ST. MATTHEW'S PROJECT

England & Wales · Charity number 1140964

Details

Other names	SMP
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	07007350
Registered	2011-03-22
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: 1 TO ACT AS A RESOURCE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE UP TO THE AGE OF 25 LIVING IN THE SOUTH BRIXTON AREA BY PROVIDING ADVICE AND ASSISTANCED AND ORGANISING PROGRAMMES OF PHYSICAL, EDUCATIONAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES AS A MEANS OF:A ADVANCING IN LIFE AND HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE BY DEVELOPING THEIR SKILLS, CAPAPCITIES AND CAPABILITIES TO ENABLE THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN SOCIETY AS INDEPENDENT, MATURE AND RESPONSIBLE INDIVISUALSB ADVANCING EDUCATIONC RELIEVING UNEMPLYMENTD PROVIDING RECREATIONAL AND LEISURE TIME ACTIVITY IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR PEOPLE LIVING IN THE SOUTH BRIXTON AREA WHO HAVE NEED BY REASON FO THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABILITY, PVOERTY OR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES, WITH A VIEW TO IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE OF SUCH PERSONS.2 THE PROMOTION OF COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN HEALTHY RECREATION, IN PARTICULAR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AGED BETWEEN 6 AND 25 BY THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR PLAYING FOOTBALL.

Activities: The St. Matthews Project provides a safe and encouraging environment where 3 to 25 year-olds can come together and enjoy structured football sessions and other activities. We help children and young people living mainly in the Tulse Hill and Coldharbour wards of Lambeth fulfil their potential and have a real impact on their community.

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Amateur Sport, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Lambeth

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£448,084	£498,191	-	-
2023-08-31	£324,555	£357,167	-	-
2022-08-31	£373,124	£277,381	-	-
2021-08-31	£202,214	£183,150	-	-
2020-08-31	£210,540	£176,576	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Amy Grant		2025-03-25
David Keen		2015-06-29
JAMES ALEXANDER		
Jenny Greenfield		2015-10-22
Kelechi Okeahialam-Finlayson		2025-03-25
Kosi Nwuba		2025-03-25
Lekan Ojumu		2016-10-26

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Accounts

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2Oth Anniversary 2004-2024

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Annual Report and Financial Statements

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ST. MATTHEW'S PROJECT

Annual Report of the Trustees
For the period ended 31 December 2024

Charity Name	St. Matthew's Project.
Charity Registration no	1140964. The Charity was registered with the Charity Commission on 22 March 2011.
Company Registration no	7007350.
Registered Office	90 Gaskarth Road, London SW12 9NW
Governing Document	The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 2 September 2009. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association.
Mission Statement	To provide a safe and encouraging environment where young people can come together and enjoy structured sports and learning opportunities. To help the young people of Lambeth fulfil their potential and improve their well-being both physically and emotionally through targeted support to children and families
Objectives	1. To act as a resource for young people up to the age of 30 living in the south Brixton area by providing advice and assistance and organising programmes of physical, educational and other activities as a means of: ● advancing in life and helping young people by developing their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals. ● advancing education ● relieving unemployment ● providing recreational and leisure time activity in the interests of social welfare for people living in the south Brixton area who have need by reason for their youth, age, infirmity or disability, poverty or social and economic circumstances, with a view to improving the conditions of life of such persons. 2. The promotion of community participation in healthy recreation, in particular children and young people aged between 6 and 25 by the provision of facilities for playing football.
Trustees	The Trustees who served during the year and who were serving at the date of this report were: David Keen — Treasurer Jenny Greenfield — Chair Lekan Ojumu

	James Alexander	
	Daisy Streatfield	(resigned 28 January 2025)
Management Team	Lee Dema	Project Director
	Fiona McGee	M&E Officer
	Dwight Barnett	Project Coordinator
	Jonny Hough	Office & Operations Manager
Key Management Personnel	The person in charge of directing, controlling, running and operating the Charity on a day-to-day basis is Lee Dema, the Project Director.	
Bankers	Santander UK 301 St Vincent Street Glasgow G2 5NT	
Independent Examiner	Sheila Parry ACCA SPX Oxford Limited Peace House 19 Paradise Street Oxford OX1 ILD	

The Trustees submit their report and the financial statements of St. Matthew's Project ("the Charity") for the 16 month period ended 31 December 2024. The financial statements have been prepared in the format prescribed by the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2015 (FRS102). The financial statements have been prepared on a natural or alternative basis of analysis as per SORP 4.6. The legal and administrative information set out earlier in this document forms part of this report. This report also constitutes a directors' report required by section 415 of the Companies Act 2006 as all Trustees of a charity company are directors.

Mission Statement
To provide a safe and encouraging environment where young people can come together and enjoy structured sports and learning opportunities. To help the young people of Lambeth fulfil their potential and improve their well-being both physically and emotionally through targeted support to children and families.

Public benefit
The Trustees have complied with their duty under Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Who We Are
The St. Matthew's Project provides a safe and encouraging environment where 3-30-year-olds can come together and enjoy structured football sessions and other activities. We help children and young people living mainly in the Tulse Hill and Coldharbour wards of Lambeth fulfil their potential and have a real impact on their community. What began as a kick-about in Brockwell Park is now a thriving youth project, which offers a growing array of programmes and services to over 350 young people each week, bringing them together from 3 different housing estates, which historically would not have anything to do with each other, and the surrounding streets. The project has a dedicated team of 2 full-time staff, 4 part-time, 20 sessional coaches and 7 volunteers, with extensive experience of working with a challenging target group and a thorough understanding of the local community and its needs.

Our current activities include weekly turn-up-and-play sessions for both sexes; a Family Football and Literacy Programme; estate-based sports sessions; and a Fit for Life programme combining free food with mental wellbeing sessions and drop-ins. For those aged 16+, we offer free F.A coaching courses, construction work training opportunities and a volunteering programme. Through continued engagement we help young people develop their personal skills and strengths and tackle any weaknesses they feel they might have. In this way, we aim to meet the needs of local young people, raise their aspirations and help them steer clear of a life of crime and gang-related activity. Since we work with young people right up until they are in their late-twenties, we are also well-placed to offer those progressing through our programmes an established exit route into further structured and age-appropriate sporting and employment opportunities.

Where We Work And What We Do
The majority of our participants live in the Brixton Rush Common and Brixton Windrush wards of Lambeth which are within the top 10% Deprivation Deciles nationally for crime and living environment. 94% of our participants are from a BAME background. 65% are entitled to free school meals. As well as complex deprivation issues, the young people we work with also face health-related difficulties, including obesity, and a high prevalence of risk factors for mental health problems. Crime levels, and in particular gang-related activity, are high in our target area. We know that, first the pandemic and now, the ongoing cost of living crisis continue to heap pressure on many families in our area who were already struggling to cope,

which in turn has an impact on the young people in these households. Lambeth has the highest volume of serious youth violence in the capital with over 7,000 crimes in 10 years. It also has the greatest number of ambulance callouts. Lambeth is among the top 10 most dangerous boroughs in London. The overall crime rate in Lambeth in 2023 was 103 crimes per 1,000 people. This compares poorly to London's overall crime rate, coming in 8% higher than the London rate of 95 per 1,000 residents.

Nine young men known to us have lost their lives due to gang-related incidents since 2011 and tensions continue to remain high in the local area, with gangs holding a strong influence over young people and their families. A combination of enforced membership and low aspirations has meant that gangs have traditionally offered a viable, albeit illicit, career path for many of the boys and young men in the local community**.** Some parents even turn a blind eye to young people's involvement in gangs and criminal activity as the opportunity for them to make some money can be a welcome relief to families living in persistent poverty.

It is part of our ethos to offer those we work with more than just the chance to participate in a football project. We support young people to make the transition from sports participation to accessing further sporting, educational or employment opportunities as they get older. Through continued engagement we help young people develop their personal skills and strengths and tackle any weaknesses they feel they might have. In this way, we aim to meet the needs of local young people, raise their aspirations and help them steer clear of a life of crime and gang-related activity. Due to the fact that we work with young people right up until they are in their late-twenties, we are also well-placed to offer those progressing through our programmes an established exit route into further structured and age-appropriate sporting and employment opportunities.

The importance of being firmly rooted in the local community and taking the time to develop the project incrementally has been fundamental to our success over the past 2 decades. It has also allowed us to respond appropriately to the evolving needs of our users. Due to the relationship we have built up with local young people over a long period of time, we have earned a legitimacy to advise and help them in a way other organisations cannot. Consequently, more and more young people are benefiting from the services we offer, enhancing their life opportunities.

Our Funders

Funders	Partners	SMFC Kit Sponsors
ANT-Fonden	Active Lambeth	Cottman Foundation
Berkeley Foundation	Brixton Police	KMCO Group
Big Lottery Fund	Brockwell Park Community Partners	McEvoy Maintenance
Garfield Weston	Brockwell Park Management	
High Trees Community	City Heights Academy	
Trust	Crystal Palace F.C Academy	
Lambeth Council	Effra Digital	
London Youth	Football Foundation	
Mayor's Office	Fulham F.C Foundation	
Peter Minet Trust	High Trees Community Trust	
Roupell Park RMO	Jubilee Primary School	
Safer London	Lambeth Early Action Partnership	
Sport England	Lambeth Safeguarding Children P'ship	
Thrale Almhouses	Lambeth Sports & Recreation Services	
UK Youth	London F.A	

Walcot Foundation	London Youth Partisan CIC Roupell Park RMO South Central Youth Sported St. Matthew's Estate TRA Streetgames Substance Social Research Tooting & Mitcham United F.C Tulse Hill Estate TRA Tulse Hill Safer Neighbourhood Team	



AIMS & OBJECTIVES



To act as a resource for young people up to the age of 25 living in the Tulse Hill and Brixton area by providing advice and assistance and organising a programme of physical, educational and other activities.



To promote community participation in healthy recreation, in particular children and young people aged between 3 and 25 by the provision of facilities for playing football and other sports.



To provide a safe and encouraging environment where young people can come together and enjoy structured sports and learning opportunities.



To help the young people of the Tulse Hill and Brixton area fulfil their potential and improve their well-being both physically and emotionally through targeted support to children and families.

WHY SMP?

- 20 years of experience of being embedded in the local community
- Established in and trusted by a local community often sceptical of 'projects' as they have been used and let down by so many; SMP make a difference to local young people's lives over a long period of time
- Founded by someone who knows and cares about the local area and respects it and is respected by the people in it
- Core staff have been developed from within the programme; i.e. young people work with someone 'just like them'
- Pioneer of a true grassroots 'trauma-informed' approach
- Focused on early intervention and well-being, understanding how that can have a profound impact on the lives of young people with complex backgrounds and needs

- Knows the local young people better than any other organisation (so much so that it sometimes provides them as participants to other programme)

- Works in the community beyond the programme; facilitating relations and conversations between young people and schools, police and other local service providers

- Has maintained a £10 signing-on fee for St. Matthew's FC since inaugural 2005-06 season, ensuring accessibility for local young people

ASPIRATION STATEMENT

The St. Matthew's project is determined to ensure that the young people of the Tulse Hill and Brixton area can fulfil their potential. No child or young person should ever go hungry, be exposed to violence or live in poverty.

Football is a game that brings people together, engenders collaboration and trust and inspires passion and loyalty. Our mission is to use football as a gateway for young people to come together and provide for them structure and learning opportunities in a safe and encouraging environment. Our young people often get left behind, overlooked or banished to a headline about violence or underachievement. Our focus is on their wellness, based on an understanding that regularly active, collaborative young people are happier, healthier and more resilient.

Working with them day in, day out for two decades now, the St. Matthew's Project knows that local young people have hopes, fears and aspirations like everyone else, that can be channelled to deliver positive outcomes — for the young people themselves, as well as the local area and local community.

The St. Matthew's project has now been working in a deep and committed way, in a small part of London for 20 years. This has built a trust and an understanding that very few organisations working with young people have. We know our young people and they know us; our coaches have been through our programme so can relate and are relatable.

Our ambition is to continue this early intervention and we will continue to be embedded in the local area, and to understand each individual young person we work with, their challenges and hopes, in order to help them build a future and fulfil their potential.



CHAIR'S FOREWORD

This annual report gives an overview of the valuable work we carry out in our local community. It provides an insight into the impact it has not just on our participants, but also their families and the wider neighbourhood. It is testament to our wonderful team of staff and volunteers that a charity of our relatively small size is able to reach so many people. At St Matthew's, we pride ourselves on being more than 'just' a football project. Football is merely the starting point from which we can go on to support children and young people with their personal development, and offer them access to further sporting, educational or employment opportunities as they get older. Through sustained engagement, we are able to develop strong and enduring relationships with young people. Some of the young people we work with would not feel comfortable turning to any other source of support.

Football is a powerful hook for young people in our area and experience has shown us that it is the best means to deliver support and guidance. Due to the relationships we have built up with young people and their families over a long period of time, we have earned a legitimacy to advise and help them in a way that other organisations cannot. As a result, we can maintain relationships with young people who are on the fringes of our community when they have cut themselves off from most or all of the other positive influences in their lives. Equally, it means that their families feel able to come to us for support when they are often reluctant to engage with statutory services. Our coaches are recruited from within the local community and include people who have come through the scheme themselves (including ex-gang members), who can then act as inspiring and positive role models to the participants. We find that using former participants as coaches not only has a knock-on effect for the individual concerned, but also on the young people they are working with, who begin to see what could be on offer to them in the future. Through our partnerships with Lambeth Council, Lambeth Contextual Safeguarding, Brockwell Park Management, Brockwell Park Community Partners, Brixton Police, the Tulse Hill and St. Matthew's Estates' TRAs and local schools, we know that we are unique in the area in the type of sport and training programme we deliver.

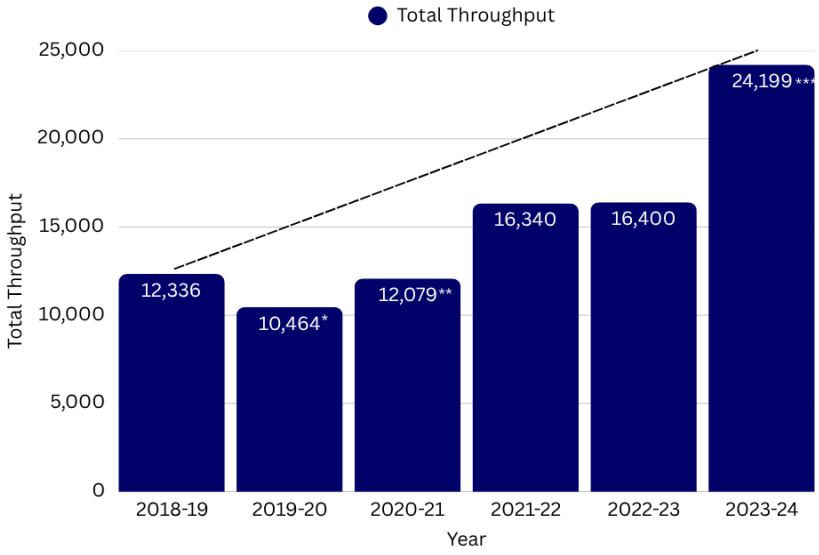


SMP PROGRAMME 2023-24

- Girls-only Saturday & Wednesday Football Club
- Girls-only Roupell Park Estate Football Club
- Girls-only After-School Football Club, Elm Green Secondary School
- Girls' Secondary School Tournament
- 5-16s Saturday Football Club
- Summer and Half-Term Holiday Football & Food Scheme
- Tulse Hill Estate Christmas Pen Football Tournament
- St. Matthew's Estate After-School Sports Club
- Jubilee Primary School After-School Football Club
- St. Matthew's F.C (U10s, U11s, U12s, U13s, U14s, U15s, 16s Girls U15s and Seniors A & B)
- Volunteer programme
- F.A Introduction to Coaching Football Course
- F.A UEFA-C Coaching Course
- Moving On employability programme
- Cage Football -Tulse Hill Estate
- Jubilee Primary School Parent & Toddler Club
- Fit 4 Life - mental health wellbeing programme
- Trauma-Informed staff training
- Young Tulse Hill Peer Researchers
- City Heights Academy Schools' Partnership
- Family Fitness Club: St. Matthew's & Tulse Hill Estates
- Men's 6-a-Side Football Night

