to various universities directly after completing this course. The Charity also entered into the third year of delivery of a Foundation Degree, in partnership with the University of South Wales. 14 students enrolled in September 2021 and the third year of the project was a huge success. Our education programmes were impacted by Covid-19 and we had to go to online learning for a small part of the year.

We delivered a series of targeted interventions for local Primary schools in 2021/22. These aim to support small groups of pupils and enhance their learning across the curriculum. Our 'Talk a Good Game' PSHE workshops focus on effective communication and encourage children to practice the different styles of communication. The project is part of our ever-growing Premier League Primary Stars provision. After consultation with a group of local primary schools we identified a need for local children to think more about the way they communicate, particularly those children who are soon to join high school. The sessions can be adapted for years 3-6 and use football, Accrington Stanley and friendly competitions to engage children in the topic. We use a mixture of self-reflection, paired work and full group activities to highlight key areas such as listening, clarity and body language.

Achievements and Performance
This financial year has seen the versatility of charity's activities put to the test as we navigated through the Covid-19 pandemic which impacted our face-to-face delivery. During the year, the charity engaged with over 13,000 individuals, including 3,000 coming from local primary schools. 1,400 free Accrington Stanley shirts were given away to all Year 3 children in Hyndburn. The charity delivers over 30 community projects in Hyndburn and the surrounding areas.

The opening of the new £2m Stanley Sports Hub facility in March 2020 is the biggest achievement of the Charity to date and we had to manage a difficult year of stop start provision on site due to the pandemic. The Stanley Sports Hub has become a thriving community facility that Accrington can be proud of for many years to come. We are now averaging around 150,000 visits per year now all restrictions are removed as well as providing numerous job opportunities for people in the local area with vacancies such as receptionists, caterers, coordinators and other key roles.

A new 3-year strategy was launched on 1st July 2019, and we entered the final year of it in 2021/22. Our strategy has been developed through detailed consultation both internally and externally with local, regional and national organisations and policies. We have collated feedback from key stakeholders, participants, parents and our workforce using several methods such as surveys, meetings and strategy focus groups. The strong foundations that were first established in 2010 when Accrington Stanley Community Trust were formed has enabled us to identify key areas to focus on in order to make a difference to our community. This Strategy comes at a key time in our development and provides a platform for positive change and modernisation going forward. It builds on some significant achievements to date and on the good progress already made against our initial objectives.

Strategic Aims

1 Deliver a High-Quality Service

Our strategic objectives:

- Ensure all participants receive a positive, enjoyable and safe experience.
- Develop and deliver a quality assurance framework across all programmes and invest in workforce development.
- Measure impact through different techniques and publicise an impact report annually to all stakeholders.

2 Govern and Lead Effectively

Our strategic objectives:

- Ensure financial sustainability.
- Ensure there is an appropriate governance and leadership structure to support the strategy and deliver the charitable aims and objectives.
- Ensure compliance with relevant legislation and regulation.

3 Improve Inclusion, Health and Wellbeing, Sport Participation and Education

Our strategic objectives:

- Provide a variety of inclusive projects that deliver positive change to disadvantaged and disabled people in Hyndburn.
- Build strong relationships with other organisations to make a positive impact on health, well-being and inclusion in our community.
- Instil aspects of health, well-being and inclusion into the culture of the organisation to create a lasting legacy.
- Increase Sport Participation rates in Hyndburn.
- Provide high quality education and expand current provision.

4 Create a Community Sports Hub Facility

Our strategic objectives:

- Work with key stakeholders to design, develop and create a community sports hub facility in Hyndburn.
- Provide a core base for the charity to use as its headquarters to deliver our charitable aims and objectives.
- Create a sustainable state of the art sports and education facility for the local community, grassroots clubs and voluntary sector organisations.

At the year end, the charity employed over 20 members of staff and has further established a strong team of skilled individuals to develop the work of the charity further.

Facilities

The Charity finally opened the new multi-million-pound community sports hub in March 2020, which is now the home of the Charity and a base for its projects.

The aims of the sports hub are to increase participation in sport, improve health and exercise levels and provide more opportunities for disabled people to access vital sport and education activities. The Sports Hub hosts many projects that develop skills for people out of work, create new job opportunities, inspire people to become volunteers for local sports organisations, sports clubs and charities, and provide a pathway for gifted and talented young people into elite sport.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The trustees are pleased to report that the charity has generated net income of £366,054 in the year to the 30th of June 2022, being similar to the net income recognised in the prior year (£365,839).

Income from charitable activities has increased significantly to £1,040,502 (2021: £654,008), mainly due to additional funding received for running the NCS and football education programmes and also due to an increase in revenue from the operation of the Stanley Sports Hub.

Expenditure has also increased, and by a similar amount, as a consequence of the increased service delivery above.

The surplus arising on charitable activities only is £123,215 (2021: £84,380). The extra net income is largely generated from donations and grants awarded to the charity. This net income is being re-invested to extend the Stanley Sports Hub to enable further charitable activities to be delivered.

The free reserves of the charity (excluding amounts held as fixed assets) have increased from £195,322 to £503,167. This is equivalent to approximately 6.5 months of operating expenditure, which the trustees are satisfied with.

As at the year end, the total funds of the charity stand at £2,748,124 (2021: £2,382,070), the majority of which is invested in the Sports Hub facility to ensure the sustainability and continuity of the charity for many years to come.

Reserves policy

The objective of having unrestricted funds in reserve, is to enable the charity to cope with unplanned events. Very often, the effects of an unplanned event can be managed in the long-term, but the charity needs reserves in the meantime.

The trustee directors' have set an overall target level for free reserves based on 12 months' net operating costs. This is over and above those reserves represented by fixed assets on the balance sheet.

The directors acknowledge that the level of reserves changes during the year and could either be a good indicator of the underlying financial health of the charity; or could be an indicator of potential problems.

The directors must monitor and review the level of reserves annually, in line with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission; however, the level of reserves is monitored throughout the year as part of the normal monitoring and budgetary reporting processes.

The current level of unrestricted, free reserves is sufficient at approximately 6.5 months of operating expenditure. We aim to continue building reserves closer towards a level that is equivalent to 12 months of expenditure, to provide stability within the charity and reduce any risk of closure due to insufficient funding.

FUTURE PLANS

2021/22 is the final year of the charities new three-year business plan which is reviewed and updated annually, in order to achieve its objectives. The charity plans to continue the activities outlined above in the forthcoming years subject to funding arrangements. The education programme will aim to expand to over 50 full time students as well as the further development of the new foundation degree.

The Stanley Sports Hub facility will be a key area of growth for the Charity, establishing a base to expand current provision as well as providing a top-class sports facility for the community of Hyndburn. Plans were created for a further £1m building extension and £250,000 investment in the grass pitches. These are set to be completed in 2023.

The Charity also plans to deliver new projects as it continues to grow year on year.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association, last updated on the 18th of April 2017, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

New trustees are recruited and appointed by existing trustees to ensure the board maintains an appropriate spread of knowledge and skills to enable them to deliver the charity's aims and objectives.

New trustees are typically already aware of the charity and are introduced further by the board and the employees of the charity.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Accrington Stanley Football in the Community Trust Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- 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.

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.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

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

AUDITORS

The auditors, Ainsworths Limited, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 15th March 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Anne Ellwood

A Ellwood - Trustee

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF ACCRINGTON STANLEY FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY TRUST LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Accrington Stanley Football in the Community Trust Limited (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 30th June 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, 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 (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 30th June 2022 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 UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

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.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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 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.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the 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 take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Report of the Trustees.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, 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.

Our 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 a Report of the Independent Auditors 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.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Identifying and assessing potential risks related to irregularities

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, we considered the following:

- the nature of the industry and sector, control environment and business performance including the key drivers for directors' remuneration and dividend levels;
- results of our enquiries of management about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities;
- any matters we identified having made enquiries of management about their policies and procedures relating to:
  - > identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations and whether they were aware of any instances of noncompliance;
  - > detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
  - > the internal controls established to mitigate risks of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- the matters discussed among the audit engagement team regarding how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud.

