

Hartlepool Rovers Junior Section.

Registered Charity Number 1140256.

Trustees Annual Report 24/25.

Reference and Administration Details		
Charity Name	Hartlepool Rovers Junior Section	
Charity Number	1140256	
Charity Address	The New Friarage, West View Road, Hartlepool, TS24 0BP	
Charity Governance and Structure	Date of Charity Registration:	7 February 2011
	Charity Overview:	Hartlepool Rovers Junior Section is a small youth rugby group aimed at developing young rugby players. We cater for ages from 5 - 18 years old both boys and girls
	Trustee:	Darren Smith (17 March 2014 -Present)
	Trustee:	James Turner (01 April 2023 - Present)
	Treasurer:	Joanne Merrilees
	Volunteers:	20 volunteers support our rugby, administrative and catering outputs.

Structure, Governance & Management.	
Description of the Charities Trusts	
Type of Governing Document.	Constitution, adopted 1 January 2011 and amended by special resolution 30 January 2011.
How the Charity is constituted.	Unincorporated association.
Trustee Selection methods.	Trustees are appointed or reappointed at the AGM held in August.
Additional Governance Issues.	<p>Membership of the Junior Section is open to young people aged between 5 and 18 residing in the Hartlepool locality.</p> <p>The trustees oversee the day to day running of the charity and its outputs.</p> <p>The trustees seek the views of members, the supporting volunteers and parents in deciding the sporting and wider social activities to be run for the benefit and development of our young people.</p> <p>There is a child protection and safeguarding policy in place.</p> <p>Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks are carried out prior</p>

	to commencement any individual joining our mission as a volunteer, in line with statutory requirements.
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Objectives and Activities.

Summary of the objects of the charity as set out in the governing document	<p>The promotion of participation of children and young people living in Hartlepool and the surrounding area in healthy recreation by the provision of facilities for playing rugby.</p> <p>The charity will also seek to promote positive outcomes by mentoring and nurturing young people, through sporting and social opportunities, targeting and supporting those with greatest socio-economic need.</p>
Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects	<p>In planning our activities for the year, we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustee and volunteer meetings.</p> <p>The main activities are as follows:</p> <p>A structured programme of youth focused physical activity events, specifically relating to but not limited to Rugby. These activities benefit young people by developing their self-confidence, physical and mental health well-being as well as promoting social and life skills.</p> <p>Providing opportunities for young people to become volunteers themselves. We welcome all young people, aged between 13 and 18, regardless of personal background, faith, gender or personal circumstances to support our outputs and to develop themselves through formal setting rugby coaching development courses.</p> <p>Offering social opportunities to those that would otherwise not be given them, including structured day trips, parties, charitable events and mentorship.</p>
Additional details of objectives and activities	<p>We place on record our gratitude for the many hour's volunteers, including member volunteers, have spent working with and encouraging our members. Without this valuable contribution of time, energy and expertise we would not have been able to achieve so much. The benefit they have imparted on our target groups have delivered positive change to many young lives.</p>

Achievements and Performances.

Spring 2024	The club held a very well attended charity event. This raised significant funds for the charity to invest in the redevelopment of a suitable playing surface for the benefit of our membership.
Summer 2024	Several family centred social events took place in this quarter. This gave our members from several challenging backgrounds the opportunity to enjoy positive social outcomes, costed by the junior section. These included parties, day trips and music events. All well attended. This culminated in our 24/25 rugby season launch event.
Autumn 2024	Rugby activity returned and once again our returning player numbers saw a year-on-year growth. We were able to improve the playing experience of our members through the purchase of bespoke playing equipment and a new storage shed.
Winter 2024	The winter period included a free to attend junior party, which also saw gifts given to all members. This was a hugely positive initiative for some children in hardship.
Fundraising	<p>The main fundraising effort came about through a well-supported charity dinner. This attracted several donations which were allocated against the work being undertaken to develop additional, secure playing space to meet an increased demand signal.</p> <p>Member subscriptions were the basis of all other generated revenue.</p>

Financial Review.	
Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves:	<p>The charity operates with minimal cash reserves at the bank.</p> <p>£7.9k in unrestricted funds was carried forward and will be reinvested against the objectives of the charity, to the benefit of the young people of Hartlepool.</p> <p>There is minimal financial risk to the charity in respect of a loss of funding. All funds are generated within our pursuit of our objectives by modest member subscription, and our plans and targets are set against that. Sufficient funds are held to cover 12 months operational costs in the event of a loss of income and to meet any unforeseen expenditure that may occur.</p>
Details of any funds materially in deficit:	Not applicable.
Further financial review details	Nil.

Other Information.	
Future Plans	The charity will look to continue the charity night, subsidised day out at Newcastle Falcons, Children's parties and our core physical activity. We will maintain our safeguarding strategy and strive to deliver positive outcomes in Hartlepool.

Treasurers Declaration	
The accounts prepared by the treasurer, all associated reports and the end of year accounts as prepared and verified by Mr D. Burns (Accountant) reflect the financial activities of the charity. These reports will be submitted alongside the trustee's report.	
Treasurer – Joanne Merrilees	<i>Joanne Merrilees – signed on original</i>
The Treasurer's statement and accounts are approved and accepted by the charity's trustees:	
Trustee - Darren Smith	<i>Darren Smith – Signed on original</i>
Trustee - James Turner	<i>James Turner -Signed on Original</i>
Trustees Declaration	
The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above. Signed by the charity's trustees:	
Darren Smith	<i>Darren Smith – Signed on original</i>
James Turner	<i>James Turner -Signed on Original</i>



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Hartlepool Rovers Junior Section

1140256

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
1st April 2024

To

Period end date
31st March 2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
	-	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions	3,631	-	-	3,631	8,970
Donations	25,359	-	-	25,359	10,916
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	28,990	-	-	28,990	19,886
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	28,990	-	-	28,990	19,886
A3 Payments					
	-	-	-	-	-
Facility Hire	10,387	-	-	10,387	8,400
Events	3,192	-	-	3,192	-
Equipment	2,108	-	-	2,108	2,129
Building Materials	11,344	-	-	11,344	2,886
Professional Fees	-	-	-	-	642
Printing And Stationery	-	-	-	-	230
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	834
Travel	3,250	-	-	3,250	-
Sub total	30,281	-	-	30,281	15,121
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	30,281	-	-	30,281	15,121
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,291	-	-	1,291	4,765
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	9,288	-	-	9,288	4,523
Cash funds this year end	7,997	-	-	7,997	9,288

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Curret Account	7,997	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	7,997	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Hartlepool Rovers Junior Section

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st
March 2025.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of
The accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities Acts.
The charity trustees consider that the audit requirements do not apply.
It is my responsibility to examine the accounts and to state whether
Particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with the relevant
Accounts regulations. An examination includes a review of the
Accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of
The accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration
Of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeks
Explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The
Procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that
Would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not
Express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my
Attention:-

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any

Material respect the requirements:

-to keep proper accounting records in accordance with the

Appropriate accounting regulations

-to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records

And comply with the appropriate accounting regulations

Have not been met, or

2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order

Enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

David S Burns

Accountant

Date:- January 16th 2026