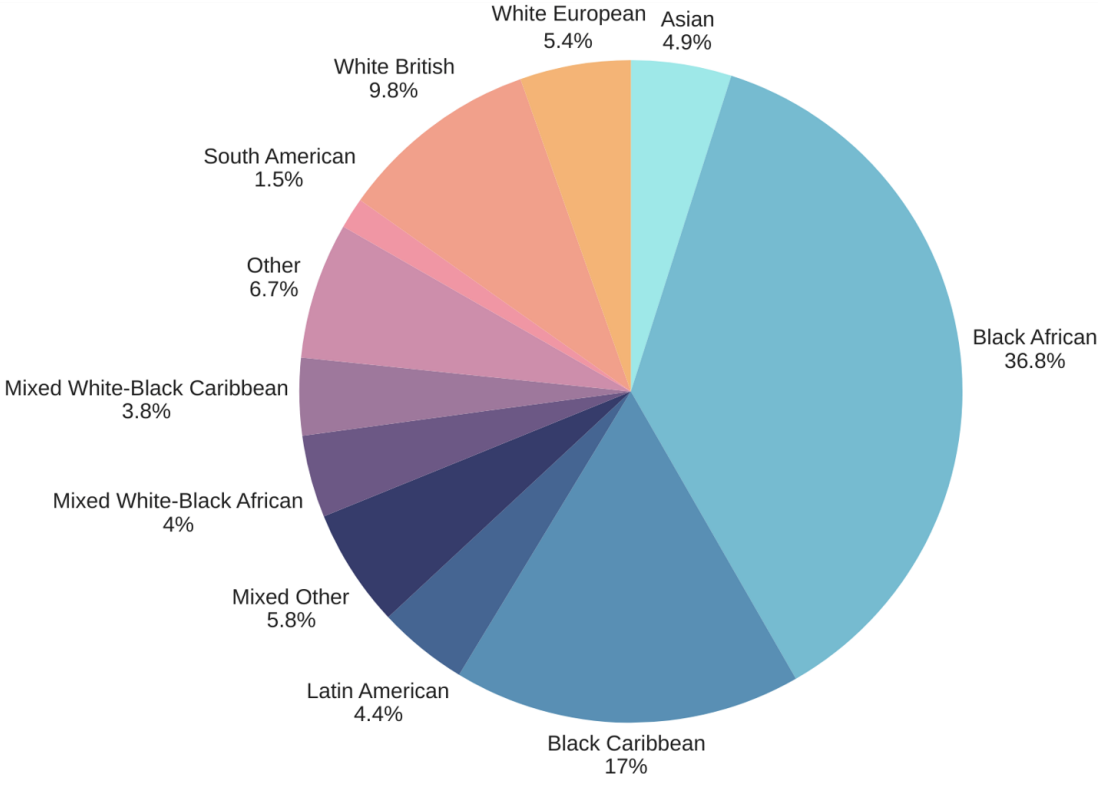
SMP OUTCOMES & STATISTICS

TOTAL NUMBER OF ATTENDANCES 2018/19 TO 2023-24



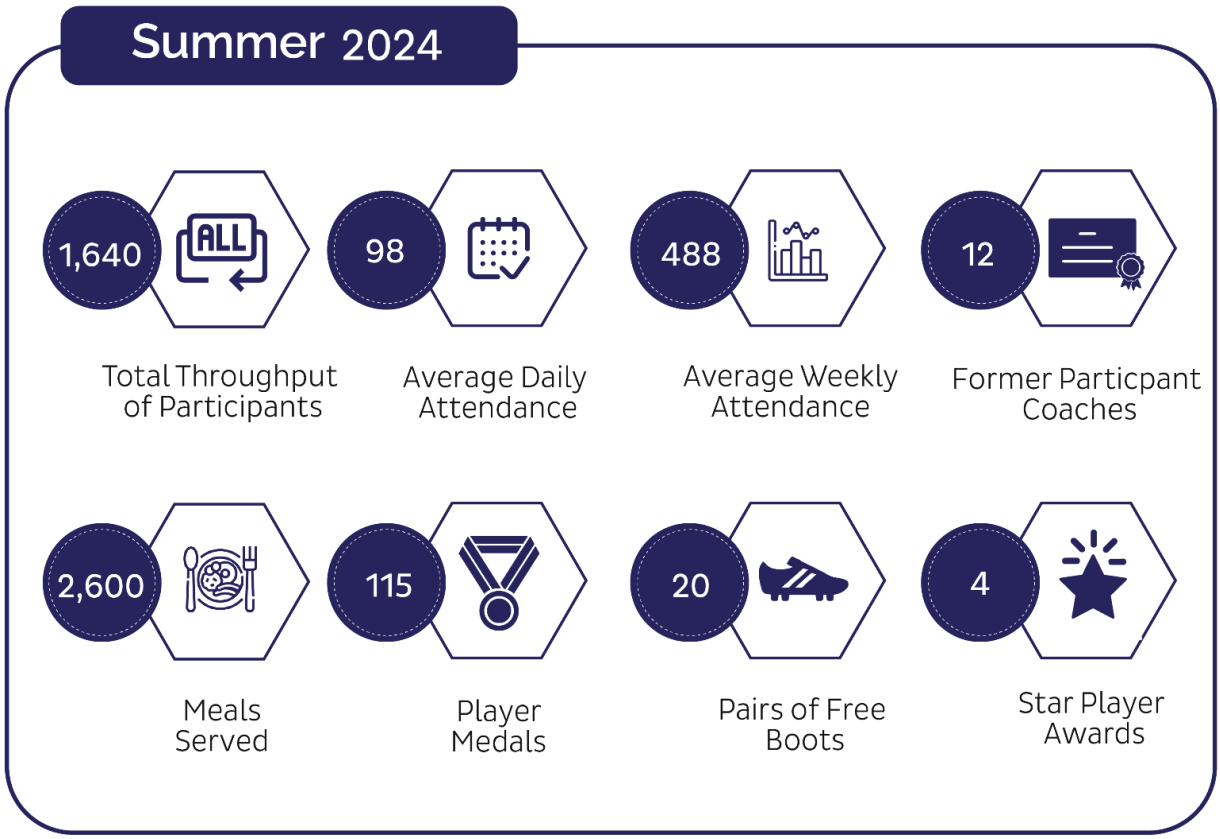
*** 2019 -20: Loss of 12 weeks of activities due to Covid lockdown.**
**** 2020 -21: Loss of 16 weeks of activities due to Covid lockdowns.**
***** 2023-24: Reporting year revised to cover September 1st 2023 - March 31st 2025.**

PARTICIPANT ETHNICITY 2023-24



PROGRAMME ATTENDANCES





TESTIMONIALS

'Thanks to the St. Matthew's team for all the support and opportunities you enable for local young people and families. As clear as ever for me on the gate this evening, the trust and faith they have in SMP just keeps growing.'
– John Jones, Mayor's Fund.

'Brilliant that after all these years the project is still here. Playing for this club was the best thing that happened to me growing up, and the memories I have with the lads and team will always be remembered.' **– Lee B. Original participant, St. Matthew's Estate (20th anniversary).**

'I am thoroughly impressed with the programme and wholeheartedly support its continuation. Thank you for your continued work and support, from the entire school community'.
– Marvin Charles, Headteacher, E-ACT City Heights Academy.

'Thank you for providing such a safe space and allowing for different individuals from all walks of life to feel loved, cherished and valued. A space for people to develop and grow as individuals and also as a collective community. SMP is indeed a movement and family like no other and glad I got the chance to be a part of this community and have memorable moments to share with you all again, and to be reunited again with you all in one space.'
– Aramide, former participant and coach. (20th anniversary).

"It's good to have a space to talk to someone because as young men we don't always express ourselves. It's not good to hold things in because it builds up. It's like having a pipe that's blocked, things build up and it bursts and people retaliate." **– Fit 4 Life member.**

'Massive thank you to SMP for helping me get my driver's licence. They have helped me from start to finish and have always been prepared to help me in so many ways, not just with my licence…'
– Andy, 22, Moving On Programme.

WHAT'S NEXT FOR SMP?

We have been using the Pavilion in Brockwell Park for over 18 years, and Lambeth Council granted us a rolling 10-year lease to take over the management of the building. We have planning permission to carry out refurbishment works and continue to apply for funding to refurbish the inside of the building to maximise its potential as a suitable learning space for the young people with whom we work. The Pavilion is of great importance not only for the future development of SMP's programme, but more critically for the on-going contribution it delivers to the wider community. SMP currently over-delivers in comparison to our size and we ideally need to increase the number of full-time staff we employ. We will once again, therefore, be making this one of our top funding priorities, in order to allow us to properly respond to the ever increasing demand for our services.

We believe that strengthening St. Matthew's in this way will help us to continue to deliver the best support to the communities we serve. We always want to ensure that our activities help to increase the confidence and motivation of those who take part; to help make sure strong and supportive community networks are created; and give more young people the chance to take part in positive activities which help them to steer clear of or break away from involvement in anti-social and other harmful behaviours, so that they can live their best lives.



OUR PEOPLE AND SUPPORTERS



As ever, we'd like to thank everyone who has been involved in supporting the work of SMP over the past two decades; it could never happen without the support of our funders, donors and partners.

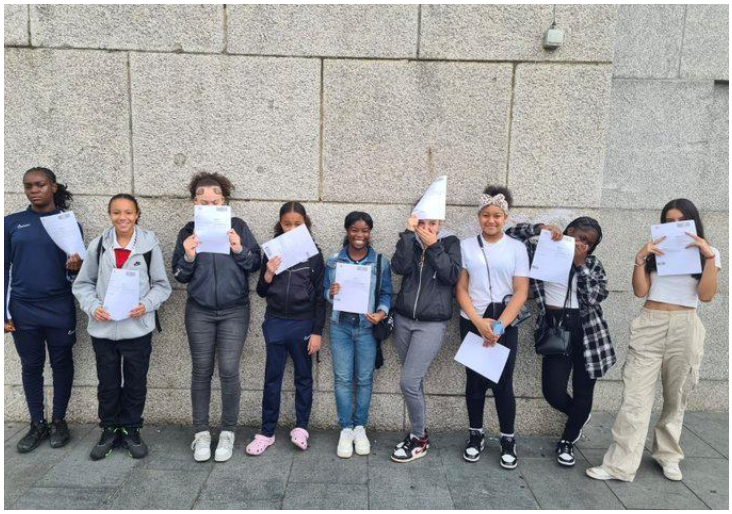
We would also like to extend our huge thanks for the continued support of our board of trustees, our staff and volunteers.

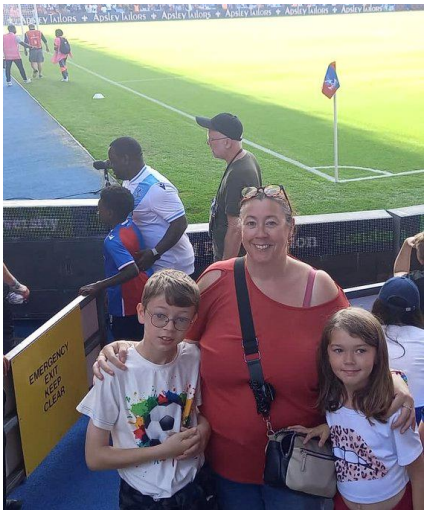
This review is a celebration of the efforts and commitment of our staff, trustees, partners, volunteers and participants. We have built a team with a shared vision and together we are making a positive difference. Our staff, volunteers and trustees are the key to our growth and success; they are involved and engaged not just with us but with all the young people we support. We would like to thank them for the time and invaluable resources they are putting into our work, helping to make the SMP the special organisation it is – may their effort and dedication continue to help change the lives of young people in the Tulse Hill and Brixton area and beyond. Any success we've had is about the people, the volunteers and everybody involved in supporting SMP on a daily, weekly basis.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

AUTUMN
September

A busy start to the SMP year saw some of our regular Saturday Club girls enjoying a trip to the London Dungeon; one happy family attending the Palace v Wolves Premier League encounter, courtesy of a kind member of the public who offered us free tickets; and SMP member, Ivanildo, signing for the West Ham United F.C Academy.





Never ones to sell '*The Dream'* but a huge well done to Ivanildo, who arrived from Guinea-Bissau aged 6 without a word of English, and was mentored by our Portuguese-speaking coach, Mario, from day one. It's been a long journey that has witnessed the best and worst in youth football practices along the way. And whatever the final outcome, we'll be here for him.



SMFC got off to a good start in the London County Saturday Youth League 2023-24 season with the latest U10s team notching up a 2-0 win at the '*Stadio Del Brockwell'*. The new manager, Adam, also wore the famous blue and black himself not so long ago, now the latest product of the SMP participant-coach pipeline. Huge thank you, too, to KMCO Group for another new kit and CEO, Martin, for paying us a visit.

We were also greatly indebted to the Brockwell Park management team for finding SMFC's older age-group teams an alternative 11-a-side home pitch after the recent Pokémon event – not even listed initially on Lambeth Council's summer programme – trashed our usual pitch. It was not ideal, facing east, but it saved our season.





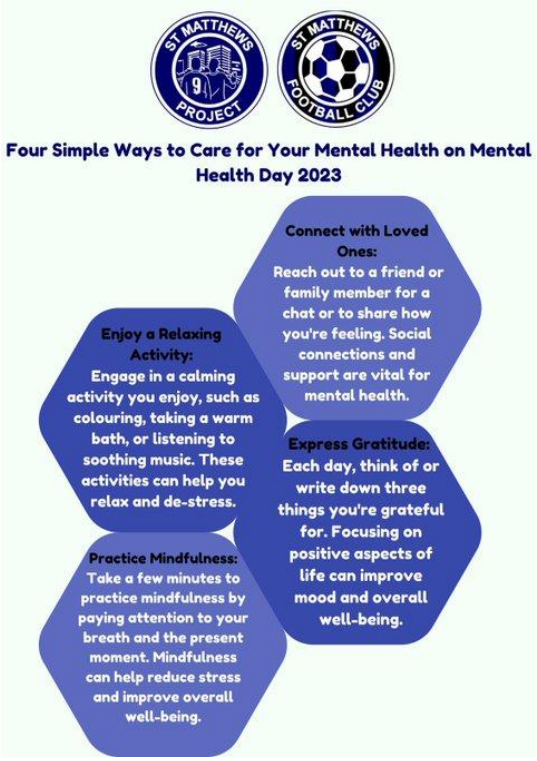
Our free Saturday Club turn-up-and play sessions have also been thriving, proof that not every young person wants to play for a team or '*get scouted'*, and can still greatly benefit from coaching, fitness and football in a fun, pressure-free environment.



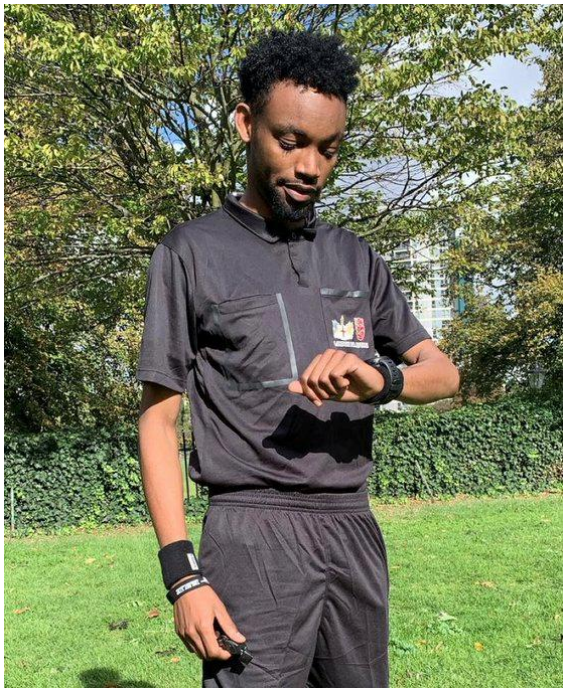
SMP Project Coordinator, Dwight, along with members of the SMP Youth Board attended a Dallaglio Rugby Works event aboard the Clipper Stad Amsterdam, moored by London Bridge, where they got to share their thoughts with the corporate world about issues affecting them.