As a result of these procedures, we considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud. In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override.

We also obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that the company operates in, focusing on provisions of those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context included the UK Companies Act and local tax legislation.

In addition, we considered provisions of other laws and regulations that do not have a direct effect on the financial statements, but compliance with which may be fundamental to the company's ability to operate.

Audit response to risks identified

As a result of performing the above our procedures to respond to the risks identified included the following:

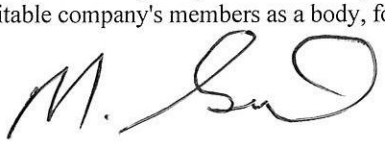
- reviewing the financial statements disclosure and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with provisions of relevant laws and regulations described as having a direct effect on the financial statements;
- enquiring of management about actual and potential litigation and claims;
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risk of material misstatement due to fraud;
- obtained an understanding of provisions and held discussions with management to understand the basis of recognition or non-recognition of tax provisions; and
- in addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessing whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluating the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the further removed the non-compliance with laws and regulations is from events and transactions reflected in the financial statements the less likely we would become aware of it. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

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 Report of the Independent Auditors.

Other matter
Comparative information in the financial statements is derived from the company's prior period financial statements which were not audited.

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 the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Mark Sunter (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Ainsworths Limited
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15th March 2023

ACCRINGTON STANLEY FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY TRUST LIMITED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	**30.6.22 Total funds £**	30.6.21 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	3	**205,499**	-	**205,499**	260,198
Charitable activities	6				
Sports engagement and education		**291,162**	**749,340**	**1,040,502**	654,008
Other trading activities	4	**47,792**	-	**47,792**	24,569
Investment income	5	**148**	-	**148**	-
Total		**544,601**	**749,340**	**1,293,941**	938,775
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	7	**10,600**	-	**10,600**	3,308
Charitable activities	8				
Sports engagement and education		**158,847**	**758,440**	**917,287**	569,628
Total		**169,447**	**758,440**	**927,887**	572,936
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		**375,154**	**(9,100)**	**366,054**	365,839
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		**2,372,970**	**9,100**	**2,382,070**	2,016,231
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		2,748,124	-	2,748,124	2,382,070

The notes form part of these financial statements

ACCRINGTON STANLEY FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY TRUST LIMITED (REGISTERED NUMBER: 07369852)

BALANCE SHEET
30TH JUNE 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	**30.6.22 Total funds £**	30.6.21 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	15	**2,244,957**	-	**2,244,957**	2,177,648
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	16	**79,080**	-	**79,080**	44,438
Cash at bank and in hand		**625,230**	-	**625,230**	346,643
		704,310	-	**704,310**	391,081
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	17	**(124,791)**	-	**(124,791)**	(81,736)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		**579,519**	-	**579,519**	309,345
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		**2,824,476**	-	**2,824,476**	2,486,993
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	18	**(76,352)**	-	**(76,352)**	(104,923)
NET ASSETS		**2,748,124**	-	**2,748,124**	2,382,070
FUNDS	20				
Unrestricted funds				**2,748,124**	2,372,970
Restricted funds				-	9,100
TOTAL FUNDS				**2,748,124**	2,382,070

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 15th March 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

Anne Ellwood

A Ellwood - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

ACCRINGTON STANLEY FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY TRUST LIMITED

CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2022

	Notes	30.6.22 £	30.6.21 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	**452,635**	403,531
Interest paid		**-**	(1,881)
Net cash provided by operating activities		**452,635**	401,650
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		**(145,625)**	(155,814)
Interest received		**148**	-
Net cash used in investing activities		**(145,477)**	(155,814)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Loan repayments in year		**(28,571)**	(77,098)
Net cash used in financing activities		**(28,571)**	(77,098)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		**278,587**	168,738
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		**346,643**	177,905
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		**625,230**	346,643

The notes form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2022

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	30.6.22	30.6.21
	£	£
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	**366,054**	365,839
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	**78,316**	65,925
Interest received	**(148)**	-
Interest paid	**-**	1,881
Amounts written off against loans	**-**	(26,029)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	**(34,642)**	21,805
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	**43,055**	(25,890)
Net cash provided by operations	**452,635**	403,531

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.7.21	Cash flow	At 30.6.22
	£	£	£
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	**346,643**	**278,587**	**625,230**
	346,643	**278,587**	**625,230**
Debt			
Debts falling due within 1 year	**(28,571)**	**-**	**(28,571)**
Debts falling due after 1 year	**(104,923)**	**28,571**	**(76,352)**
	(133,494)	**28,571**	**(104,923)**
Total	**213,149**	**307,158**	**520,307**

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. STATUTORY INFORMATION

Accrington Stanley Football in the Community Trust Limited is a charitable company, limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales. The charity and company registered numbers and registered office address can be found on the Company Information page.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, 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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Accrington Stanley Football in the Community Trust Limited meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty
Preparation of the financial statements requires management to make significant judgements and estimates. The main area of estimation is in respect of the useful lives of fixed assets. The depreciation rates used can be identified in the fixed asset accounting policy below.

Income
All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Grants receivable, donations and income from charitable activities are accounted for when due. Income is deferred when it is received in advance of the period to which it relates.

Legacies are recognised at the earlier of: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the charitable company that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate.

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

Expenditure
Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under charitable activities and their associated supports.

Tangible fixed assets
Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Short leasehold	- 2% on cost and Straight line over 10 years
Plant and machinery	- Straight line over 5 years
Fixtures and fittings	- 15% on reducing balance
Motor vehicles	- 25% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- Straight line over 3 years

Additional building works, such as extensions to existing leasehold property, are only depreciated once completed and brought into use.

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2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

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

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments
Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits
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.

Debtors
Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment.

Creditors
Short term creditors are measured at transaction price.

3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	30.6.22	30.6.21
	£	£
Donations	**2,406**	27,042
Grants	**203,093**	233,156
	205,499	260,198

4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	30.6.22	30.6.21
	£	£
Cafeteria sales	**23,932**	8,077
Sponsorships	**12,100**	15,802
Other	**11,760**	690
	47,792	24,569

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5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	30.6.22	30.6.21
	£	£
Interest receivable	**148**	-

6. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Activity	30.6.22	30.6.21
		£	£
Course income and project grants	Sports engagement and education	**776,750**	528,475
School provision	Sports engagement and education	**37,579**	17,358
Holiday courses	Sports engagement and education	**39,918**	9,224
Stanley Soccer League	Sports engagement and education	**22,663**	12,971
ASCT provision	Sports engagement and education	**16,835**	9,528
Subscriptions	Sports engagement and education	**9,626**	9,560
Pitch hires	Sports engagement and education	**137,131**	66,892
		1,040,502	654,008

7. RAISING FUNDS

Other trading activities

	30.6.22	30.6.21
	£	£
Cafeteria purchases	**10,600**	3,308

8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs (see note 9)	Support costs (see note 10)	Totals
	£	£	£
Sports engagement and education	**711,553**	**205,734**	**917,287**

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9. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	30.6.22	30.6.21
	£	£
Staff costs	**479,465**	263,030
Hire of plant and machinery	**1,531**	1,138
Rates and water	**1,376**	1,630
Light and heat	**10,024**	9,208
Advertising	**4,883**	3,094
Referees and football consumables	**30,736**	23,437
Residential courses	**16,919**	3,492
Matchday tickets	**685**	-
Bursaries awarded	**1,858**	4,230
Donations	**5,084**	220
Staff training	**2,001**	1,658
Motor and travel expenses	**14,233**	5,110
Hire of facilities	**22,268**	8,440
Repairs and renewals	**10,302**	7,505
Bad debts	**330**	-
Pitch maintenance costs	**41,643**	10,482
Sub contractors	**3,600**	-
Subscriptions	**602**	-
Depreciation	**64,013**	52,879
Interest payable and similar charges	-	1,881
	711,553	397,434

10. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management	Finance	Information technology
	£	£	£
Sports engagement and education	**176,732**	**2,215**	**4,454**

	Other	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£
Sports engagement and education	**7,487**	**14,846**	**205,734**

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10. SUPPORT COSTS - continued

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

	30.6.22 Sports engagement and education £	30.6.21 Total activities £
Wages	122,597	99,964
Social security	11,762	9,926
Pensions	3,514	3,105
Insurance	6,212	5,762
Telephone	5,690	5,338
Postage and stationery	7,474	2,023
Advertising	5,180	6,200
Depreciation of tangible and heritage assets	14,303	13,046
Bank charges	2,215	1,568
Computer costs	4,454	3,187
Sundries	7,487	10,373
Auditors' remuneration	4,200	-
Accountancy and legal fees	10,646	11,702
	205,734	172,194

11. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	30.6.22 £	30.6.21 £
Auditors' remuneration	4,200	-
Depreciation - owned assets	78,316	65,925
Hire of plant and machinery	1,531	1,138
Independent examination fee	-	360
Accountancy, bookkeeping and payroll fees paid to independent examiner	-	4,494
Accountancy, bookkeeping and payroll fees paid to auditor	4,361	-

12. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30th June 2022 nor for the year ended 30th June 2021.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30th June 2022 nor for the year ended 30th June 2021.

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13. STAFF COSTS

	30.6.22	30.6.21
	£	£
Wages and salaries	576,556	348,516
Social security costs	29,962	19,478
Other pension costs	10,820	8,031
	617,338	376,025

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	30.6.22	30.6.21
Charitable Activities	40	24
Management and Administration	4	4
	44	28

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

Total employee benefits paid to the charity's key management personnel for the year ended 30th June 2022 was £122,597 (2021: £99,223).

14. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	260,198	-	260,198
Charitable activities			
Sports engagement and education	210,795	443,213	654,008
Other trading activities	24,569	-	24,569
Total	495,562	443,213	938,775
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	3,308	-	3,308
Charitable activities			
Sports engagement and education	135,515	434,113	569,628
Total	138,823	434,113	572,936
NET INCOME	356,739	9,100	365,839
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	2,016,231	-	2,016,231

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14. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	2,372,970	9,100	2,382,070

15. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Short leasehold £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £
COST			
At 1st July 2021	**2,217,193**	**6,366**	**17,891**
Additions	**115,067**	**14,198**	**14,120**
At 30th June 2022	**2,332,260**	**20,564**	**32,011**
DEPRECIATION			
At 1st July 2021	**80,280**	**1,325**	**3,195**
Charge for year	**64,013**	**2,540**	**2,556**
At 30th June 2022	**144,293**	**3,865**	**5,751**
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 30th June 2022	**2,187,967**	**16,699**	**26,260**
At 30th June 2021	2,136,913	5,041	14,696

	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 1st July 2021	**31,555**	**30,949**	**2,303,954**
Additions	**-**	**2,240**	**145,625**
At 30th June 2022	**31,555**	**33,189**	**2,449,579**
DEPRECIATION			
At 1st July 2021	**19,657**	**21,849**	**126,306**
Charge for year	**2,976**	**6,231**	**78,316**
At 30th June 2022	**22,633**	**28,080**	**204,622**
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 30th June 2022	**8,922**	**5,109**	**2,244,957**
At 30th June 2021	11,898	9,100	2,177,648

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16. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	30.6.22	30.6.21
	£	£
Trade debtors	59,087	23,213
Other debtors	14,850	11,646
Prepayments and accrued income	5,143	9,579
	79,080	44,438

17. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	30.6.22	30.6.21
	£	£
Other loans (see note 19)	28,571	28,571
Trade creditors	77,174	5,628
Social security and other taxes	4,073	1,731
Other creditors	5,935	-
Accrued expenses	9,038	45,806
	124,791	81,736

18. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	30.6.22	30.6.21
	£	£
Other loans (see note 19)	76,352	104,923

19. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	30.6.22	30.6.21
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Other loans	28,571	28,571
Amounts falling between one and two years:		
Other loans	28,572	28,572
Amounts falling due between two and five years:		
Other loans	47,780	76,351

During a previous year the charity received an unsecured and interest free loan of £200,000 from the Wham Foundation. The loan is repayable by instalments over 7 years, which commenced in the year ended 30th June 2020. During the year, an amount of £nil (2021: £26,029) was written off this loan and credited to the Statement of Financial Activities as a donation. The amount outstanding at 30th June 2022 was £104,923 (2021: £133,494).

Subsequent to the year end on the 1st of July 2022, the balance on this loan on that date of £102,542 was written off by the lender and has been credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in the year ended 30th June 2023.

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20. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.7.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 30.6.22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	**328,292**	**453,994**	**(174,196)**	**608,090**
Accrington Stanley Community Trust Girls & Ladies FC	**524**	**(524)**	-	-
Funds held as fixed assets	**2,044,154**	**(78,316)**	**174,196**	**2,140,034**
	2,372,970	**375,154**	-	**2,748,124**
Restricted funds				
The Football Stadia Improvement/Fans Fund	**9,100**	**(9,100)**	-	-
TOTAL FUNDS	**2,382,070**	**366,054**	-	**2,748,124**

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20. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	517,191	(63,197)	453,994
Accrington Stanley Community Trust Girls & Ladies FC	-	(524)	(524)
Funds held as fixed assets	-	(78,316)	(78,316)
Street Games UK	1,500	(1,500)	-
Active Lancashire	1,160	(1,160)	-
Y Not Aspire	750	(750)	-
Postcode Neighbour	24,000	(24,000)	-
	544,601	(169,447)	375,154
Restricted funds			
NCS Funding	248,660	(248,660)	-
Football Education Programme	167,183	(167,183)	-
Premier League Primary Stars	40,000	(40,000)	-
Premier League Kicks	43,752	(43,752)	-
Lottery Community Fund	9,370	(9,370)	-
English Football League Trust	14,453	(14,453)	-
The Football Stadia Improvement/Fans Fund	24,099	(33,199)	(9,100)
Operation Divert	66,720	(66,720)	-
European Social Fund Grants	4,680	(4,680)	-
University of South Wales	70,500	(70,500)	-
European Healthy Stadia Network	2,850	(2,850)	-
The Football Association	3,000	(3,000)	-
SSCL national offender management service	9,950	(9,950)	-
Holiday activty fund	19,804	(19,804)	-
UEFA pitch improvment	7,066	(7,066)	-
Accrington Stanley Community Trust Education Agreement	4,000	(4,000)	-
BHF Blood Pressure	2,250	(2,250)	-
Disability Football Provison	1,000	(1,000)	-
FFAB Project	1,500	(1,500)	-
Kids Cup	1,890	(1,890)	-
National Literacy Fund	833	(833)	-
Veterans Foundation Grants	5,780	(5,780)	-
	749,340	(758,440)	(9,100)
TOTAL FUNDS	1,293,941	(927,887)	366,054

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20. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.7.20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 30.6.21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	163,642	340,490	(175,840)	328,292
Accrington Stanley Community Trust Girls & Ladies FC	1,451	8,861	(9,788)	524
Funds held as fixed assets	1,851,138	7,388	185,628	2,044,154
	2,016,231	356,739	-	2,372,970
Restricted funds				
The English Sports Council	-	9,100	-	9,100
TOTAL FUNDS	2,016,231	365,839	-	2,382,070