October
SMP celebrated World Mental Health Day and shared wellbeing tips with our members and on social media.



Massive well done to Farah on his very first game as a referee in England. Farah, a Sudanese refugee, came to us via his mentor, Ella, at Lambeth Council. He'd been a ref in Sudan and wanted to get his F.A qualification through us. SMP coaches accompanied him to his first few games to offer support and to ensure that he was treated with respect. Many thanks, too, to the London County Saturday Youth League for taking him on and giving him games and experience.



A big thumbs up for our October half-term holiday sessions in Brockwell Park, with an average attendance over the three days of 118 young people!



Due to the success of our Family Fitness sessions on St. Matthew's Estate, we extended the programme to Tulse Hill Estate. As well as encouraging families to improve their fitness levels, the sessions seek to foster better parent-child relationships. By encouraging parents and children to spend time together engaged in high quality and constructive activities like these fitness sessions, we hope to strengthen parents' ability to engage with other aspects of their child's development, so that they have a full understanding of the issues facing their children, a knowledge of the available support services and the confidence to access them.



SMP's very own three lions, Dwight, Evon and Daniel, joined coaches from across the country at St. George's Park for the F.A's 2023 Black History Month Conference, celebrating the contributions of black role models in the game.



WINTER
November

At the request of John O's mum, we had another special Saturday Club session in Brockwell Park in his memory with medals and meals for everyone. John, a former Satuday Club member himself, will always be in the thoughts of everyone who knew him at SMP.









SMFC Girls were on the road throughout the 2023-24 season, playing all their matches at a central venue in the SW Super League at Barn Elms Sports Centre, Barnes. A difficult journey – bus, tube, train, bus – but this did not deter them!







December

We held a special final Saturday Club session of the year in Brockwell Park, going out in true festive style once again with lots of special prizes and treats given away in our Christmas Raffle. Prizes included: Christmas hampers, air fryers, £50 Tesco vouchers, £50 JD Sports vouchers, tins of chocolates and brand-new football boots. Members also enjoyed tea, coffee and hot chocolate, mince pies, Christmas cakes, mulled wine – and a special appearance by Santa. A massive thank you to long-time SMP supporter Judy Bryne and her friend who made this all possible by raising over £5,000 with a sponsored bike ride across India.



We also had a great day at our Christmas Cage football event on Tulse Hill Estate, with hot food, medals, music and treats. A huge thank you, too, to PC Joe Shaw and Lambeth Police for the sack of Christmas presents which were very well received!



January

2024 began with yet another wet start when the first Saturday Club of the year, which was due to take place in Brockwell Park, was cancelled due to waterlogged conditions. SMFC league games were also called off across three different boroughs. Sadly, this scenario is becoming all-too-familiar, with multiple sessions and matches lost to heavy rain, particularly during January and February. Consequently, we believe it is time to take climate change seriously and address the impact it is having on us now. It might even be worth considering moving youth league football sessions so that they take place during the spring and summer.



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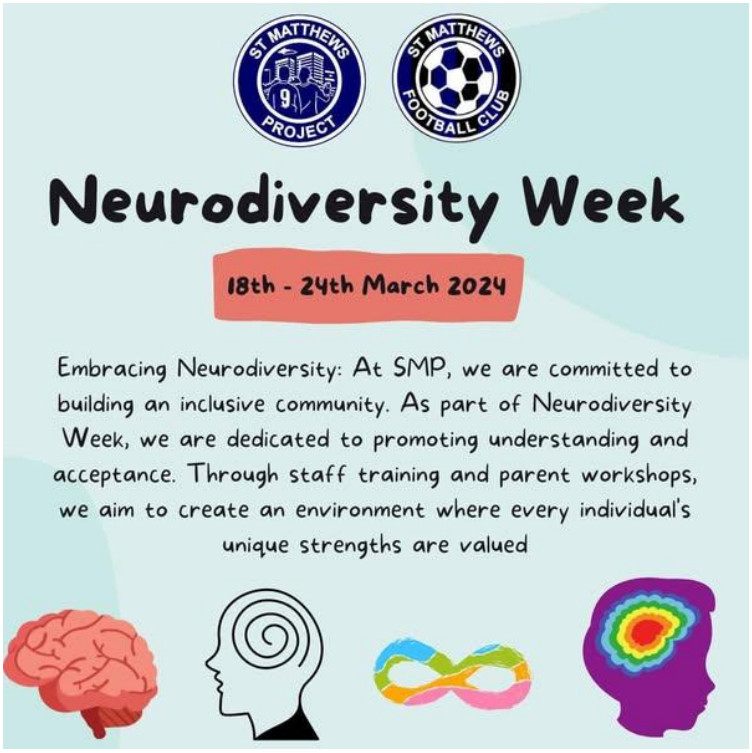
The New Year saw SMFC having to relocate to Clapham Common in order to play 11-a-side games (U12s, U13s, U14s, U15s and U16s teams) after our temporary pitch in Brockwell Park proved to be unplayable once the rains came due to water retention on one half of the playing surface. A huge thank you to the Brockwell Park Management team for finding us another home for the rest of the season. Being unable to complete our fixtures would have had a huge impact on the club with the likely exodus of many players. We were hoping to return to the '*Stadio Del Brockwell*' by September and the new season, but this proved to be a false dawn and we are now resigned to playing at least two seasons at Clapham.



We were honoured to be presented with the Sporting Achievement Award at the Lambeth Civic Awards 2024. Welcome acknowledgement for all the hard work and dedication all our staff and volunteers put into the Project. A huge thank you to everyone who nominated us. Perfect timing for our 20th anniversary!



For Neurodiversity Week our Wellbeing Outreach Worker, Savannah, made a neurodiversity pledge, and it was great to see so many parents and carers reach out to her for support and guidance.



Another busy half term in Brockwell Park saw an average attendance of 94 at our 3 sessions, and nearly 400 meals, 15 Grow Pots and 16 pairs of boots given out!



The SMP Family Fitness Club, a free, fun workout, was alive and kicking on Tulse Hill Estate every Saturday morning. It was great to see it building on the success of the pilot scheme on St. Matthew's Estate, Brixton.



There was a record turnout in March at our annual Lambeth Schools Girls' tournament at Ferndale Sports Centre, Brixton

- 11 schools
- 14 teams
- 131 girls
- 45 matches.

It was great to welcome back Elm Green School, West Norwood after a few years absence - and a huge well done to them on marking their return as champions! Congratulations also to Runners-Up, Dunraven, Streatham, and Fair Play Award winners, Platanos College, Stockwell. Huge well done to all involved.



Elm Green



Dunraven



Platanos

It was also an equally busy day in Brockwell Park at our first Easter holiday scheme session of 5, with 85 participants in attendance and 100+ meals, some bonus Easter eggs and 16 pairs of brand new boots courtesy of one of our regular supporters being handed out.



During the holidays we replaced the boots on the right with the boots on the left (below), an example of the importance of our second-hand boot scheme. A huge thank you to all our donors.



Our Easter holiday staff team included 8 former participants, which was really encouraging to see.



SMP were delighted to have a visit in April from Chelsea F.C sensation Cole Palmer, who came down to Ferndale Sports Centre, Brixton and met with Project Coordinator, Dwight Barnett, and spent some time with some of our aspiring young footballers. Cole was with us to launch "*Cif Re-kicks*". Cif is working with professional clubs and non-profit organisations across the UK to inspire on-pitch confidence through the restoration of used football boots, something that has been close to our heart for many years now.



Congratulations and a huge well done went out to our U12 and U14 girls at the end of the season. The U12s came out on top on in the Capital Girls League West Cup tournament at Barn Elms, while the U14s were crowned league champions! Big shout out, too, to our four Girls-Only Club coaches, all former SMP participants.



There was a meeting of the generations in May at Tooting & Mitcham United FC's stadium for the annual *'Jane Bullock Memorial Cup'*, as an SMFC Seniors IX made up of 8 former participants and 6 current SMP coaches took on TMUFC U23s, whose squad also included 2 former SMFC players. It was great to reunite with former SMFC manager and SMP lead coach, Ashley Bosah, who was managing the TMUFC U23s. The boys were cheered on by the SMFC U14s who had a double-banker league fixture at TMUFC in the morning, maintaining their unbeaten run with a 1-1 draw and a 5-1 win. The boys stayed on to get behind the Seniors and their manager, *'Gaffa Maz'*! They also went on to finish the season unbeaten.







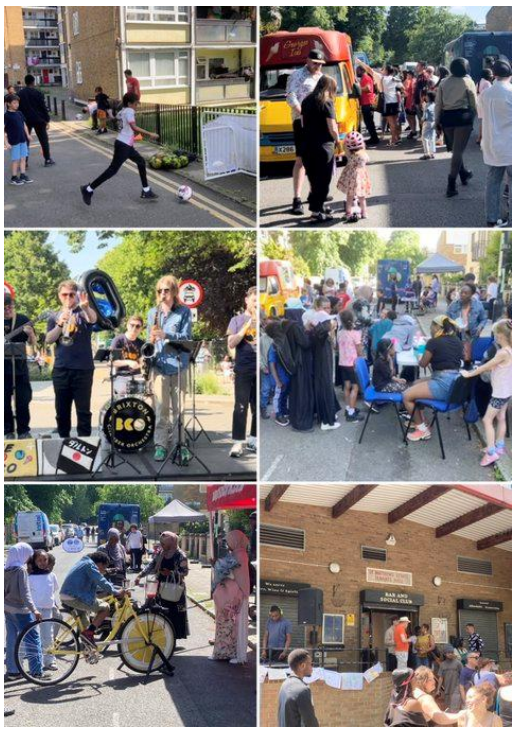
SUMMER

SMP 20th Anniversary

In 2004, what had started out as a kickabout in Brockwell Park for kids off St. Matthew's Estate became a summer holiday scheme, with two sessions a week on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. It was only meant to last the six weeks. An award ceremony in the St. Matthew's Estate tenants' hall at the end of the holiday was a chance for everyone to say goodbye and go back to whatever they were doing. But twenty years later, here we are…God moves in mysterious ways.



On Sunday, 2 June we celebrated our 20th anniversary back where it all began, on the St. Matthew's Estate in Brixton. We were delighted at the great turnout which saw 400 free meals, 100 free ice creams and 200 free smoothies consumed, face painting, arts and craft, 2 smoothie bikes, a visit from Brixton Fire Brigade and Police, Groove School DJ and a performance from the Brixton Chamber Orchestra. But above all, it was a fantastic coming together of our community!



SMP were guests at the London Construction Academy's 10th anniversary at Smithfields in the City of London. Over 25 young people from SMP have gained CSCS cards and other construction industry certificates at the LCA via our Moving On employability programme funded by the Walcot Foundation. On the same day, just a short walk away at the Old Bailey, the jury was out in a murder trial involving two former SMP members, a stark reminder of the very differing pathways young people can take in life.



July saw the annual SMP award ceremony at Alleyn's School, Dulwich, with over 100 young people and parents in attendance. Awards went to SMFC players and SMP participants across the board.



SMFC Girls with their trophies and awards
…And a great day out was had by all the girls from City Heights Academy on our Fit 4 Life wellbeing programme, who enjoyed some go-karting and a trip to Nando's by way of an end-of-term send off!



Our Fit 4 Life programme also provides a weekly drop-in space for young people aged 16-25 from the Tulse Hill and Brixton area, predominantly from the global majority. Many face challenges such as poverty, trauma, ACEs, mental health issues (anxiety, depression, low self-esteem), and exposure to serious gang violence. SMP takes a trauma-informed, culturally competent approach to provide these young people with a safe space for support and well-being.



A busy summer period also saw the first batch of 36 brand new laptops going out to local young people in genuine need. No more having to rely on libraries, other spaces and mobile phones to do their studies! Massive thank you to Lambeth Council and the Digital Inclusion Fund.




SMP Summer Holiday Scheme stats...

- Average daily attendance: 98
- Average weekly attendance: 488
- Meals served: 2,600
- Medals: 115
- Star Players: 4
- Football boots recycled: 20
- Former SMP participant coaches: 12

And a huge thank you to Lambeth Council HAF2024 for the funding!





In the period of SMP's old financial year of 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024, we spent £47,952 on nutritious meals for young people. A massive thank to all the funders and donors, large and small, who made this possible.



AUTUMN
September 2024

We kicked off the new Autumn schedule with a great staff training session, one of our best ones to date. It was a great opportunity for the Project Coordinator and Wellbeing Officer to connect and build relationships with the SMFC coaches, looking ahead to the new football campaign. Fantastic, too, to welcome home and gain some invaluable insights from former SMP Lead Football Coach, Ashley Bosah, now running the youth set up at Tooting & Mitcham United F.C.



SMFC U15s kicked off their season in September at a sun-kissed Clapham Common. It meant a second season in exile for our 11-a-side teams, but any hopes of returning to the *'Stadio Del Brockwell'* before the season was out were sadly dashed due to the ongoing restoration works in the park. We are now aiming to return for the start of 2025-26 season.



And on the SMFC Girls' front, it was great to have Jess King, Regional Talent ID Coach (South London), come out to Barn Elms to watch our girls play their first game of the new season and meet our coaches. Jess is hoping to find a viable way forward for regular girls' league football in south London.



Huge well done to SMP member Alexis who was invited to the London Youth 'Born Ambitious' network event and got to meet their patron, HRH The Duke of Edinburgh. Alexis has been a great ambassador for SMP.



In October we collected some lovely items of furniture from one of our major funders, the Berkeley Foundation. The items, which were previously housed in luxury show flats at the Oval, went out to families in genuine need. A massive thank you to all at Berkeley.



We were excited to launch our Friday night games' club in October. As part of our Digital Inclusion Funding from Lambeth Council, young people from across the project had the opportunity to join us on Tulse Hill Estate and at our office space in Brixton to enjoy playing fun, board and age-appropriate computer games and socialise with their peers.





November saw visits from representatives from the Police and the F.A. It was great to have PCs Emily Marshall, Joe Shaw and Joe Seddon from the Trust, Confidence and Engagement team at Lambeth and Southwark Police drop in at one of our girls-only football session at Ferndale Sports Centre, Brixton to talk about violence against women and girls.



...And another visitor to Ferndale was Peter Augustine, Coach Development Officer (D&I) London and South Region, who came down to meet some of our SMFC team managers and players at our Tuesday and Thursday training nights. We thank Peter for his ongoing support for our coaches as they continue to develop and learn.



WINTER

Our well-being Christmas gift boxes were well received by our Wednesday night Girls-Only Club members at Ferndale Sports Centre, Brixton. Boxes were also given out at our Saturday Club sessions and to all our female coaches.





A busy Christmas at SMP saw 25 female wellbeing gift boxes, 13 Christmas hampers, 15 pairs of brand new football boots and over 70 Christmas presents delivered. A huge thank you to all the donors who made it possible! And a special shout out to the Metropolitan Police's Team London Bridge and Lambeth Trust, Confidence and Engagement Team for Lambeth and Southwark for another fantastic batch of Christmas presents this year for our members.











Financial Review

During 2024 the Trustees took the decision to change the accounting year end date from 31st August to 31st December. This is to enable a clearer representation of the activities of SMP by better aligning funding income with related expenditure. Accordingly, the accounts presented represent a 16-month period from 1st September 2023 to 31st December 2024. The accounts show a deficit for the 16-month period of £50,107. The deficit is distorted by the fact that the accounting period covers two calendar 4th quarters, a period when grant income is historically low for SMP. The deficit therefore distorts the true performance of SMP.

Funding for the Charity comes from a variety of sources including grants and donations from trusts and individuals. 2023/24 was another very strong period for donations and legacies with income of £448,084 for 16 months (2023: £324,554). Overall, the financial position of SMP has remained strong with significant cash and reserves. Since the end of the year income flow has been more challenging with some funding having reached the end of a 3-year cycle. The Trustees and Executive remain focused on identifying additional funding pipelines as the Charity expands its engagement with the local community.

Overall, the financial position of SMP has remained strong with significant Cash and Reserves. The trustees' view is that SMP should continue to plan to broaden its activities and reach to further the Charity's aims. This is reflected in the additional staff that have been recruited to further implementation.

Included in total funds are amounts totalling £92,409 (2023: £114,328) which are restricted. These monies have either been raised for, and their use restricted to, specific purposes, and/or they comprise grants subject to grantor imposed conditions. Details of the movement on these restricted funds can be found in note 7 to the accounts together with an analysis of movements in the year.

Reserves Policy
The Trustees have examined the requirements for free reserves, i.e. those unrestricted funds not invested in tangible fixed assets. The Trustees consider that, given the nature of the Charity's funding, free reserves should be equivalent to approximately 3 months general fund expenditure. The Trustees are of the opinion that this provides sufficient flexibility to cover temporary shortfalls in incoming resources and will allow the Charity to cope and respond to unforeseen emergencies whilst specific action plans are implemented. At 31 December 2024 the Charity had net free reserves of £111,872 (2023: £140,060) as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Total reserves	**204,281**	**254,388**
Less: restricted funds	(92,409)	(114,328)
Free reserves	**111,872**	**140,060**
Free reserves requirement:		
3 month's budgeted routine expenditure	**110,000**	**100,000**

Going Concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charitable company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

Responsibilities of Trustees for the Financial Statements

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice. Charity law in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity for that period.

In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the activities of the Charity will continue.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the governing document. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the Charity and financial information included in the Charity's website.

Approval

The report of the Trustees was approved by the Trustees on 12 September 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

J Greenfield

Jenny Greenfield
Chair of the Board

ST. MATTHEW'S PROJECT

Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees of St Matthews Project For the year ended 31 December 2024

I report on the accounts of the St Matthew's Project (the Charity) for the year ended 31 December 2024, set out on pages 43-49.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act") and that an independent examination is needed. The charity is required by company law to prepare accrued accounts and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act);
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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.

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.

Sheila Parry

Sheila Parry ACCA
12 September 2025

ST. MATTHEW'S PROJECT

Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating the income and expenditure account)
For the period ended 31 December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £ 16 months	Restricted Funds 2024 £ 16 months	Total 2024 £ 16 months	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £ 12 months	Restricted Funds 2023 £ 12 months	Total 2023 £ 12 months
Income from:	2						
Donations and legacies		79,380	367,824	447,204	112,038	212,457	324,495
Charitable activities		880	-	880	60	-	60
Total Income		**80,260**	**367,824**	**448,084**	**112,098**	**212,457**	**324,555**
Expenditure on:							
Staff costs	3a	81,559	221,813	303,372	53,958	93,912	147,870
Staff expenses		3,799	-	3,799	2,833	570	3,403
Service delivery	3b	-	167,930	167,930	4,095	185,676	189,771
Office, administration & support	3c	22,190	-	22,190	15,523	-	15,523
Independent examination		600	-	600	600	-	600
Gifts		300	-	300	-	-	-
		108,448	**389,743**	**498,191**	**77,009**	**280,158**	**357,167**
Net (expenditure)/income before tax		**(28,188)**	**(21,919)**	**(50,107)**	**35,089**	**(67,701)**	**(32,612)**
Tax payable	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net income after tax		**(28,188)**	**(21,919)**	**(50,107)**	**35,089**	**(67,701)**	**(32,612)**
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses)		-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		**(28,188)**	**(21,919)**	**(50,107)**	**35,089**	**(67,701)**	**(32,612)**
Total funds brought forward		140,060	114,328	254,388	104,971	182,029	287,000
Total funds carried forward		**111,872**	**92,409**	**204,281**	**140,060**	**114,328**	**254,388**

ST. MATTHEW'S PROJECT

Balance Sheet
As at 31 December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Current Assets					
Debtors	5	-	35,000	35,000	-
Cash At Bank And In Hand		117,982	57,409	175,391	258,150
		117,982	92,409	210,391	258,150
Creditors - Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	6	6,110	-	6,110	3,762
Net Current Assets		**111,872**	**92,409**	**204,281**	**254,388**
Net Assets		**111,872**	**92,409**	**204,281**	**254,388**
Represented By:					
Restricted Funds	7	-	92,409	92,409	114,328
Unrestricted Income Funds		111,872	-	111,872	140,060
Total Funds		**111,872**	**92,409**	**204,281**	**254,388**

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime as set out in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006. The company is entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2024 and no notice requiring an audit has been deposited under section 476.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of each financial period and of its profit or loss for the financial period 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 is applicable to the company.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 12 September 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

David Keen.

David Keen
Treasurer

Company registration 7007350

1. Accounting Policies

St. Matthews Project is a charitable company limited by guarantee without share capital, with use of 'Limited' exemption, and registered in England with registration number 07007350. Its registered office address is 90 Gaskarth Road, Balham, London, SW12 9NW. The accounts are presented in GBP rounded to £1.

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

Basis of accounting
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 September 2023) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared on a natural or alternative basis of analysis as per SORP 4.6.

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

The Charity has availed itself of the Companies Act 2006 and adapted the Companies Act format to reflect the special nature of the Charity's activities.

Going Concern
The Charity is a going concern. Taking into account reserves and anticipated recurring income, the Trustees are confident that the Charity remains a going concern for at least twelve months from the date of approval of these accounts.

Income recognition
Voluntary income and donations (including legacies) are accounted for once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be reliably measured. Income from the recovery of tax on gift aided donations is accounted for in the period to which the relevant donation is received. Grant income is recognised on a receivable basis.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

No amounts have been included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

Expenditure recognition
Expenditure is accrued as soon as a liability is considered probable, and the amount of obligation can be measured reliably. Longer term liabilities are discounted to present value. The Charity is not registered for VAT and accordingly expenditure includes VAT where appropriate.

1. Accounting Policies (continued)

Charitable expenditure includes those costs in fulfilling the Charity's principal objects, as outlined in the Report of the Trustees. These include governance costs which are incurred in connection with the administration of the Charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, which tasks are undertaken mainly by the Trustees. Governance costs also costs include costs relating to statutory independent examination and legal fees.

Taxation
The Company is a Registered Charity and is therefore exempt from taxation under the Income and Corporation Taxes Acts.

Tangible fixed assets
Tangible fixed assets, costing more than £2,000, are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:
Office equipment: 5 years

Funds Structure
Unrestricted income comprises those funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for specific purposes. There are currently no restricted funds.

2. Income

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £ 16 months	Restricted Funds 2024 £ 16 months	Total 2024 £ 16 months	Total 2023 £ 12 months
Donations & legacies				
Donations	48,180	-	48,180	15,057
Gift Aid	-	-	-	213
Grants	31,200	367,824	399,024	309,225
	79,380	367,824	447,204	324,495
Charitable activities				
Team subscriptions	880	-	880	60
	880	0	880	60
	80,260	**367,824**	**448,084**	**324,555**

3. Expenditure

Included within expenditure are the following costs:

3a Staff costs	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £ 16 months	Restricted Funds 2024 £ 16 months	Total 2024 £ 16 months	Total 2023 £ 12 months
Gross salaries	135,006	152,549	287,555	141,720
Employers National Insurance	7,739	4,448	12,187	4,577
Employer pension contributions	3,275	355	3,630	1,573
	146,020	**157,352**	**303,372**	**147,870**

The average number of employees during the year was 10 (2023: 10). No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000 during the year.

3b Service delivery	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £ 16 months	Restricted Funds 2024 £ 16 months	Total 2024 £ 16 months	Total 2023 £ 12 months
Coaching, tutoring & training	-	26,107	26,107	99,822
Food	-	54,223	54,223	45,689
Travel	-	4,402	4,402	6,169
Equipment/kit/facilities	-	47,198	47,198	30,501
Membership/league fees	-	1,958	1,958	1,969
Tours & events	-	1,200	1,200	460
Digital Inclusion	-	20,298	20,298	-
Other	-	12,544	12,544	5,161
	0	**167,930**	**167,930**	**189,771**

3. Expenditure (continued)

3c Office & administration	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £ 16 months	Restricted Funds 2024 £ 16 months	Total 2024 £ 16 months	Total 2023 £ 12 months
Accountancy & payroll	6,259	-	6,259	5,266
Filming	8,215	-	8,215	-
Insurance	324	-	324	-
Printing & stationery	-	-	-	11
Software	-	-	-	144
Website	1,224	-	1,224	3,180
Other	6,168	-	6,168	6,922
	22,190	**0**	**22,190**	**15,523**

4. Taxation

As a charity, St. Matthews Project is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within the provisions of the Corporation Taxes Act 2010 or the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen on the Charity.

5. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Grants receivable	**35,000**	**-**

6. Creditors - Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

	2024 £	2023 £
Other creditors	686	690
Other creditors including taxation and social security	4,024	1,672
Accruals	1,400	1,400
	6,110	**3,762**

7. Restricted Funds

7a Current year	At 1 September 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 December 2024 £
Service delivery related activities	114,328	326,766	(325,282)	0	115,812

7b Prior year	At 1 September 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 August 2023 £
Service delivery related activities	182,029	212,457	(280,158)	0	114,328

Service delivery related activities. Income received specifically for funding service delivery related activities.

8. Related Party Transactions

No Trustees (2023: none) received reimbursement for expenses incurred on charity business during the year.

The Trustees did not make any restricted donations to the charity during the year (2023: £nil).

9. Members Funds

The company is a private company limited by guarantee with no share capital. The liability of the members is limited to £10 in the event of a winding up.

ST. MATTHEW'S PROJECT

England & Wales - Charity number 1140964

Accounts

ST. MATTHEW'S PROJECT

19 Years in the Community 2004-2023

Company Limited by Guarantee
Charity Registration Number: 1140964
Company Registration Number: 7007350

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 August 2023

ST. MATTHEW'S PROJECT

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ST. MATTHEW'S PROJECT

Annual Report of the Trustees
For the year ended 31 August 2023

Charity Name	St. Matthew's Project.
Charity Registration no	1140964. The Charity was registered with the Charity Commission on 22 March 2011.
Company Registration no	7007350.
Registered Office	90 Gaskarth Road, London SW12 9NW
Governing Document	The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 2 September 2009. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association.
Mission Statement	To provide a safe and encouraging environment where young people can come together and enjoy structured sports and learning opportunities. To help the young people of Lambeth fulfil their potential and improve their well-being both physically and emotionally through targeted support to children and families
Objectives	1. To act as a resource for young people up to the age of 25 living in the south Brixton area by providing advice and assistance and organising programmes of physical, educational and other activities as a means of: • advancing in life and helping young people by developing their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals. • advancing education • relieving unemployment • providing recreational and leisure time activity in the interests of social welfare for people living in the south Brixton area who have need by reason for their youth, age, infirmity or disability, poverty or social and economic circumstances, with a view to improving the conditions of life of such persons. 2. The promotion of community participation in healthy recreation, in particular children and young people aged between 6 and 25 by the provision of facilities for playing football.
Mission Statement	To provide a safe and encouraging environment where young people can come together and enjoy structured sports and learning opportunities. To help the young people of Lambeth fulfil their potential and improve their well-being both physically and emotionally through targeted support to children and families.
Trustees	The Trustees who served during the year and who were serving at the date of this report were: David Keen — Treasurer Jenny Greenfield — Chair Lekan Ojumu James Alexander Daisy Streatfield

ST. MATTHEW'S PROJECT

Annual Report of the Trustees
For the year ended 31 August 2023

Management Team	Lee Dema	Project Manager
	Fiona McGee	M&E Officer
	Dwight Barnett	Project Coordinator
	Jonny Hough	Office & Operations Manager
Key Management Personnel	The person in charge of directing, controlling, running and operating the Charity on a day to day basis is Lee Dema, the Project Manager.	
Bankers	Santander UK 301 St Vincent Street Glasgow G2 5NT	
Independent Examiner	Sheila Parry ACCA SPX Oxford Limited Peace House 19 Paradise Street Oxford OX1 ILD	

The Trustees submit their report and the financial statements of St. Matthew's Project ("the Charity") for the year ended 31 August 2023. The financial statements have been prepared in the format prescribed by the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2015 (FRS102). The financial statements have been prepared on a natural or alternative basis of analysis as per SORP 4.6. The legal and administrative information set out earlier in this document forms part of this report. This report also constitutes a directors' report required by section 415 of the Companies Act 2006 as all Trustees of a charity company are directors.

Mission Statement

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Public benefit

The Trustees have complied with their duty under Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Who We Are

The St Matthew's Project provides a safe and encouraging environment where 3-25-year-olds can come together and enjoy structured football sessions and other activities. We help children and young people living mainly in the Tulse Hill and Coldharbour wards of Lambeth fulfil their potential and have a real impact on their community. What began as a kick-about in Brockwell Park is now a thriving youth project, which offers a growing array of programmes and services to over 200 young people each week, bringing them together from 3 different housing estates, which historically would not have anything to do with each other. The project has a dedicated team of 25 staff (2 full-time) and 8 volunteers, with extensive experience of working with a challenging target group and a thorough understanding of the local community and its needs.

Our current activities include weekly turn-up-and-play sessions for both sexes; a Family Football and Literacy Programme; estate-based sports sessions; and a Fit 4 Life programme combining free football with mental health and wellbeing workshops. For those aged 16+, we offer an employment training programme, free F.A coaching courses and a volunteering programme. Through continued engagement we help young people develop their personal skills and strengths and tackle any weaknesses they feel they might have. In this way, we aim to meet the needs of local young people, raise their aspirations and help them steer clear of a life of crime and gang-related activity. Since we work with young people right up until they are in their late-twenties, we are also well-placed to offer those progressing through our programmes an established exit route into further structured and age-appropriate sporting and employment opportunities.

Where We Work

The majority of our participants live in the Tulse Hill and Coldharbour wards of Lambeth which are within the most deprived 10% Deprivation Deciles nationally for crime and living environment. 95% of our participants are from a BAME background. As well as complex deprivation issues, the young people we work with also face health-related difficulties, including obesity, and a high prevalence of risk factors for mental health problems. Crime levels, and in particular gang-related activity, are high in our target area – Lambeth has the highest volume of serious youth violence in the capital with over 7,000 crimes in 10 years. It also has the greatest number of ambulance callouts. Lambeth is among the top 10 most dangerous boroughs in London. The overall crime rate in Lambeth in 2022 was 103 crimes per 1,000 people. This compares poorly to London's overall crime rate, coming in 8% higher than the London rate of 95 per 1,000 residents.

Eight young men known to us have lost their lives due to gang-related incidents since 2011 and tensions continue to remain high in the local area, with gangs holding a strong influence over young people and their families. A combination of enforced membership and low aspirations has meant that gangs have traditionally offered a viable, albeit illicit, career path for many of the boys and young men in the local community**.** Some parents even turn a blind eye to young people's involvement in gangs and criminal activity as the opportunity for them to make some money can be a welcome relief to families living in persistent poverty.

It is part of our ethos to offer those we work with more than just the chance to participate in a football project. We support young people to make the transition from sports participation to accessing further sporting, educational

or employment opportunities as they get older. Through continued engagement we help young people develop their personal skills and strengths and tackle any weaknesses they feel they might have. In this way, we aim to meet the needs of local young people, raise their aspirations and help them steer clear of a life of crime and gang-related activity. Due to the fact that we work with young people right up until they are in their mid-twenties, we are also well-placed to offer the those progressing through our programmes an established exit route into further structured and age-appropriate sporting and employment opportunities.

The importance of being firmly rooted in the local community and taking the time to develop the project incrementally has been fundamental to our success over the past 16 years. It has also allowed us to respond appropriately to the evolving needs of our users. Due to the relationship we have built up with local young people over a long period of time, we have earned a legitimacy to advise and help them in a way other organisations cannot. Consequently, more and more young people are benefiting from the services we offer, enhancing their life opportunities.