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20. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	407,104	(66,614)	340,490
Accrington Stanley Community Trust Girls & Ladies FC	15,145	(6,284)	8,861
Funds held as fixed assets	73,313	(65,925)	7,388
	495,562	(138,823)	356,739
Restricted funds			
NCS Funding	105,454	(105,454)	-
Football Education Programme	126,000	(126,000)	-
Premier League Primary Stars	40,000	(40,000)	-
Premier League Kicks	42,500	(42,500)	-
English Football League Trust	7,140	(7,140)	-
Children in Need	10,000	(10,000)	-
Operation Divert	17,356	(17,356)	-
European Social Fund Grants	6,128	(6,128)	-
University of South Wales	29,375	(29,375)	-
Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport	19,300	(19,300)	-
The English Sports Council	18,880	(9,780)	9,100
European Healthy Stadia Network	1,190	(1,190)	-
Department For Work and Pensions	15,630	(15,630)	-
The Football Association	2,090	(2,090)	-
Lets Invest	2,170	(2,170)	-
	443,213	(434,113)	9,100
TOTAL FUNDS	938,775	(572,936)	365,839

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20. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.7.20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 30.6.22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	163,642	794,484	(350,036)	608,090
Accrington Stanley Community Trust Girls & Ladies FC	1,451	8,337	(9,788)	-
Funds held as fixed assets	1,851,138	(70,928)	359,824	2,140,034
	2,016,231	731,893	-	2,748,124
Restricted funds				
The Football Stadia Improvement/Fans Fund	-	(9,100)	-	(9,100)
The English Sports Council	-	9,100	-	9,100
	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDS	2,016,231	731,893	-	2,748,124

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20. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	924,295	(129,811)	794,484
Accrington Stanley Community Trust Girls & Ladies FC	15,145	(6,808)	8,337
Funds held as fixed assets	73,313	(144,241)	(70,928)
Street Games UK	1,500	(1,500)	-
Active Lancashire	1,160	(1,160)	-
Y Not Aspire	750	(750)	-
Postcode Neighbour	24,000	(24,000)	-
	1,040,163	(308,270)	731,893
Restricted funds			
NCS Funding	354,114	(354,114)	-
Football Education Programme	293,183	(293,183)	-
Premier League Primary Stars	80,000	(80,000)	-
Premier League Kicks	86,252	(86,252)	-
Lottery Community Fund	9,370	(9,370)	-
English Football League Trust	21,593	(21,593)	-
The Football Stadia Improvement/Fans Fund	24,099	(33,199)	(9,100)
Children in Need	10,000	(10,000)	-
Operation Divert	84,076	(84,076)	-
European Social Fund Grants	10,808	(10,808)	-
University of South Wales	99,875	(99,875)	-
Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport	19,300	(19,300)	-
The English Sports Council	18,880	(9,780)	9,100
European Healthy Stadia Network	4,040	(4,040)	-
Department For Work and Pensions	15,630	(15,630)	-
The Football Association	5,090	(5,090)	-
Lets Invest	2,170	(2,170)	-
SSCL national offender management service	9,950	(9,950)	-
Holiday activty fund	19,804	(19,804)	-
UEFA pitch improvment	7,066	(7,066)	-
Accrington Stanley Community Trust Education Agreement	4,000	(4,000)	-
BHF Blood Pressure	2,250	(2,250)	-
Disability Football Provison	1,000	(1,000)	-
FFAB Project	1,500	(1,500)	-
Kids Cup	1,890	(1,890)	-
National Literacy Fund	833	(833)	-
Veterans Foundation Grants	5,780	(5,780)	-
	1,192,553	(1,192,553)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	2,232,716	(1,500,823)	731,893

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20. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Transfers between funds

Transfers are all to the designated fixed assets fund representing assets purchased from general funds.

21. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The charity received grant funding of £1m from the Football Foundation to construct the Stanley Sports Hub from which the charity operates. A charge is registered in favour of the Football Foundation over the Stanley Sports Hub in case conditions attached to the grant are breached. The charge is to last for a period of 21 years, expiring on the 5th of May 2041. The carrying amount of the asset secured at 30th June 2022 is £2,187,967 (2021: £2,128,374). There have been no breaches to date and the trustees do not foresee that any such breach will occur.

22. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

	30.6.22	30.6.21
	£	£
Contracted but not provided for in the financial statements	**853,522**	-

During the year, the charity entered into an agreement to extend their current facilities at Thorneyholme Road and contracted to construction work amounting to £853,522, with the construction work not commencing until September 2022. As a result, no amounts have been recognised in these financial statements.

23. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 30th June 2022.

ACCRINGTON STANLEY FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY TRUST LIMITED

England & Wales - Charity number 1139575

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 07369852 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1139575

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2021

FOR

ACCRINGTON STANLEY FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY TRUST LIMITED

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ACCRINGTON STANLEY FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY TRUST LIMITED

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ACCRINGTON STANLEY FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY TRUST LIMITED

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2021

TRUSTEES	D Burgess A Ellwood P Ali J D McGregor T D O'Neill D W Keeley K J Moss (resigned 11.1.2022) P J Leatham (appointed 6.7.2020) D C Ellwood (appointed 20.10.2021)
REGISTERED OFFICE	Stanley Sports Hub Thorneyholme Road Accrington Lancashire BB5 6BD
REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER	07369852 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER	1139575
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Ainsworths Limited Charter House Stansfield Street Nelson Lancashire BB9 9XY
BANKERS	Yorkshire Bank Plc 40 Church Street BLACKBURN Lancashire BB1 5AW

Day to day management of the charity is delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, M Fearon.

The charity also operates under the shortened name of "Accrington Stanley Community Trust".

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2021

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30th June 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The Memorandum of Association states that the charity's objects are to benefit the public and, in particular, the inhabitants of Accrington and the surrounding areas by:

1. Promoting community participation in healthy recreation in particular by the provision of facilities for the playing of association football and other sports capable of improving health ("facilities" in this clause means land, buildings, equipment and organising sporting activities);

2. Advancing the physical education of young people in Lancashire by coaching in and providing facilities for the game of football and other sporting activities so as to develop their physical, mental and spiritual capabilities to enable them to grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society;

3. Advancing and assisting in advancing the education of the general public, with a particular focus on that of children and young people attending schools in the Lancashire area by the provision at venues selected or approved by the charity of meetings, lectures, classes and activities for the benefit of such children and young people and by the provision of educational materials for distribution to such children and young people;

4. Providing and assisting in providing facilities for the game of football and other sporting activities, recreation or other leisure time occupation of such persons who have need for such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, poverty or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving their conditions of life;

5. Advancing racial and religious harmony and equality and diversity among children and young people by arranging activities (including activities connected with the game of football and other sporting activities) to encourage shared experiences and interests without reference to race, religion, belief, sex, disability, nationality, ethnic or national origin or social background; and

6. Advancing the education of children and young people through such means as the trustees shall think fit in accordance with charity law.

The charity's principal activity is the promotion of Sports Engagement and Education by using football as a vehicle for change, this is achieved through a number of sports based programmes delivered during the year.

Public benefit

In setting out the charity's objectives and planning of activities the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance and section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011. The trustees are confident that the charity offers services of real and practical use to the local population and therefore complies with the responsibility placed on all charities under the Charities Act 2011 to demonstrate a public benefit.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The charity continues to deliver a range of projects in our key areas of Sport Participation, Inclusion, Health and Education. Over 30 different projects are now delivered including some new ones added over the year. The charity engaged with 21,861 local people over the course of 2019/20, however this number was reduced by around 25% in 2020/21 due to the restrictions of the Covid-19 pandemic which saw the Charities activities impacted. Adaptations to current projects were put in place as well as a host of new initiatives to support our community during this difficult period.

Sports Participation

Our Sports Development team focus on engaging with the community in order to raise the number of those engaging and participating in physical exercise. 2020/21 has seen partnerships strengthen with local schools, as we adapted our delivery to support them through the pandemic. The charity continues to expand delivery in this area and covers the boroughs of Hyndburn, Ribble Valley and Rossendale.

2020/21 was also the second year of the 3-year cycle of the Premier League Primary Stars programme, which provides fantastic provision in our local schools, offering a number of high-quality sessions over the year. The programme has been funded until at least June 2022 by the Premier League.

The match day provision at Accrington Stanley Football Club was halted as the club endured a full season with no fans allowed at matches, as a result all matchday activities have been postponed until it's safe for them to resume.