Funders	Partners	SMFC Kit Sponsors
ANT-Fonden	Better PLC	Cottman Foundation
Berkeley Foundation	Brixton Police	KMCO Group
Big Lottery Fund	Brockwell Park Community Partners	McEvoy Maintenance
Garfield Weston	Brockwell Park Management	
Henry Smith Charity	City Heights Academy	
High Trees Community Trust	Crystal Palace F.C Academy	
Lambeth Council	Effra Digital	
Leap Confronting Conflict	Football Foundation	
London Community Foundation	Fulham F.C Foundation	
London Youth	High Trees Community Trust	
Mayor's Office	Jubilee Primary School	
Peters & Peters Solicitors	Lambeth Early Action Partnership	
Peter Minet Trust	Lambeth Safeguarding Children P'ship	
Roupell Park RMO	Lambeth Sports & Recreation Services	
Safer London	LEAP	
Sport England	Leap Confronting Conflict	
Sport Unites	London F.A	
Streetgames	London Youth	
Thrale Almhouses	Partisan CIC	
UK Youth	Roupell Park RMO	
Walcot Foundation	South Central Youth	
	Sported	
	St. Matthew's Estate TRA	
	Substance Social Research	
	Tooting & Mitcham United F.C	
	Tulse Hill Estate TRA	
	Tulse Hill Safer Neighbourhood Team	

EXISTING AIMS & OBJECTIVES



To act as a resource for young people up to the age of 25 living in the Tulse Hill and Brixton area by providing advice and assistance and organising programmes of physical, educational and other activities.



To promote community participation in healthy recreation, in particular children and young people aged between 3 and 25 by the provision of facilities for playing football and other sports.



To provide a safe and encouraging environment where young people can come together and enjoy structured sports and learning opportunities.



To help the young people of the Tulse Hill and Brixton area fulfil their potential and improve their well-being both physically and emotionally through targeted support to children and families.

WHY SMP?

- *More than 18 years of experience of being embedded in the local community*
- *Established in and trusted by a local community often sceptical of 'projects' as they have been used and let down by so many; SMP make a difference to local young people's lives over a long period of time*
- *Founded by someone who knows and cares about the local area and respects and is respected by the people in it*
- *Core staff have been developed from within the programmes; i.e. young people work with someone 'just like them'*
- *Pioneer of a true grassroots 'trauma-informed' approach*
- *Focused on early intervention and well-being, understanding how that can have a profound impact on the lives of young people with complex backgrounds and needs*
- *Knows the local young people better than any other organisation (so much so that it sometimes provides them as participants to other programmes)*
- *Works in the community beyond the programmes; facilitating relations and conversations between young people and schools, police and other local service providers*
- *Has maintained a £10 signing-on fee for St. Matthew's FC since inaugural 2005-06 season, ensuring accessibility for local young people*

ASPIRATION STATEMENT

The St. Matthew's project is determined to ensure that the young people of the Tulse Hill and Brixton area can fulfil their potential. No child or young person should ever go hungry, be exposed to violence or live in poverty.

Football is a game that brings people together, engenders collaboration and trust and inspires passion and loyalty. Our mission is to use football as a gateway for young people to come together and provide for them structure and learning opportunities in a safe and encouraging environment. Our young people often get left behind, overlooked or banished to a headline about violence or underachievement. Our focus is on their wellness, based on an understanding that regularly active, collaborative young people are happier, healthier and more resilient.

Working with them day in, day out for more than 19 years, the St Matthew's Project knows that local young people have hopes, fears and aspirations like everyone else, that can be channelled to deliver positive outcomes — for the young people themselves, as well as the local area and local community.

The St. Matthew's project has worked in a deep and committed way, in a small part of London for more than 19 years. This has built a trust and an understanding that very few organisations working with young people have. We know our young people and they know us, our coaches have been through our programmes so can relate and are relatable.

Our ambition is to continue this early intervention and reach at least 40% of the young people in the Tulse Hill and Brixton area in the next three years. We will continue to be embedded in the local area, and to understand each individual young person we work with, their challenges and hopes, in order to help them build a future and fulfil their potential.

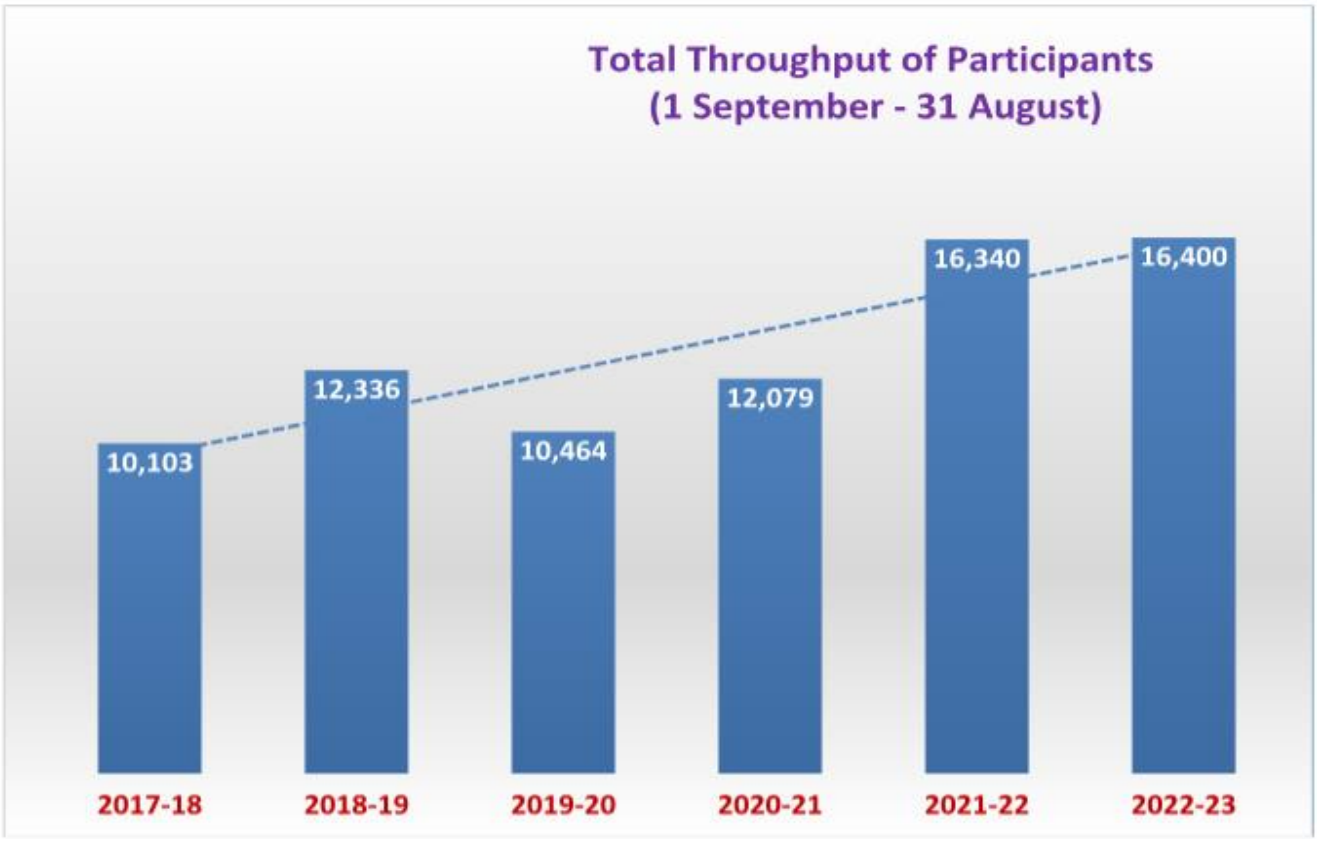


Chair's Foreword

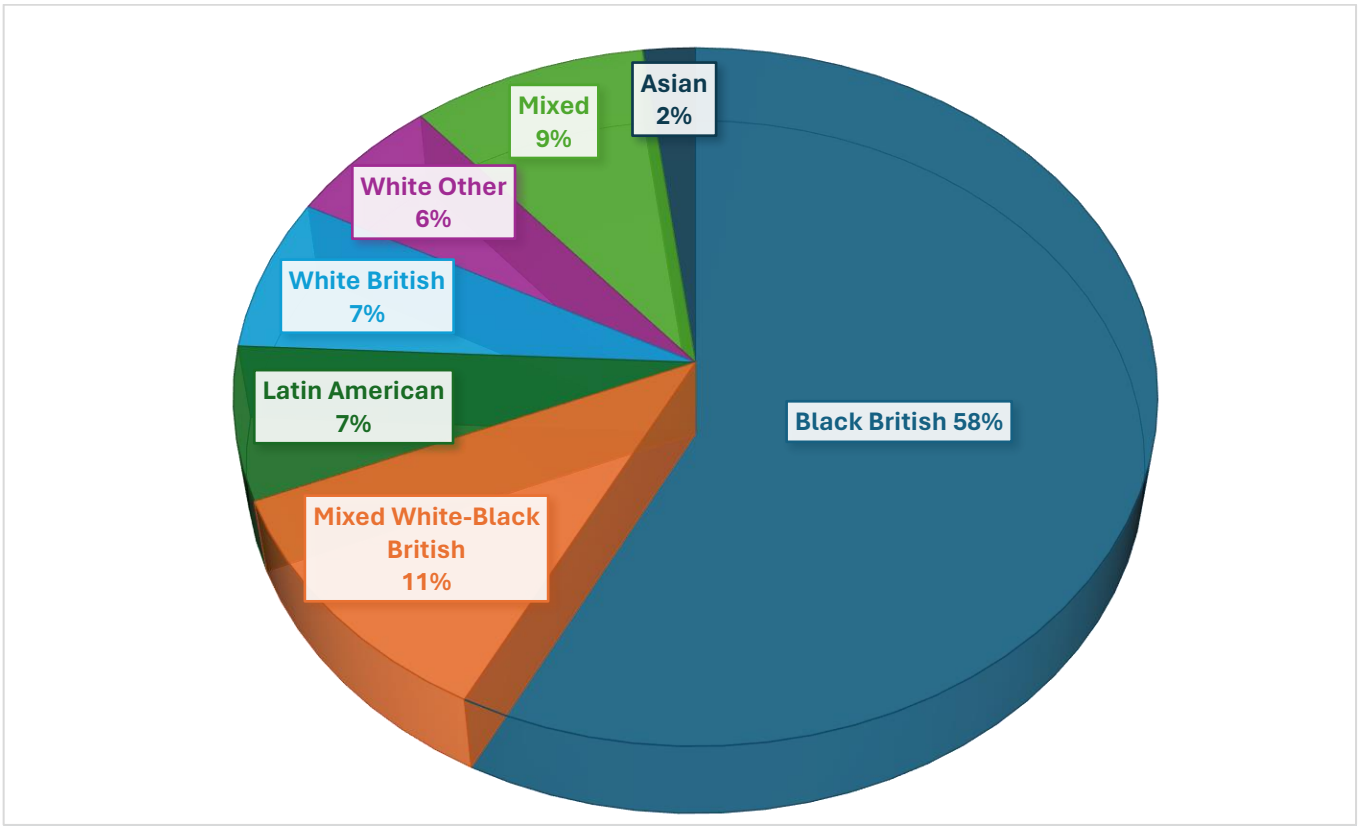
This annual report gives an overview of the valuable work we carry out in our local community. It provides an insight into the impact it has not just on our participants, but also their families and the wider neighbourhood. It is testament to our wonderful team of staff and volunteers that a charity of our relatively small size is able to reach so many people. At St Matthew's, we pride ourselves on being more than 'just' a football project. Football is merely the starting point from which we can go on to support children and young people with their personal development, and offer them access to further sporting, educational or employment opportunities as they get older. Through sustained engagement, we are able to develop strong and enduring relationships with young people. Some of the young people we work with would not feel comfortable turning to any other source of support.

At SMP, we know that many of our participants are having to deal with some challenging issues and we are always trying to ensure that the programmes we deliver are those most suited to their needs. During 2022/23, we have invested a lot of time and resources into embedding a trauma-informed therapeutic approach across our programmes. As well as our developing relationship with local mental health practitioners Partisan, we were lucky enough to receive funding for a part-time Mental Health Outreach worker, both factors which have enabled us to strengthen our mental health and wellbeing work. All our coaches have taken part in trauma training, which enables them to recognise when a child or young person is displaying signs of trauma and take the first steps towards helping them to deal with it. This ensures that we are best placed to help young people overcome any barriers they face at the earliest possible opportunity, thus helping to improve their long-term outcomes.





*2019-20: Loss of 12 weeks of activities due to Covid lockdown.
**2020-21: Loss of 16 weeks of activities due to Covid lockdowns.



SMP PROGRAMME 2022-23

- Girls-only Saturday Football Club
- Girls-only Roupell Park Estate Football Club
- Girls' Secondary School Leagues & Tournaments
- 5-16s Saturday Football Club
- Summer and Half-Term Holiday Football & Food Scheme
- Tulse Hill Estate Christmas Pen Football Tournament
- St. Matthew's Estate After-School Sports Club
- Jubilee Primary School After-School Football Club
- St. Matthew's F.C (U10s, U11s, U12s, U13s, U14s, U15s, 16s Girls U15s and Seniors A & B)
- Volunteer programme
- F.A Introduction to Coaching Football Course
- F.A UEFA-C Coaching Course
- Moving On employability programme
- Cage Football -Tulse Hill Estate
- Parent & Toddler Club
- Elders' Football Programme
- Fit 4 Life - mental health wellbeing programme
- Trauma-Informed staff training
- Young Tulse Hill Peer Researchers
- City Heights Academy Schools' Partnership
- Monthly online £100 quiz prizes
- Family Fitness Club

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

AUTUMN

A huge well done and congratulations to our Girls-Only Club lead coach and former participant, Megan, on completing the London Marathon in a time of 4.34.09 - and raising over £1,500 for SMP to date! A massive thank you, too, to everyone who sponsored her.



In October, to try and best accommodate the steady increase in numbers attending the Saturday Club sessions in Brockwell Park, and to ensure we were able to provide the best possible experience for all participants, we trialled new staggered time slots. The new format proved to be a great success, popular with participants and parents alike. A special thank you to ANT-Fonden, Denmark for their generous support of the Saturday Club.



We were delighted to have Reading FC Academy coach and former SMP member and Tulse Hill Estate boy Brian Nzinga back to share his knowledge with SMP coaches at a CPD training event at City Heights Academy. Brian passed on some extremely valuable insights into elite-level coaching and development.







Half term saw another great turnout in Brockwell Park at our free holiday football and coaching programme with an average 106 participants attending the 3 sessions. We also served up 360 meals and 30 Take & Make recipe boxes.



A massive thank you to all the staff and families at Woodbridge High School, Woodford Green, Essex who made another fantastic donation of second-hand football boots in excellent condition. It was great timing, too, coming just before the half-term holiday programme. Over half of them went straight out during the sessions.



Some of our new Roupell Park Estate Girls-Only Club regulars got to watch Arsenal vs Manchester United in the WSL at the Emirates Stadium. It was a brilliant game which the girls thoroughly enjoyed.



The Lambeth Peer Researchers, including 4 SMP members, attended a special presentation at Lambeth Town Hall, Brixton to show off all their hard work and discuss issues closest to young people's hearts across the borough. Some great young people with some great ideas.



WINTER

As well as second-hand football boots, we sometimes get some lovely brand new items donated. A large parcel of boots and goalkeeper gloves arrived in time for us to hand them out at our last Saturday Club session of 2022! A huge thank you, as always, to everyone who donates to all our supporters.



Great to have our lead 5-7s Saturday Club coach Sabrina and 14-16s coach Legion amongst the LPAC delegation attending the Youth Endowed Fund National Conference in Liverpool, representing the views of Lambeth young people on how to reduce youth violence.





32 young people braved the elements at Selhurst Park to see the Palace v Real Valladolid friendly. A very cold night but a great match and experience. And some our Girls-Only Club members also got the chance to see a game, the Premier League London derby, Fulham v West Ham. Big thank you to the Fulham FC Foundation for the tickets.







There was a very festive feel to our final Saturday Club session of the year. Difficult times for many people so we felt it was important to try and offer a bit of Christmas cheer and goodwill wherever we could. Well done to everybody who braved the icy conditions and congratulations to all our raffle winners.











The New Year saw a first overseas coaching trip for SMP, as Project Coordinator Dwight Barnett travelled with SMP coaches and SMFC managers, Daniel (U11s), Evon (U13s) and Banjo (U12s), to Holland for a two-day learning experience at PSV Eindhoven FC. Dwight and the team got to pass on all the knowledge and insight gained from the workshops and observations to the rest of our coaches.





Some of our coaches got to model the new SMP winter hats at the last Saturday Club session of 2022! A big thank you to KCMO Group for their continued support.