The Football Development Centres has seen over 200 unique participants in the last 12 months.

Our adult 7-aside league which sits under the banner of the 'Stanley Soccer League' sees us engage with over 400 adults on a weekly basis. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we had a reduction in figures by around 50% which were as follows; over 7500 7-aside football interactions with adults in 2020/21 through this project alone with 5000 7-aside fixtures taking place.

The Holiday Courses include more activities and multiple booking options to ensure participation is fun, accessible and affordable for all. 400+ unique participants have taken part in holiday courses during 2020/21. A new Holiday Activity Fund (HAF) to provide children with free holiday provision and a nutritious meal each day during the holidays was launched on the back of the Marcus Rashford campaign for free school meals in the holidays. This was very well received and we delivered at numerous locations across Hyndburn.

The Stanley Kickers sessions for 2-4-year olds has seen around 150 participants take their first steps into football.

Accrington Stanley Girls and Ladies FC encountered a difficult period of not being allowed to train due to government restrictions and then ended in the termination of the season after just a few games due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Inclusion

The inclusion department has delivered a much-reduced disability programme during 2020/21 due to the Covid-19 pandemic which meant lots of our participants had to shield because of their health conditions.

We also delivered an adapted version of our final year of the 3-year disability project as part of the BBC Children in Need funding we were granted in 2018.

The National Citizen Service (NCS) programme is hugely beneficial to the community of Hyndburn and surrounding areas. This project is now a major part of the organisations work. In 2020/21, 131 participants took part in NCS with the Charity, which was adapted completely to fit within government restrictions.

2020/21 was also the second year of the 3-year cycle of the Premier League Kicks and saw the Charity face lots of disruptions to delivery due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Over 200 people have participated in 2020/21 and the programme has been funded until at least June 2022 by the Premier League.

A new Operation Divert project was launched in 2019/20 working in partnership with Lancashire Constabulary to tackle re-offending and integration back into the community from those who find themselves on probation. We are one of 7 Lancashire Football Club Community Trust's that are now providing this unique peer mentored support package to residents of our area, focused on strategies that mitigate the risk of re-offending after release from prison and working with people who have just moved to the country. Our project mentors begin by making an assessment of the participant needs, steering them towards other projects and opportunities that will benefit them. We provide them with a vital support network as they begin to re-establish their place in the community.

Health

2020/21 has seen numerous health awareness campaigns with the charity linking in with various other organisations to support their work. A key area was our support of the Hyndburn Hub Covid-19 response.

The Walking Football project for over 50's also saw lots of disruptions due to the pandemic. In 2020/21 we have had a much reduced 38 unique participants, as many were forced to shield due to their age or health conditions.

We received funding from DCMS to deliver a Tackling Loneliness campaign in our community to support people who are at risk of isolation due to the pandemic restrictions. This was a fantastic project which saw us engage with over 500 local people by making regular phone calls, food deliveries and garden gate visits to tackle the mental health crisis.

Funding was once again secured in 2020/21 to continue a health project called Kinder Move and Learn. A school-based educational programme for children aged 9-10 years old. It aims to encourage physical activity, promote nutritional education and build awareness of the importance of a healthy diet and active lifestyle. In 2020/21 over 900 children took part in the 6-week programme which was adapted to fit in with government restrictions.

All of the above has allowed the charity to raise its profile within this field and reach out to those specialist partners across the community. Our aim is to develop this area further in the coming years.

Education

2020/21 has been another successful year for the education department, continuing to establish itself as one of the charities flagship projects.

The Work Experience with the local high schools and colleges offer a great insight into the sports industry for pupils.

The Football Education programme has 45 students that will gain an NCFE Level Two or BTEC Level Three Extended/Diploma in Sport as well as compete in the 11aside CEFA League for two to three years. Since starting in 2010 this project has now seen over 90 student's progress to various universities directly after completing this course. The Charity also entered into the second year of delivery of a Foundation Degree, in partnership with the University of South Wales. 14 students enrolled in September 2021 and the second year of the project was a huge success. Our education programmes were impacted by Covid-19 and we had to go to online learning for a large part of the year.

We launched a series of targeted interventions for local Primary schools in 2020/21. These aim to support small groups of pupils and enhance their learning across the curriculum. Our 'Talk a Good Game' PSHE workshops focus on effective communication and encourage children to practice the different styles of communication. The project is part of our ever-growing Premier League Primary Stars provision. After consultation with a group of local primary schools we identified a need for local children to think more about the way they communicate, particularly those children who are soon to join high school. The sessions can be adapted for years 3-6 and use football, Accrington Stanley and friendly competitions to engage children in the topic. We use a mixture of self-reflection, paired work and full group activities to highlight key area such as listening, clarity and body language.

Achievements and Performance

This financial year has seen the versatility of charity's activities put to the test as we navigated through the Covid-19 pandemic which impacted our face-to-face delivery. During the year, the charity engaged with over 15,000 individuals (a reduction on the previous financial year of around 25% due to restrictions), including 5000 coming from local primary schools. 1400 free Accrington Stanley shirts were given away to all Year 3 children in Hyndburn. The charity delivers over 30 community projects in Hyndburn and the surrounding areas.

The opening of the new £2m Stanley Sports Hub facility in March 2020 is the biggest achievement of the Charity to date and we had to manage a difficult year of stop start provision on site due to the pandemic. The Stanley Sports Hub has become a thriving community facility that Accrington can be proud of for many years to come. Over 150,000 visits per year are anticipated once all restrictions are removed as well as providing numerous job opportunities for people in the local area with vacancies such as receptionists, caterers, coordinators and other key roles.

A new 3-year strategy was launched on 1st July 2019, and we entered the second year of it in 2020/21. Our strategy has been developed through detailed consultation both internally and externally with local, regional and national organisations and policies. We have collated feedback from key stakeholders, participants, parents and our workforce using several methods such as surveys, meetings and strategy focus groups. The strong foundations that were first established in 2010 when Accrington Stanley Community Trust were formed has enabled us to identify key areas to focus on in order to make a difference to our community. This Strategy comes at a key time in our development and provides a platform for positive change and modernisation going forward. It builds on some significant achievements to date and on the good progress already made against our initial objectives.

Strategic Aims

1 Deliver a High-Quality Service

Our strategic objectives:

- Ensure all participants receive a positive, enjoyable and safe experience.
- Develop and deliver a quality assurance framework across all programmes and invest in workforce development.
- Measure impact through different techniques and publicise an impact report annually to all stakeholders.

2 Govern and Lead Effectively

Our strategic objectives:

- Ensure financial sustainability.
- Ensure there is an appropriate governance and leadership structure to support the strategy and deliver the charitable aims and objectives.
- Ensure compliance with relevant legislation and regulation.

3 Improve Inclusion, Health and Wellbeing, Sport Participation and Education

Our strategic objectives:

- Provide a variety of inclusive projects that deliver positive change to disadvantaged and disabled people in Hyndburn.
- Build strong relationships with other organisations to make a positive impact on health, well-being and inclusion in our community.
- Instil aspects of health, well-being and inclusion into the culture of the organization to create a lasting legacy.
- Increase Sport Participation rates in Hyndburn.
- Provide high quality education and expand current provision.

4 Create a Community Sports Hub Facility

Our strategic objectives:

- Work with key stakeholders to design, develop and create a community sports hub facility in Hyndburn.
- Provide a core base for the charity to use as its headquarters to deliver our charitable aims and objectives.
- Create a sustainable state of the art sports and education facility for the local community, grassroots clubs and voluntary sector organisations.

Facilities
The charity finally opened the new multi-million-pound community sports hub in March 2020, which is now the home of the Charity and a base for its projects.

The aims of the sports hub are to increase participation in sport, improve health and exercise levels and provide more opportunities for disabled people to access vital sport and education activities. The Sports Hub hosts many projects that develop skills for people out of work, create new job opportunities, inspire people to become volunteers for local sports organisations, sports clubs and charities, and provide a pathway for gifted and talented young people into elite sport.