There was still some activity over the festive period on Tulse Hill Estate with our special Christmas Cage Football session, followed by lunch and some more vouchers and goodies on offer.









Great to see to SMFC alumni, Tulse Hill Estate resident – and cage footballer – Alex signing professional terms for Glasgow Rangers FC in the New Year. We wish him all the best!



It was a great start to the New Year for the SMP's Project Manager to get out of the 'London bubble' at the UK Youth Thriving Minds Residential at the University of Warwick. All the costs were met by UK Youth and it was a great opportunity to meet with and hear from other youth organisations from all over the UK, discussing young people and their mental wellbeing. UK Youth are funding the SMP's Mental Wellbeing Outreach worker's post for 3 years. A huge thank you to them.



And a huge thank you to McEvoy Building & Maintenance for sponsoring the new SMFC U15s kit. The boys christened it with a 5-1 home win in January at the 'Stadio Del Brockwell'.



It's always a very special day in Brockwell Park whenever a former participant returns with their own child, but it was especially nice to see one of the very first participants from St. Matthew's Estate to take part in the early SMP kick-abouts in 2004 turn up with his 6 year-old son at the Saturday Club!



We had another great half-term holiday programme in Brockwell Park, with 122 young people turning up at the first session, unprecedented numbers for February, even with the nice weather. The three sessions saw an average attendance of 119. A huge well done to Dwight and all the coaching team who managed to cope with the unprecedented numbers. A big thank you, too, to all the parents and guardians who were able to turn up.









Brockwell Park has provided a great 'thinking space' in the sun for our coaches as part of our latest Fit 4 Life programme in partnership with Partisan CIC and the Berkeley Foundation. The current programme offers staff wellbeing sessions, mental health support for local school students and an estate-based weekly drop-in session where young men can talk about whatever they want or say nothing at all. It's good to talk!



SMP's girls' football programme continued to flourish with great attendances and a steady flow of new participants throughout the year. However, the England Lionesses' success has not really had any real noticeable effect on the wider uptake in female football. A tournament we entered was cancelled because we were the only team to have entered; a much-hyped local 'league' produced just three friendly matches in five months, while two other teams cancelled friendlies due to a lack of players. We continue to engage with the London FA, Lambeth Council, the Capital Girls' League and the London County Saturday Youth League in our efforts to help promote girls' football.





SPRING

SMFC Seniors B (average age 21) take on Tooting & Mitchum United FC U23s under the lights at Imperial Fields as part of our partnership and exit route with the Combined Counties League club. Over 50 players signed with our two Seniors teams this season, five of them from last season's SMFC U16s.



We created a safe space on Tulse Hill Estate for young men caught up in gang violence as part of our Fit 4 Life programme. The weekly drop in centre offers a chance to get some hot food, play PS5 and discuss any issues they might have with trained clinical psychologists from Partisan CIC. As one young man put it: '*Three hours away from the chaos…'* It's good to talk! A big thank you, too, to Leap Confronting Conflict and the Tulse Hill Estate TRA for facilitating the space.



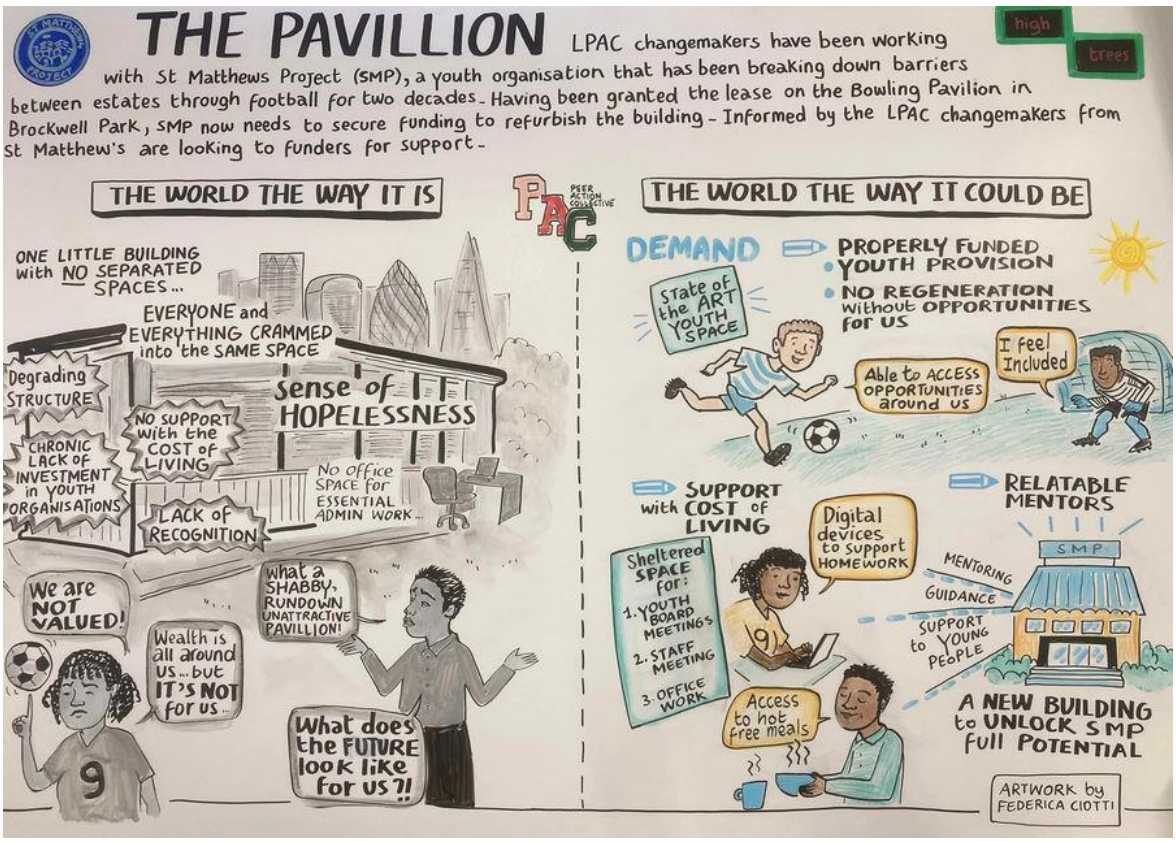
There was a great introduction to Aiden from Safer London for SMFC U14s ahead of some workshops on keeping safe. Aiden stayed right till the end, went in goal and observed some argy-bargy mediation, gate dispersal duty and unauthorised Uber bike usage issues. Start as you mean to go on!



Congratulations and a huge well done to SMP Girls-Only Club regular Alexis who took part in the P4S challenge Cup at St. George's Park. A partnership that saw her playing with Ace Development, representing the Roche School and funded by SMP. She also bagged a hat-trick in her first match!



A great evening was had at Lambeth Town Hall with High Trees Community Trust and the Lambeth Peer Researchers. A genuine youth voice getting the message across about local issues - including renovating the SMP pavilion in Brockwell Park. Well done to all the SMP staff members involved.





It was great to have some of our Youth Board members helping out with lunch in Brockwell Park during the Easter Holiday. A big thank you to the Mayor's Office for the Take & Make recipe boxes and fresh fruit.



SMP's young team of coaches received some top class education and insight in Brockwell Park with some CPD from F.A tutor Peter Augustine, while Project Coordinator, Dwight, and SMFC U10s coach, Chris had a great experience up in Glasgow at the International Coaches' Convention at the Celtic FC Academy. They also brought home a lot of knowledge and invaluable insight to SMP to share with the rest of the coaching team.

'*Today I had the absolute pleasure of delivering some CPD to the coaches at the St. Matthews' project thanks to Dwight Barnet and the wonderful coaches. Their passion for the players they coach was truly inspiring*.' – Peter Augustine, F.A.





Former Girls-Only Club member Toni was one of four young people to make the journey from participant to volunteer to paid part-time coach and gain their FA Introduction to Coaching Football certificate in the process. Eighteen young people in total gained the Introduction to Coaching Football certificate through SMP, including six from the SMFC U16s team. Well done to all.



While the SMP and SMFC Club ethos is very much against selling the 'dream' of young aspiring footballers 'turning pro', it is always nice to see some of them progress into academies. We were especially pleased when four of our Tulse Hill Estate cage footballers turned up to proudly show off their academy colours. We wish them all the best and will always be here for them should things not work out.



This year as part of our Moving On programme, a total of twelve young men, all trying to leave difficult pasts behind them and forge a new path in life, gained their CSCS construction cards, Fire Marshal, Traffic Marshal and First Aid certificates at the London Construction Academy and Skills Centre in Surrey Docks. A massive thank you to the Walcot Foundation for the backing. Eight of them have gone on to find employment in the building trade. Well done to all.



It was a tough day in May at the London County Saturday Youth League finals at Long Lane JFC, Kidbrooke, with 3 SMFC defeats, especially for the U16s who hit the post in the last kick of normal time at 1-1 then conceded a last-minute decider in extra time. But as they say: 'It's a cruel game sometimes!' Many positives though – an U11s cup win the previous week, 4 teams in the finals a first for SMFC, and lovely to see so many blue & black shirts and parents. And a special shout out to Project Coordinator Dwight who took the U16s team all the way from U10s – another first for SMFC.



There was another great turnout for our annual Lambeth Girls' Schools tournament at Ferndale Sports Centre, Brixton. A total of 66 players took part, with La Retraite, Clapham Park being crowned champions and Streatham & Clapham High A team finishing runners up. Bishop Thomas Grant, Streatham received the Fair Play Trophy, and Star Player Awards went to girls from La Retraite and Dunraven, Streatham. Well done to all!






(Clockwise from top: La Retraite, S&C High, Elms Academy, Clapham, BTG.)

Some of our Girls' Saturday Club regulars also got to enjoy a day out at Wembley for the Women's FA Cup Final. Big thank you to James Gregory and Streetgames for the tickets.



Another very busy June half-term holiday period in Brockwell Park with an average attendance of 96 at our 4 sessions, and a high of 107. We also served 480 meals, and 8 pairs of boots were collected. A big thank you to the Mayor's Fund for the 122 new-style Create & Make recipe kits too.







There was another great turnout at Tooting & Mitcham United F.C for our Jason K. Memorial in-house tournament in June. This was the 5th running of the event since 2017, with over 100 former participants, players and coaches involved plus many family members and old friends in attendance. Congratulations to winners *Team Kayos*. Other teams included *Petr Cech Yourself* and *Gangsters' Allardyce* (apologies to Coolio).



Our Family Fitness Club on the St. Matthew's Estate Tenants' Hall, Brixton has been going great guns over the past year. The free weekly programme of family fitness sessions for parents and their children aged 5-10 are run in conjunction with a personal trainer from the local area. As well as encouraging families to improve their fitness levels, these sessions help to foster better parent-child relationships.



June saw the SMFC end-of-season awards ceremony at Alleyn's School, Dulwich. It was great to see so many parents and guardians in attendance and buying into the club ethos. Well done to Project Coordinator, Dwight, for organising, and a big thank you to Alleyn's for the venue and Charlton Athletic footballer, Mandela Egbo, for taking questions.





SMP are always looking to progress to 'the next level' and so we were delighted to be able to appoint Savannah Britto as our very own Mental Health Outreach Worker. Having our very own mental wellbeing outreach worker has been a huge boost and enabled us to respond to the needs of our participants more effectively, particularly as we continue to see more and more young people flagging up issues such as anxiety and trauma. The Mental Health Outreach Worker will take the lead on integrating psychologically informed approaches across all our programmes. Savannah's role is funded for three years by UK Youth as part of their Thriving Minds strand.

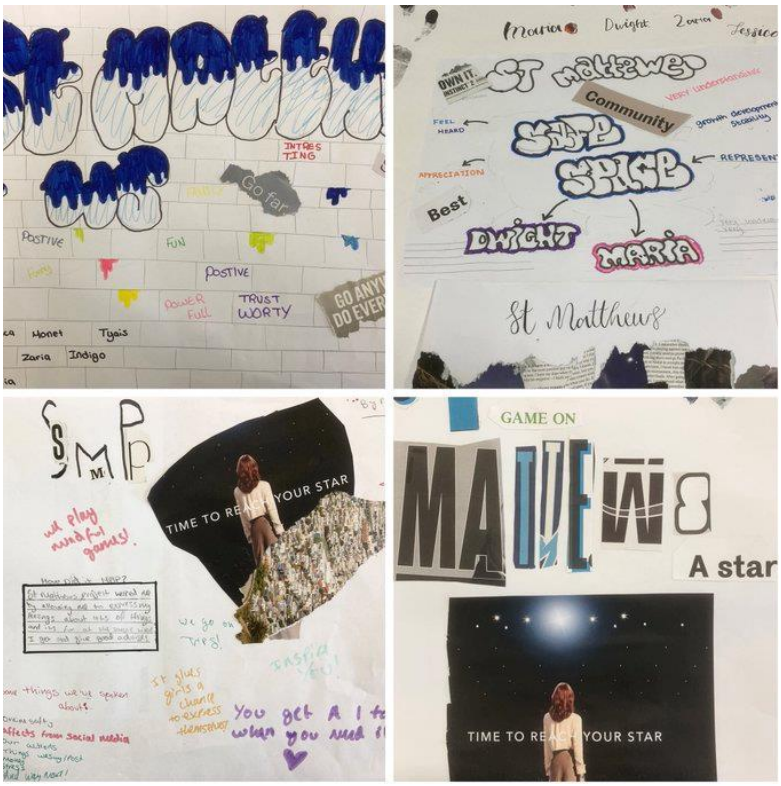


We were honoured to be a part of the Jubilee School summer fair once again. We are very proud of our longstanding partnership with our brilliant local school that works tirelessly for all children in our community. Congratulations to our football tournament winners and runners-up.



Really pleased to receive some special end-of-term feedback from a special group of girls at the City Heights Academy, Upper Tulse Hill as part of our Fit 4 Life wellbeing programme.

'Our opinions matter and are respected.'
'Allowing me to express my feelings.'
'Safe space to talk about anything.'
'Powerful. Positive. Inspiring'



The girls also enjoyed a great team-bonding trip to the Vauxhall Climbing Centre followed by a meal at Brixton Nando's.



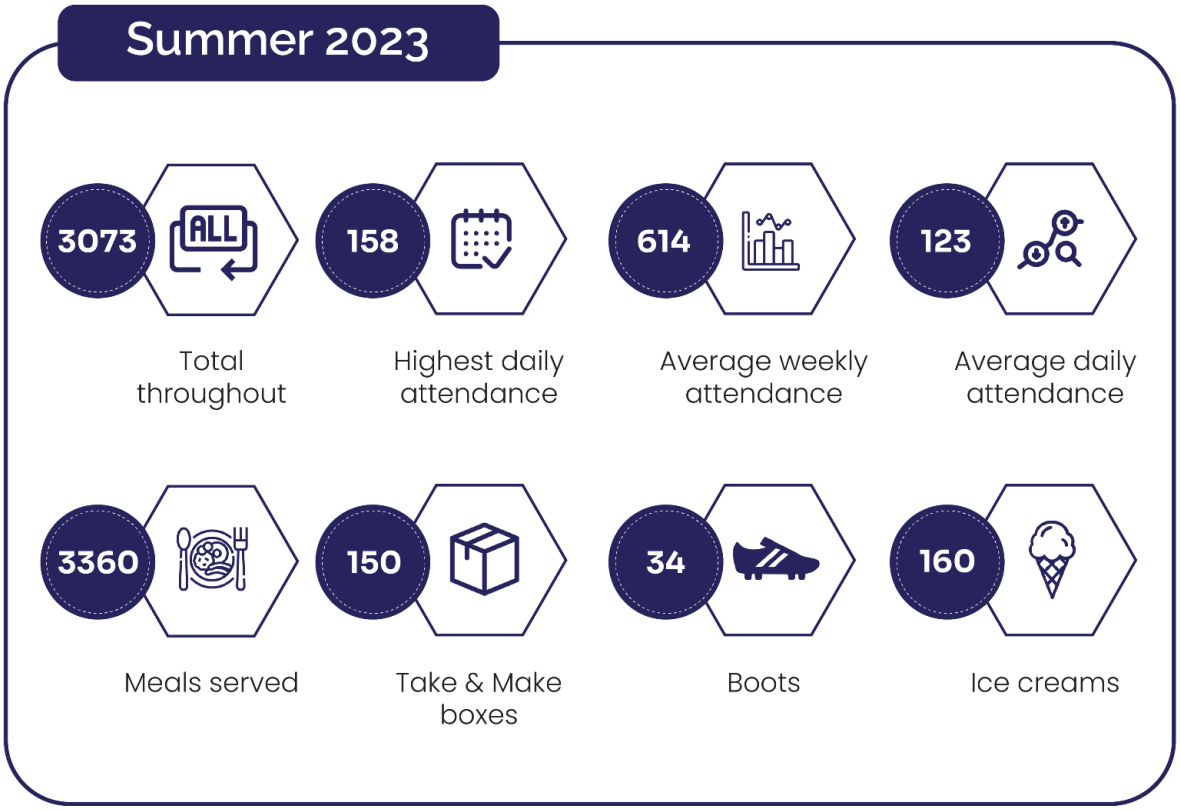
The SMFC U11s also got to enjoy a post-season celebration of all their hard work and effort – and trophy – at Brixton Nando's. Well done to all the players and Coach Daniel for another great season together.