2020 also marks the 10-year anniversary of Accrington Stanley Community Trust. The journey we have been on over the last ten years has been extraordinary. We feel that this is just the beginning of things to come, and the opening of the Stanley Sports Hub has catapulted our charitable work to new levels.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position
The income of the charity and its resulting surplus have both decreased significantly from the prior year, mainly due to exceptional donations and grants received in the prior year for the construction of the Stanley Sports Hub.

The income of the charity has decreased from £1,649,235 to £938,775. Donations and grants are much lower due to the reason above. Income from charitable activities has increased 13% due to additional income streams arising from the opening of the Sports Hub.

The total net surplus for the year was £365,839 (2020: £1,125,052) which includes the exceptional donations and grants referred to above.

The surplus arising on charitable activities only is £84,380 (2020: £54,471). The trustees are pleased with the financial performance of the charity during the year, particularly in light of the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic.

The free reserves of the charity (excluding amounts held as fixed assets) have increased from £163,642 to £328,292. This is equivalent to almost 7 months of operating expenditure, which the trustees are satisfied with.

As at the year end, the total funds of the charity stand at £2,382,070 (2020: £2,016,231), the majority of which is invested in the Sports Hub facility to ensure the sustainability and continuity of the charity for many years to come.

Reserves policy
The objective of having unrestricted funds in reserve, is to enable the charity to cope with unplanned events. Very often, the effects of an unplanned event can be managed in the long-term, but the charity needs reserves in the meantime.

The trustee directors' have set an overall target level for free reserves based on 12 months' net operating costs. This is over and above those reserves represented by fixed assets on the balance sheet.

The directors acknowledge that the level of reserves changes during the year and could either be a good indicator of the underlying financial health of the charity; or could be an indicator of potential problems.

The directors must monitor and review the level of reserves annually, in line with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission; however, the level of reserves is monitored throughout the year as part of the normal monitoring and budgetary reporting processes.

The current level of unrestricted, free reserves is sufficient at almost 7 months of operating expenditure. We aim to continue building reserves closer towards a level that is equivalent to 12 months of expenditure, to provide stability within the charity and reduce any risk of closure due to insufficient funding.

FUTURE PLANS

2020/21 is the second year of the charities new three-year business plan which is reviewed and updated annually, in order to achieve its objectives. The charity plans to continue the activities outlined above in the forthcoming years subject to funding arrangements. The education programme will aim to expand to over 50 full time students as well as the further development of the new foundation degree. NCS will continue to maintain its position as a vital project with participants graduating from the programme to become better citizens.

The Stanley Sports Hub facility will be a key area of growth for the Charity, establishing a base to expand current provision as well as providing a top-class sports facility for the community of Hyndburn.

The charity also plans to deliver new projects as it continues to grow year on year and navigate out of the Covid-19 pandemic in a strong position.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association, last updated on the 18th of April 2017, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

New trustees are recruited and appointed by existing trustees to ensure the board maintains an appropriate spread of knowledge and skills to enable them to deliver the charity's aims and objectives.

New trustees are typically already aware of the charity and are introduced further by the board and the employees of the charity.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Accrington Stanley Football in the Community Trust Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- 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.

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.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 19th January 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

D W Keeley - Trustee

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Accrington Stanley Football in the Community Trust Limited ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30th June 2021.

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 your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of Association of Chartered Certified Accountants 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 the Company 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.

Michael Heys

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19th January 2022

ACCRINGTON STANLEY FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY TRUST LIMITED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	**30.6.21 Total funds £**	30.6.20 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	3	**260,198**	-	**260,198**	1,055,325
Charitable activities	6				
Sports engagement and education		**210,795**	**443,213**	**654,008**	576,544
Other trading activities	4	**24,569**	-	**24,569**	16,816
Investment income	5	-	-	-	550
Total		**495,562**	**443,213**	**938,775**	1,649,235
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	7	**3,308**	-	**3,308**	2,110
Charitable activities	8				
Sports engagement and education		**135,515**	**434,113**	**569,628**	522,073
Total		**138,823**	**434,113**	**572,936**	524,183
NET INCOME		**356,739**	**9,100**	**365,839**	1,125,052
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		**2,016,231**	-	**2,016,231**	891,179
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**2,372,970**	**9,100**	**2,382,070**	2,016,231

The notes form part of these financial statements

ACCRINGTON STANLEY FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY TRUST LIMITED (REGISTERED NUMBER: 07369852)

BALANCE SHEET
30TH JUNE 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	**30.6.21 Total funds £**	30.6.20 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	15	**2,177,648**	-	**2,177,648**	2,087,759
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	16	**44,438**	-	**44,438**	66,243
Cash at bank and in hand		**337,543**	**9,100**	**346,643**	177,905
		381,981	**9,100**	**391,081**	244,148
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	17	**(81,736)**	-	**(81,736)**	(116,730)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		**300,245**	**9,100**	**309,345**	127,418
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		**2,477,893**	**9,100**	**2,486,993**	2,215,177
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	18	**(104,923)**	-	**(104,923)**	(198,946)
NET ASSETS		**2,372,970**	**9,100**	**2,382,070**	2,016,231
FUNDS	21				
Unrestricted funds				**2,372,970**	2,016,231
Restricted funds				**9,100**	-
TOTAL FUNDS				**2,382,070**	2,016,231

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 30th June 2021.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30th June 2021 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET - continued
30TH JUNE 2021

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 19th January 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:

D W Keeley - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

ACCRINGTON STANLEY FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY TRUST LIMITED

CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2021

	Notes	30.6.21 £	30.6.20 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	**403,531**	1,394,457
Interest paid		**(1,881)**	(414)
Net cash provided by operating activities		**401,650**	1,394,043
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		**(155,814)**	(1,991,702)
Interest received		**-**	550
Net cash used in investing activities		**(155,814)**	(1,991,152)
Cash flows from financing activities			
New loans in year		**-**	250,000
Loan repayments in year		**(77,098)**	(13,379)
Net cash (used in)/provided by financing activities		**(77,098)**	236,621
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		**168,738**	(360,488)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		**177,905**	538,393
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		**346,643**	177,905

The notes form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2021

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	30.6.21	30.6.20
	£	£
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	**365,839**	1,125,052
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	**65,925**	35,373
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	**-**	1,339
Interest received	**-**	(550)
Interest paid	**1,881**	414
Amounts written off against loans	**(26,029)**	-
Decrease in debtors	**21,805**	171,595
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	**(25,890)**	61,234
Net cash provided by operations	**403,531**	1,394,457

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET (DEBT)/FUNDS

	At 1.7.20	Cash flow	At 30.6.21
	£	£	£
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	**177,905**	**168,738**	**346,643**
	177,905	**168,738**	**346,643**
Debt			
Debts falling due within 1 year	**(37,675)**	**9,104**	**(28,571)**
Debts falling due after 1 year	**(198,946)**	**94,023**	**(104,923)**
	(236,621)	**103,127**	**(133,494)**
Total	**(58,716)**	**271,865**	**213,149**

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. STATUTORY INFORMATION

Accrington Stanley Football in the Community Trust Limited is a charitable company, limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales. The charity and company registered numbers and registered office address can be found on the Company Information page.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, 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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Accrington Stanley Football in the Community Trust Limited meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty
Preparation of the financial statements requires management to make significant judgements and estimates. The main area of estimation is in respect of the useful lives of fixed assets. The depreciation rates used can be identified in the fixed asset accounting policy below.

Income
All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Grants receivable, donations and income from charitable activities are accounted for when due. Income is deferred when it is received in advance of the period to which it relates.

Legacies are recognised at the earlier of: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the charitable company that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate.

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

Expenditure
Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under charitable activities and their associated supports.