During the summer holiday 55 parents and children enjoyed a day trip to Brighton with free lunch and unlimited wristbands for the Palace Pier for the second year running. Big thank you to Lambeth HAF for facilitating.



And finally… Our Summer Holiday 2023 stats.



Big thank you to Lambeth Council HAF and the Mayor's Fund for the support!



What's next for SMP?

We have been using the Pavilion in Brockwell Park for over 16 years, but Lambeth Council has now granted us a 10-year lease to take over the management of the building and we have planning permission to carry out refurbishment works. The Pavilion is of great importance not only for the future development of SMP's programmes, but more critically for the on-going contribution it delivers to the wider community. We are currently applying for funding to carry out the necessary upgrades to the building.

SMP currently over-delivers in comparison to our size and we ideally need to increase the number of full-time staff we employ. We will therefore be making this one of our top funding priorities, in order to allow us to properly respond to the ever increasing demand for our services.

We will continue to look to significantly increase levels of sport and physical activity, particularly among disadvantaged groups. We want to see all our staff, volunteers and trustees working hard towards creating a thriving and sustainable Project at the heart of our community, where the participant is at the centre of all our decisions and actions for growing the organisation. Our work has to be focused on front-line, grass-roots delivery; delivery that is clearly aligned to creating the best environment and the best opportunities for all our young people.



'Thank you very much for organising the focus group. The young men I spoke to are a credit to your organisation and are a testament of the great work that you and are your staff are doing. They were respectful, friendly and articulated their viewpoints very well and their behaviour was exemplary, I really enjoyed speaking to them.'
– Rianne Darko, Implementation Manager – Lambeth Integrated Youth Hub

'Best ethos, most generous, unique club – all the reasons cannot be contained in a tweet – always above and beyond; such a special family event today.' **– Parent U11s, SMFC Awards Ceremony.**

'It's a nice place to come when you're stressed out and just play football with your friends. The coaches help me when I'm stressed and angry, they're always here.'
– Cage Footballer, aged 14.

'The St. Matthew's Project has been such a blessing to my sons. I honestly feel like it is the best opportunity I have found for my children. As a parent I can surely say it has given my sons a focus and a direction outside of school to be passionate about and dedicated to. I have 3 boys who have been a part of SMP. My eldest son is now 17, was a part of the teams, has recently finished and gone onto a football college, my second son is currently now in the U14s team and my youngest son who is in year 1 has now just started at the free Saturday football development sessions. It's been 7 years since we as a family first joined St. Matthews' Project and I will forever be grateful to the amazing team of coaches for this great opportunity that my children are a part of!'
– Mum

'Best ethos, most generous, unique club – all the reasons cannot be contained in a tweet – always above and beyond; such a special family event today…'
– Mum, Twitter.

Your solid contributions to young people of the Community are appreciated and noticed by us. St Mathews Project proven to be essential. Huge commitment from staff makes this possible. Massive Respect.
– Brixton Neighbourhood Forum



Our people and supporters

We'd like to thank everyone who has been involved in supporting the work of SMP; it could never happen without the support of our funders and partners. We would also like to extend our huge thanks for the continued support of our board of trustees, our staff and volunteers. This review is a celebration of the efforts and commitment of our staff, trustees, partners, volunteers and participants. We have built a team with a shared vision and together we are making a positive difference. Our staff, volunteers and trustees are the key to our growth and success; they are involved and engaged not just with us but with all the young people we support. We would like to thank them for the time and invaluable resources they are putting into our work, helping to make the SMP the special organisation it is – may their effort and dedication continue to help change the lives of young people in the Tulse Hill and Brixton area and beyond. Any success we've had is about the people, the volunteers and everybody involved in supporting SMP on a daily, weekly basis.

Financial Review

Funding for the Charity comes from a variety of sources including grants and donations from trusts and individuals.

2022/23 was another very strong year for donations and legacies with income of £324,554 (2022: £373,124). Overall, the financial position of SMP has remained strong with significant cash and reserves. The Trustees view is that SMP is now in a position to plan to broaden its activities and reach to further the Charity's aims.

Financial Activity and Financial Position

The Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet can be found on pages 42 and 43 respectively. The Charity's total funds decreased by £32,612 during the year (2022: increased by £95,743). The balance sheet shows total net assets of £254,388 (2022: £287,000).

Included in total funds are amounts totalling £114,328 (2022: £182,029) which are restricted. These monies have either been raised for, and their use restricted to, specific purposes, and/or they comprise grants subject to grantor imposed conditions. Details of the movement on these restricted funds can be found in note 7 to the accounts together with an analysis of movements in the year.

Reserves Policy
The Trustees have examined the requirements for free reserves, i.e. those unrestricted funds not invested in tangible fixed assets. The Trustees consider that, given the nature of the Charity's funding, free reserves should be equivalent to approximately 3 months general fund expenditure, plus committed future expenditure on other projects, where funds permit. The Trustees are of the opinion that this provides sufficient flexibility to cover temporary shortfalls in incoming resources and will allow the Charity to cope and respond to unforeseen emergencies whilst specific action plans are implemented. At 31 August 2023 the Charity had net free reserves of £140,060 (2022: £104,971) as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Total reserves	**254,388**	**287,000**
Less: restricted funds	(114,328)	(182,029)
Free reserves	**140,060**	**104,971**
Free reserves requirement:		
3 month's budgeted routine expenditure	50,000	50,000
Anticipated spend on expanding activities	50,000	50,000
Free reserves requirement	**100,000**	**100,000**

Going Concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charitable company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

Responsibilities of Trustees for the Financial Statements

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice. Charity law in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity for that period.

In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the activities of the Charity will continue.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the governing document. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the Charity and financial information included in the Charity's website.

Approval

The report of the Trustees was approved by the Trustees on 24 April 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

J Greenfield

Jenny Greenfield
Chair of the Board

ST. MATTHEW'S PROJECT

Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees of St Matthews Project For the year ended 31 August 2023

I report on the accounts of the St Matthew's Project (the Charity) for the year ended 31 August 2023, set out on pages 42-47.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act") and that an independent examination is needed. The charity is required by company law to prepare accrued accounts and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act);
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

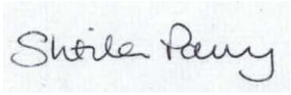
My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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.

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.



Sheila Parry ACCA
24 April 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating the income and expenditure account)
For the year ended 31 August 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Income from:	2						
Donations and legacies		112,038	212,457	324,495	99,011	272,558	371,569
Charitable activities		60	-	60	1,555	-	1,555
Total Income		**112,098**	**212,457**	**324,555**	**100,566**	**272,558**	**373,124**
Expenditure on:							
Marketing/advertising		-	-	-	1,473	-	1,473
Staff costs	3a	53,958	93,912	147,870	50,584	46,376	96,960
Staff expenses		2,833	570	3,403	-	3,953	3,953
Service delivery	3b	4,095	185,676	189,771	-	164,083	164,083
Office, administration & support	3c	15,523	-	15,523	10,662	-	10,662
Independent examination		600	-	600	250	-	250
		77,009	**280,158**	**357,167**	**62,969**	**214,412**	**277,381**
Net income/(expenditure) before tax		**35,089**	**(67,701)**	**(32,612)**	**37,597**	**58,146**	**95,743**
Tax payable	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net income after tax		**35,089**	**(67,701)**	**(32,612)**	**37,597**	**58,146**	**95,743**
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses)		-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		**35,089**	**(67,701)**	**(32,612)**	**37,597**	**58,146**	**95,743**
Total funds brought forward		104,971	182,029	287,000	67,374	123,883	191,257
Total funds carried forward		**140,060**	**114,328**	**254,388**	**104,971**	**182,029**	**287,000**

ST. MATTHEW'S PROJECT

Balance Sheet
As at 31 August 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Current Assets					
Debtors	5	-	-	-	30,000
Cash At Bank And In Hand		143,822	114,328	258,150	258,941
		143,822	114,328	258,150	288,941
Creditors - Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	6	3,762	-	3,762	1,941
Net Current Assets		**140,060**	**114,328**	**254,388**	**287,000**
Net Assets		**140,060**	**114,328**	**254,388**	**287,000**
Represented By:					
Restricted Funds	7	-	114,328	114,328	182,029
Unrestricted Income Funds		140,060	-	140,060	104,971
Total Funds		**140,060**	**114,328**	**254,388**	**287,000**

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime as set out in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006. The company is entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 August 2023 and no notice requiring an audit has been deposited under section 476.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of each financial period and of its profit or loss for the financial period 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 is applicable to the company.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 24 April 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

David Keen.

David Keen
Treasurer

Company registration 7007350

1. Accounting Policies

St. Matthews Project is a charitable company limited by guarantee without share capital, with use of 'Limited' exemption, and registered in England with registration number 07007350. Its registered office address is 90 Gaskarth Road, Balham, London, SW12 9NW. The accounts are presented in GBP rounded to £1.

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

Basis of accounting
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 September 2022) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared on a natural or alternative basis of analysis as per SORP 4.6.

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

The Charity has availed itself of the Companies Act 2006 and adapted the Companies Act format to reflect the special nature of the Charity's activities.

Going Concern
The Charity is a going concern. Taking into account reserves and anticipated recurring income, the Trustees are confident that the Charity remains a going concern for at least twelve months from the date of approval of these accounts.

Income recognition
Voluntary income and donations (including legacies) are accounted for once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be reliably measured. Income from the recovery of tax on gift aided donations is accounted for in the period to which the relevant donation is received. Grant income is recognised on a receivable basis.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

No amounts have been included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

Expenditure recognition
Expenditure is accrued as soon as a liability is considered probable, and the amount of obligation can be measured reliably. Longer term liabilities are discounted to present value. The Charity is not registered for VAT and accordingly expenditure includes VAT where appropriate.

Charitable expenditure includes those costs in fulfilling the Charity's principal objects, as outlined in the Report of the Trustees. These include governance costs which are incurred in connection with the administration of the Charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, which tasks are undertaken mainly by the Trustees. Governance costs also costs include costs relating to statutory independent examination and legal fees.

Taxation
The Company is a Registered Charity and is therefore exempt from taxation under the Income and Corporation Taxes Acts.

1. Accounting Policies (continued)

Tangible fixed assets
Tangible fixed assets, costing more than £2,000, are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:
Office equipment: 5 years

Funds Structure
Unrestricted income comprises those funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for specific purposes. There are currently no restricted funds.

2. Income

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Donations & legacies				
Donations	15,057	-	15,057	24,646
Gift Aid	213	-	213	-
Grants	96,768	212,457	309,225	346,923
	112,038	212,457	324,495	371,569
Charitable activities				
Team subscriptions	60	-	60	1,555
	60	0	60	1,555
	112,098	**212,457**	**324,555**	**373,124**

3. Expenditure

Included within expenditure are the following costs:

3a Staff costs	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Gross salaries	49,945	91,775	141,720	90,928
Employers National Insurance	3,761	816	4,577	4,247
Employer pension contributions	252	1,321	1,573	1,785
	53,958	**93,912**	**147,870**	**96,960**

The average number of employees during the year was 10 (2022: 3). No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000 during the year.

3. Expenditure (continued)

3b Service delivery	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Coaching, tutoring & training	-	99,822	99,822	88,360
Food	-	45,689	45,689	41,983
Travel	-	6,169	6,169	3,958
Equipment/kit/facilities	-	30,501	30,501	27,212
Membership/league fees	-	1,969	1,969	1,339
Tours & events	-	460	460	467
Other	4,095	1,066	5,161	764
	4,095	**185,676**	**189,771**	**164,083**

3c Office & administration	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Accountancy & payroll	5,266	-	5,266	2,107
Printing & stationery	11	-	11	226
Software	144	-	144	163
Website	3,180	-	3,180	5,036
Other	6,922	-	6,922	3,130
	15,523	**0**	**15,523**	**10,662**

4. Taxation

As a charity, St. Matthews Project is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within the provisions of the Corporation Taxes Act 2010 or the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen on the Charity.

5. Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Grants receivable	**-**	**30,000**

6. Creditors - Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

	2023 £	2022 £
Other creditors	690	268
Other creditors including taxation and social security	1,672	373
Accruals	1,400	1,300
	3,762	**1,941**

7. Restricted Funds

7a Current year

	At 1 September 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 August 2023 £
Football related activities	**182,029**	**212,457**	**(280,158)**	**0**	**114,328**

7b Prior year

	At 1 September 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 August 2022 £
Football related activities	**123,883**	**272,557**	**(214,411)**	**0**	**182,029**

Football related activities. Income received specifically for funding football related activities.

8. Related Party Transactions

No Trustees (2022: none) received reimbursement for expenses incurred on charity business during the year.

The Trustees did not make any restricted donations to the charity during the year (2022: £nil).

9. Members Funds

The company is a private company limited by guarantee with no share capital. The liability of the members is limited to £10 in the event of a winding up.

ST. MATTHEW'S PROJECT

England & Wales - Charity number 1140964

Accounts

ST. MATTHEW'S PROJECT

17 Years in the Community 2004-2022

Company Limited by Guarantee
Charity Registration Number: 1140964
Company Registration Number: 7007350

Annual Report and Financial Statements

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ST. MATTHEW'S PROJECT

Annual Report of the Trustees
For the year ended 31 August 2022

Charity Name	St. Matthew's Project.
Charity Registration no	1140964. The Charity was registered with the Charity Commission on 22 March 2011.
Company Registration no	7007350.
Registered Office	90 Gaskarth Road, London SW12 9NW
Governing Document	The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 2 September 2009. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association.
Mission Statement	To provide a safe and encouraging environment where young people can come together and enjoy structured sports and learning opportunities. To help the young people of Lambeth fulfil their potential and improve their well-being both physically and emotionally through targeted support to children and families
Objectives	1. To act as a resource for young people up to the age of 25 living in the south Brixton area by providing advice and assistance and organising programmes of physical, educational and other activities as a means of: • advancing in life and helping young people by developing their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals. • advancing education • relieving unemployment • providing recreational and leisure time activity in the interests of social welfare for people living in the south Brixton area who have need by reason for their youth, age, infirmity or disability, poverty or social and economic circumstances, with a view to improving the conditions of life of such persons. 2. The promotion of community participation in healthy recreation, in particular children and young people aged between 6 and 25 by the provision of facilities for playing football.
Mission Statement	To provide a safe and encouraging environment where young people can come together and enjoy structured sports and learning opportunities. To help the young people of Lambeth fulfil their potential and improve their well-being both physically and emotionally through targeted support to children and families.
Trustees	The Trustees who served during the year and who were serving at the date of this report were: David Keen — Treasurer Ryan Chishick — (resigned 4 May 2022) Jenny Greenfield — Chair Lekan Ojumu James Alexander Daisy Streatfield — (appointed 28 January 2022)

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Management Committee	Lee Dema	Project Manager
	Fiona McGee	M&E Officer
	Dwight Barnett	Football Development Officer
Key Management Personnel	The person in charge of directing, controlling, running and operating the Charity on a day to day basis is Lee Dema, the Project Manager.	
Bankers	Santander UK 301 St Vincent Street Glasgow G2 5NT	
Independent Examiner	Christine Cheung Poston ACCA 48 Samford House Charlotte Terrace Islington London N1 0JF	

ST. MATTHEW'S PROJECT

Annual Report of the Trustees
For the year ended 31 August 2022

The Trustees submit their report and the financial statements of St. Matthew's Project ("the Charity") for the year ended 31 August 2022. The financial statements have been prepared in the format prescribed by the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2015 (FRS102)) and the Financial Reporting Standard 102. The financial statements have been prepared on a natural or alternative basis of analysis as per SORP 4.6. The legal and administrative information set out earlier in this document forms part of this report. This report also constitutes a directors' report required by section 415 of the Companies Act 2006 as all Trustees of a charity company are directors.