Tangible fixed assets
Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Short leasehold	- 2% on cost and Straight line over 14 years
Plant and machinery	- Straight line over 5 years
Fixtures and fittings	- 15% on reducing balance
Motor vehicles	- 25% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- Straight line over 3 years

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

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2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments
Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits
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.

Debtors
Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment.

Creditors
Short term creditors are measured at transaction price.

3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	30.6.21	30.6.20
	£	£
Donations	**27,042**	1,520
Grants	**233,156**	1,053,805
	260,198	1,055,325

4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	30.6.21	30.6.20
	£	£
Sports hub catering	**8,077**	4,544
Sponsorships	**15,802**	11,915
Other	**690**	357
	24,569	16,816

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5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	30.6.21	30.6.20
	£	£
Interest receivable	-	550

6. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Activity	30.6.21	30.6.20
		£	£
Course income and project grants	Sports engagement and education	**528,475**	442,365
School provision	Sports engagement and education	**17,358**	24,530
Holiday courses	Sports engagement and education	**9,224**	18,108
Stanley Soccer League	Sports engagement and education	**12,971**	26,051
ASCT provision	Sports engagement and education	**9,528**	16,918
Subscriptions	Sports engagement and education	**9,560**	8,129
Pitch hires	Sports engagement and education	**66,892**	40,443
		654,008	576,544

7. RAISING FUNDS

Other trading activities

	30.6.21	30.6.20
	£	£
Catering costs	**3,308**	2,110

8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs (see note 9)	Support costs (see note 10)	Totals
	£	£	£
Sports engagement and education	**397,434**	**172,194**	**569,628**

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9. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	30.6.21	30.6.20
	£	£
Staff costs	**263,030**	192,453
Hire of plant and machinery	**1,138**	759
Rates and water	**1,630**	-
Light and heat	**9,208**	7,420
Advertising	**3,094**	7,078
Referees and football consumables	**23,437**	20,881
Residential courses	**3,492**	35,969
Matchday tickets	**-**	2,186
Bursaries awarded	**4,230**	1,352
Donations	**220**	-
Staff training	**1,658**	885
Motor and travel expenses	**5,110**	12,199
Hire of facilities	**8,440**	32,839
Repairs and renewals	**7,505**	3,528
Pitch maintenance costs	**10,482**	-
Depreciation	**52,879**	27,400
Interest payable and similar charges	**1,881**	414
	397,434	345,363

10. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management	Finance	Information technology
	£	£	£
Sports engagement and education	**145,364**	**1,568**	**3,187**

	Other	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£
Sports engagement and education	**10,373**	**11,702**	**172,194**

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

	30.6.21 Sports engagement and education	30.6.20 Total activities
	£	£
Wages	**99,964**	**112,907**
Social security	**9,926**	**10,279**
Pensions	**3,105**	**3,177**
Rent	**-**	**6,075**
Insurance	**5,762**	**3,625**
Telephone	**5,338**	**3,401**
Postage and stationery	**2,023**	**3,672**
Carried forward	**126,118**	**143,136**

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10. SUPPORT COSTS - continued

	30.6.21 Sports engagement and education	30.6.20 Total activities
	£	£
Brought forward	**126,118**	**143,136**
Advertising	**6,200**	**5,330**
Depreciation of tangible and heritage assets	**13,046**	**7,973**
Loss on sale of tangible fixed assets	**-**	**1,339**
Bank charges	**1,568**	**646**
Computer costs	**3,187**	**2,540**
Sundries	**10,373**	**8,452**
Accountancy and legal fees	**11,702**	**7,294**
	172,194	**176,710**

11. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	30.6.21	30.6.20
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	**65,925**	35,373
Hire of plant and machinery	**1,138**	759
Deficit on disposal of fixed assets	**-**	1,339
Independent examination fee	**360**	360
Accountancy, bookkeeping and payroll fees paid to independent examiner	**4,494**	3,300

12. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30th June 2021 nor for the year ended 30th June 2020.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30th June 2021 nor for the year ended 30th June 2020.

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13. STAFF COSTS

	30.6.21	30.6.20
	£	£
Wages and salaries	**348,516**	294,950
Social security costs	**19,478**	16,501
Other pension costs	**8,031**	7,365
	376,025	318,816

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	30.6.21	30.6.20
Charitable Activities	**24**	18
Management and Administration	**4**	4
	28	22

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

Total employee benefits paid to the charity's key management personnel for the year ended 30th June 2021 was £99,223 (2020: £100,694).

14. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	961,325	94,000	1,055,325
Charitable activities			
Sports engagement and education	196,228	380,316	576,544
Other trading activities	16,816	-	16,816
Investment income	550	-	550
Total	1,174,919	474,316	1,649,235
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	2,110	-	2,110
Charitable activities			
Sports engagement and education	135,927	386,146	522,073
Total	138,037	386,146	524,183
NET INCOME	1,036,882	88,170	1,125,052
Transfers between funds	390,069	(390,069)	-
Net movement in funds	1,426,951	(301,899)	1,125,052

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14. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	589,280	301,899	891,179
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	2,016,231	-	2,016,231

15. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Short leasehold £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £
COST			
At 1st July 2020	**2,083,537**	**1,767**	**10,100**
Additions	**133,656**	**4,599**	**7,791**
At 30th June 2021	**2,217,193**	**6,366**	**17,891**
DEPRECIATION			
At 1st July 2020	**27,401**	**51**	**1,651**
Charge for year	**52,879**	**1,274**	**1,544**
At 30th June 2021	**80,280**	**1,325**	**3,195**
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 30th June 2021	**2,136,913**	**5,041**	**14,696**
At 30th June 2020	2,056,136	1,716	8,449

	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 1st July 2020	**31,555**	**21,181**	**2,148,140**
Additions	**-**	**9,768**	**155,814**
At 30th June 2021	**31,555**	**30,949**	**2,303,954**
DEPRECIATION			
At 1st July 2020	**15,690**	**15,588**	**60,381**
Charge for year	**3,967**	**6,261**	**65,925**
At 30th June 2021	**19,657**	**21,849**	**126,306**
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 30th June 2021	**11,898**	**9,100**	**2,177,648**
At 30th June 2020	15,865	5,593	2,087,759

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16. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	30.6.21	30.6.20
	£	£
Trade debtors	**23,213**	33,797
Other debtors	**11,646**	-
Prepayments and accrued income	**9,579**	32,446
	44,438	66,243

17. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	30.6.21	30.6.20
	£	£
Other loans (see note 19)	**28,571**	37,675
Trade creditors	**5,628**	7,053
Social security and other taxes	**1,731**	1,324
Other creditors	**-**	2,100
Accrued expenses	**45,806**	68,578
	81,736	116,730

18. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	30.6.21	30.6.20
	£	£
Other loans (see note 19)	**104,923**	198,946

19. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	30.6.21	30.6.20
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Other loans	**28,571**	37,675
Amounts falling between one and two years:		
Other loans	**28,572**	38,140
Amounts falling due between two and five years:		
Other loans	**76,351**	115,569
Amounts falling due in more than five years:		
Repayable by instalments:		
Other loans	**-**	45,237

During the prior year the charity received an unsecured and interest free loan of £200,000 from the Wham Foundation. The loan is repayable by instalments over 7 years. During the year, an amount of £26,029 (2020: £nil) was written off this loan and credited to the Statement of Financial Activities as a donation. The amount outstanding at 30th June 2021 was £133,494 (2020: £188,905).

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19. LOANS - continued

Also in the prior year, the charity received a further loan of £50,000 from Hyndburn Borough Council. The loan bore interest at a rate of 5% per annum, was repayable over 5 years and was secured by way of a floating charge. This loan was settled in full in this year (2020: £48,526 owed).

20. SECURED DEBTS

The following secured debts are included within creditors:

	30.6.21	30.6.20
	£	£
Other loans	**-**	48,526

See the loans note for the details of the security in respect of the above loan.

21. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.7.20	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 30.6.21
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	**163,642**	**340,490**	**(175,840)**	**328,292**
Accrington Stanley Community Trust Girls & Ladies FC	**1,451**	**8,861**	**(9,788)**	**524**
Funds held as fixed assets	**1,851,138**	**7,388**	**185,628**	**2,044,154**
	2,016,231	**356,739**	**-**	**2,372,970**
Restricted funds				
The English Sports Council	**-**	**9,100**	**-**	**9,100**
TOTAL FUNDS	**2,016,231**	**365,839**	**-**	**2,382,070**

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21. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	**407,104**	**(66,614)**	**340,490**
Accrington Stanley Community Trust Girls & Ladies FC	**15,145**	**(6,284)**	**8,861**
Funds held as fixed assets	**73,313**	**(65,925)**	**7,388**
	495,562	**(138,823)**	**356,739**
Restricted funds			
NCS Funding	**105,454**	**(105,454)**	**-**
Football Education Programme	**126,000**	**(126,000)**	**-**
Premier League Primary Stars	**40,000**	**(40,000)**	**-**
Premier League Kicks	**42,500**	**(42,500)**	**-**
English Football League Trust	**7,140**	**(7,140)**	**-**
Children in Need	**10,000**	**(10,000)**	**-**
Operation Divert	**17,356**	**(17,356)**	**-**
European Social Fund Grants	**6,128**	**(6,128)**	**-**
University of South Wales	**29,375**	**(29,375)**	**-**
Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport	**19,300**	**(19,300)**	**-**
The English Sports Council	**18,880**	**(9,780)**	**9,100**
European Healthy Stadia Network	**1,190**	**(1,190)**	**-**
Department For Work and Pensions	**15,630**	**(15,630)**	**-**
The Football Association	**2,090**	**(2,090)**	**-**
Lets Invest	**2,170**	**(2,170)**	**-**
	443,213	**(434,113)**	**9,100**
TOTAL FUNDS	**938,775**	**(572,936)**	**365,839**

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21. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.7.19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 30.6.20 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	56,284	1,070,165	(962,807)	163,642
Sports Hub Fund	400,000	-	(400,000)	-
Accrington Stanley Community Trust Girls & Ladies FC	227	3,429	(2,205)	1,451
Funds held as fixed assets	132,769	(36,712)	1,755,081	1,851,138
	589,280	1,036,882	390,069	2,016,231
Restricted funds				
Sports Hub Fund	283,149	105,420	(388,569)	-
Sports England	7,632	(7,632)	-	-
The Football Stadia Improvement/Fans Fund	11,118	(11,118)	-	-
Club Mascot	-	1,500	(1,500)	-
	301,899	88,170	(390,069)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	891,179	1,125,052	-	2,016,231

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21. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,106,833	(36,668)	1,070,165
The Football League	35,000	(35,000)	-
Accrington Stanley Community Trust Girls & Ladies FC	10,025	(6,596)	3,429
Funds held as fixed assets	-	(36,712)	(36,712)
National Rail	2,000	(2,000)	-
Grow The Game	1,800	(1,800)	-
Community Foundations for Lancashire	4,250	(4,250)	-
British Heart Foundation	936	(936)	-
Street Games UK	2,000	(2,000)	-
Active Lancashire	2,905	(2,905)	-
Y Not Aspire	750	(750)	-
Sports England	8,000	(8,000)	-
English Football League Trust	420	(420)	-
	1,174,919	(138,037)	1,036,882
Restricted funds			
NCS Funding	75,729	(75,729)	-
Football Education Programme	145,520	(145,520)	-
Premier League Primary Stars	40,000	(40,000)	-
Premier League Kicks	40,000	(40,000)	-
Sports Hub Fund	105,420	-	105,420
English Football League Trust	12,800	(12,800)	-
Sports England	-	(7,632)	(7,632)
The Football Stadia Improvement/Fans Fund	-	(11,118)	(11,118)
Children in Need	10,000	(10,000)	-
The Professional Footballers' Association	1,988	(1,988)	-
Operation Divert	7,880	(7,880)	-
Premier League Fans Fund	7,412	(7,412)	-
European Social Fund Grants	9,192	(9,192)	-
Club Mascot	1,500	-	1,500
University of South Wales	16,875	(16,875)	-
	474,316	(386,146)	88,170
TOTAL FUNDS	1,649,235	(524,183)	1,125,052

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21. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.7.19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 30.6.21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	56,284	1,410,655	(1,138,647)	328,292
Sports Hub Fund	400,000	-	(400,000)	-
Accrington Stanley Community Trust Girls & Ladies FC	227	12,290	(11,993)	524
Funds held as fixed assets	132,769	(29,324)	1,940,709	2,044,154
	589,280	1,393,621	390,069	2,372,970
Restricted funds				
Sports Hub Fund	283,149	105,420	(388,569)	-
Sports England	7,632	(7,632)	-	-
The Football Stadia Improvement/Fans Fund	11,118	(11,118)	-	-
Club Mascot	-	1,500	(1,500)	-
The English Sports Council	-	9,100	-	9,100
	301,899	97,270	(390,069)	9,100
TOTAL FUNDS	891,179	1,490,891	-	2,382,070

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21. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,513,937	(103,282)	1,410,655
The Football League	35,000	(35,000)	-
Accrington Stanley Community Trust Girls & Ladies FC	25,170	(12,880)	12,290
Funds held as fixed assets	73,313	(102,637)	(29,324)
National Rail	2,000	(2,000)	-
Grow The Game	1,800	(1,800)	-
Community Foundations for Lancashire	4,250	(4,250)	-
British Heart Foundation	936	(936)	-
Street Games UK	2,000	(2,000)	-
Active Lancashire	2,905	(2,905)	-
Y Not Aspire	750	(750)	-
Sports England	8,000	(8,000)	-
English Football League Trust	420	(420)	-
	1,670,481	(276,860)	1,393,621
Restricted funds			
NCS Funding	181,183	(181,183)	-
Football Education Programme	271,520	(271,520)	-
Premier League Primary Stars	80,000	(80,000)	-
Premier League Kicks	82,500	(82,500)	-
Sports Hub Fund	105,420	-	105,420
English Football League Trust	19,940	(19,940)	-
Sports England	-	(7,632)	(7,632)
The Football Stadia Improvement/Fans Fund	-	(11,118)	(11,118)
Children in Need	20,000	(20,000)	-
The Professional Footballers' Association	1,988	(1,988)	-
Operation Divert	25,236	(25,236)	-
Premier League Fans Fund	7,412	(7,412)	-
European Social Fund Grants	15,320	(15,320)	-
Club Mascot	1,500	-	1,500
University of South Wales	46,250	(46,250)	-
Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport	19,300	(19,300)	-
The English Sports Council	18,880	(9,780)	9,100
European Healthy Stadia Network	1,190	(1,190)	-
Department For Work and Pensions	15,630	(15,630)	-
The Football Association	2,090	(2,090)	-
Lets Invest	2,170	(2,170)	-
	917,529	(820,259)	97,270
TOTAL FUNDS	2,588,010	(1,097,119)	1,490,891

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21. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Transfers between funds

The transfer of £9,788 from the Accrington Stanley Community Trust Girls & Ladies FC designated fund represents use of the Stanley Sports Hub facility by the Girls & Ladies teams.

The remaining transfers are all to the designated fixed assets fund representing assets purchased from general, designated and restricted funds.

The amount transferred from general funds is net of outstanding loan finance at the year end. This loan finance was obtained to finance the construction of the Stanley Sports Hub and it is considered that the loan finance should be offset against the fixed assets fund to show the investment into assets that the charity has made from its own funds.

22. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The charity received grant funding of £1m from the Football Foundation to construct the Stanley Sports Hub from which the charity operates. A charge is registered in favour of the Football Foundation over the Stanley Sports Hub in case conditions attached to the grant are breached. The charge is to last for a period of 21 years, expiring on the 5th of May 2041. The carrying amount of the asset secured at 30th June 2021 is £2,128,374. There have been no breaches to date and the trustees do not foresee that any such breach will occur.

23. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 30th June 2021.