Public benefit
The Trustees have complied with their duty under Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Who We Are
The St Matthew's Project provides a safe and encouraging environment where 3-25-year-olds can come together and enjoy structured football sessions and other activities. We help children and young people living mainly in the Tulse Hill and Coldharbour wards of Lambeth fulfil their potential and have a real impact on their community. What began as a kick-about in Brockwell Park is now a thriving youth project, which offers a growing array of programmes and services to over 300 young people each week, bringing them together from 3 different housing estates, which historically would not have anything to do with each other. The project has a dedicated team of 23 staff and trustees (2 full-time) and 7 volunteers, with extensive experience of working with a challenging target group and a thorough understanding of the local community and its needs. We also have an established reputation with local residents, the council and our funders for being able to deliver successful and credible programmes.

Where We Work
The majority of our participants live in the Tulse Hill and Coldharbour wards of Lambeth which are within the most deprived 10% Deprivation Deciles nationally for crime and living environment. 95% of our participants are from a BAME background. As well as complex deprivation issues, the young people we work with also face health-related difficulties, including obesity, and a high prevalence of risk factors for mental health problems. Crime levels, and in particular gang-related activity, are high in our target area – Lambeth has the highest volume of serious youth violence in the capital with over 7,000 crimes in 10 years. It also has the greatest number of ambulance call-outs. 1/3 of all 2014 London shootings occurred in Lambeth and eight young men known to us have lost their lives due to gang-related incidents since 2011. Tensions continue to remain high in the local area, with gangs holding a strong influence over young people and their families. A combination of enforced membership and low aspirations has meant that gangs have traditionally offered a viable, albeit illicit, career path for many of the boys and young men in the local community**.** Some parents even turn a blind eye to young people's involvement in gangs and criminal activity as the opportunity for them to make some money can be a welcome relief to families living in persistent poverty.

It is part of our ethos to offer those we work with more than just the chance to participate in a football project. We support young people to make the transition from sports participation to accessing further sporting, educational or employment opportunities as they get older. Through continued engagement we help young people develop their personal skills and strengths and tackle any weaknesses they feel they might have. In this way, we aim to meet the needs of local young people, raise their aspirations and help them steer clear of a life of crime and gang-related activity. Due to the fact that we work with young people right up until they are in their mid-twenties, we are also well-placed to offer the those progressing through our programmes an established exit route into further structured and age-appropriate sporting and employment opportunities.

The importance of being firmly rooted in the local community and taking the time to develop the project incrementally has been fundamental to our success over the past 16 years. It has also allowed us to respond appropriately to the evolving needs of our users. Due to the relationship we have built up with local young people over a long period of time, we have earned a legitimacy to advise and help them in a way other organisations cannot. Consequently, more and more young people are benefiting from the services we offer, enhancing their life opportunities.

ST. MATTHEW'S PROJECT

Annual Report of the Trustees
For the year ended 31 August 2022

Funders	Partners	SMFC Kit Sponsors
ANT Foden Berkeley Foundation Big Lottery Fund Black Fund Children In Need City Airport Community Trust Comic Relief Cottman Foundation Football Foundation Garfield Weston Henry Smith Charity Lambeth Council LEAP Leap Confronting Conflict London Community Foundation London Sport London Youth Mayor's Office KMCO Group Peters & Peters Solicitors Peter Minet Trust Sport England Sport Unites Streetgames Thrale Almhouses Walcot Foundation	Better PLC Brixton Police Brockwell Park Community Partners Brockwell Park Management City Heights Academy Clem Consultants Crystal Palace F.C Academy Effra Digital Football Foundation Fulham F.C Foundation High Trees Community Trust Jubilee Primary School Lambeth Early Action Partnership Lambeth Safeguarding Children Board Lambeth Sports & Recreation Services LEAP Leap Confronting Conflict London F.A London Youth Project 507 Roupell Park RMO South Central Youth Sported St. Matthew's Estate TRA Substance Social Research Tooting & Mitcham United F.C Tulse Hill Estate TRA Tulse Hill Safer Neighbourhood Team	Cottman Foundation KMCO Group McEvoy Maintenance

EXISTING AIMS & OBJECTIVES



To act as a resource for young people up to the age of 25 living in the Tulse Hill and Brixton area by providing advice and assistance and organising programmes of physical, educational and other activities.



To promote community participation in healthy recreation, in particular children and young people aged between 3 and 25 by the provision of facilities for playing football and other sports.



To provide a safe and encouraging environment where young people can come together and enjoy structured sports and learning opportunities.



To help the young people of the Tulse Hill and Brixton area fulfil their potential and improve their well-being both physically and emotionally through targeted support to children and families.

WHY SMP?

- ***More than 18 years of experience of being embedded in the local community***
- ***Established in and trusted by a local community often sceptical of 'projects' as they have been used and let down by so many; SMP make a difference to local young people's lives over a long period of time***
- ***Founded by someone who knows and cares about the local area and respects and is respected by the people in it***
- ***Core staff have been developed from within the programmes; i.e. young people work with someone 'just like them'***
- ***Pioneer of a true grassroots 'trauma-informed' approach***

- ***Focused on early intervention and well-being, understanding how that can have a profound impact on the lives of young people with complex backgrounds and needs***
- ***Knows the local young people better than any other organisation (so much so that it sometimes provides them as participants to other programmes)***
- ***Works in the community beyond the programmes; facilitating relations and conversations between young people and schools, police and other local service providers***
- ***Has maintained a £10 signing-on fee for St Matthew's FC since inaugural 2005-06 season, ensuring accessibility for local young people***

ASPIRATION STATEMENT

The St. Matthew's project is determined to ensure that the young people of the Tulse Hill and Brixton area can fulfil their potential. No child or young person should ever go hungry, be exposed to violence or live in poverty.

Football is a game that brings people together, engenders collaboration and trust and inspires passion and loyalty. Our mission is to use football as a gateway for young people to come together and provide for them structure and learning opportunities in a safe and encouraging environment. Our young people often get left behind, overlooked or banished to a headline about violence or underachievement. Our focus is on their wellness, based on an understanding that regularly active, collaborative young people are happier, healthier and more resilient.

Working with them day in, day out for nearly 20 years, the St Matthew's Project knows that local young people have hopes, fears and aspirations like everyone else, that can be channelled to deliver positive outcomes — for the young people themselves, as well as the local area and local community.

The St. Matthew's project has worked in a deep and committed way, in a small part of London for more than 17 years. This has built a trust and an understanding that very few organisations working with young people have. We know our young people and they know us, our coaches have been through our programmes so can relate and are relatable.

Our ambition is to continue this early intervention and reach at least 40% of the young people in the Tulse Hill and Brixton area in the next three years. We will continue to be embedded in the local area, and to understand each individual young person we work with, their challenges and hopes, in order to help them build a future and fulfil their potential.



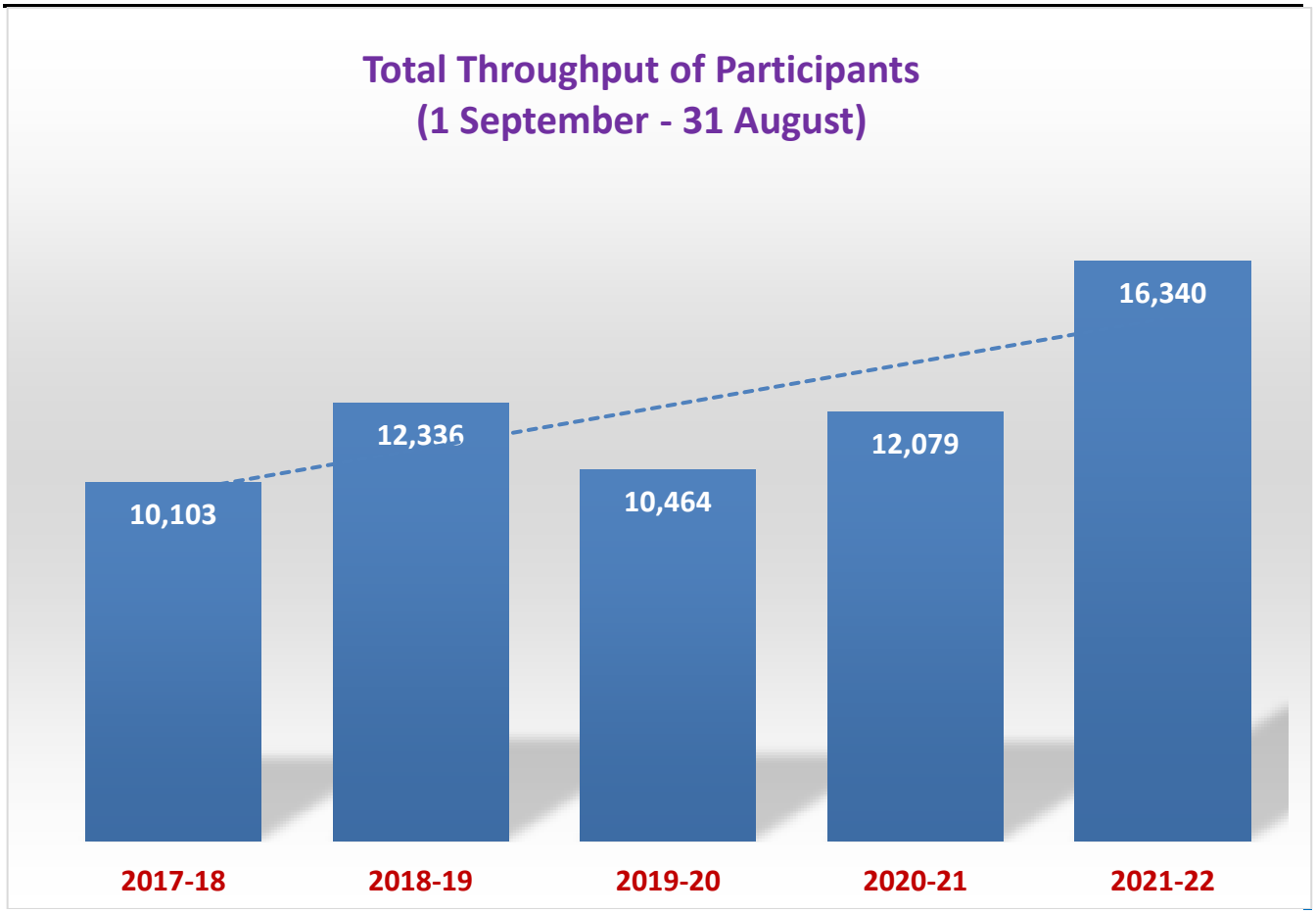
Chair's Foreword

The list of events laid out in the annual review reflect the importance of our work and the great team of staff and volunteers who help make it all possible. It is part of our ethos to offer those we work with more than just the chance to participate in a football project. We have continued to support young people to make the transition from sports participation to accessing further sporting, educational or employment opportunities as they get older. Through continued engagement we've helped young people develop their personal skills and strengths and tackle any weaknesses they feel they might have. In this way, we aim to meet the needs of local young people, raise their aspirations and help them steer clear of a life of crime and gang-related activity. Due to the fact that we now work with young people right up until they are in their mid-twenties, we are also well-placed to offer the those progressing through our programmes an established exit route into further structured and age-appropriate sporting and employment opportunities. The need for the services we offer continues to remain high, and, as the chart below shows, attendance numbers have seen the greatest year-on-year increase ever recorded.

We have built on and expanded our strong neighbourhood relationships around each child or young person we work with. Our experience has shown us that if a young person is viewed by the wider community - their peers, family, next door neighbours - in a constructive/positive light then the growth and development of that individual will be quicker and more sustainable as a consequence. SMP sees the community in which we work as our greatest asset and the

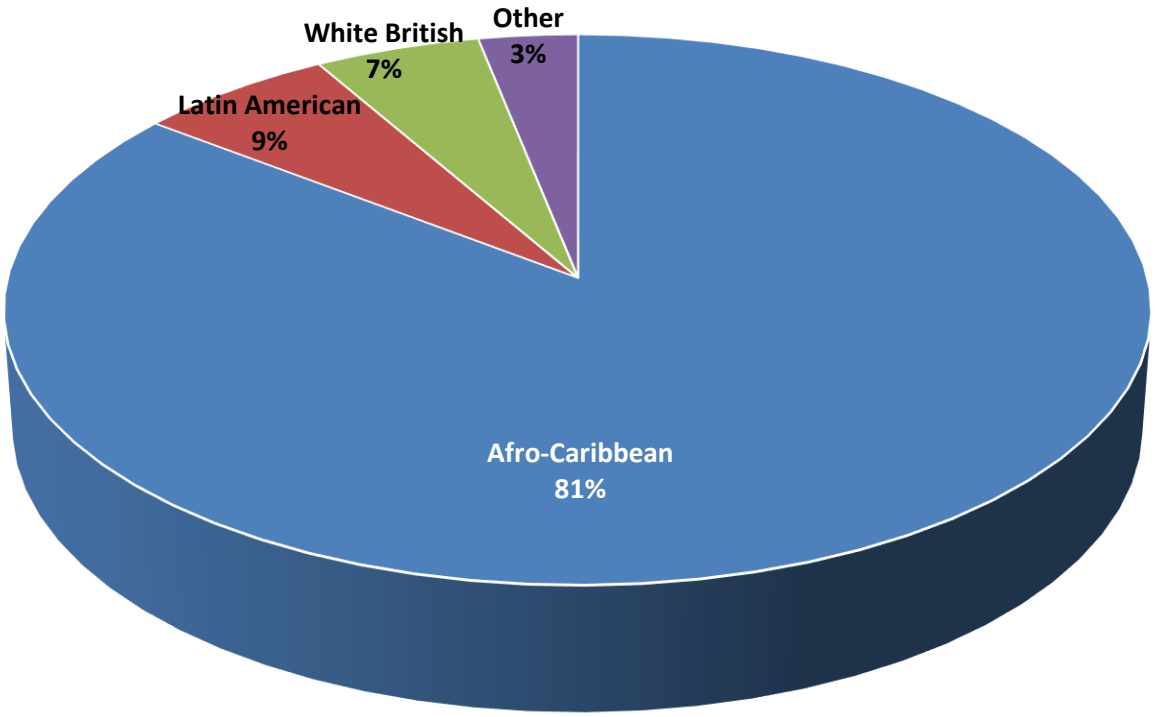
relationships we have built up with young people, their families and other service providers in the area are fundamental to the sustainability of the project. At the core of everything we do are the young people we work with. They are the ones who drive what we do and every single one of them should be proud of the part they play in making the St. Matthew's Project the vibrant and successful project it is today. Thank you to you all.





2019-20: Loss of 12 weeks of activities due to Covid lockdown.
2020-21: Loss of 16 weeks of activities due to Covid lockdowns.

ETHNICITY BREAKDOWN



SMP PROGRAMME 2021-22

- Girls-only Saturday Football Club
- Girls-only Roupell Park Estate Football Club
- Girls' Secondary School Leagues & Tournaments
- 5-16s Saturday Football Club
- Summer and Half-Term Holiday Football & Food Scheme
- Tulse Hill Estate Christmas Pen Football Tournament
- St. Matthew's Estate After-School Sports Club
- St. Matthew's F.C (U10s, U11s, U12s, U13s, U14s, U15s, 16s Girls U16s and Seniors A & B)
- Volunteer programme
- F.A Level-1 Coaching Course
- F.A Level-2 Coaching Course
- Cage Football -Tulse Hill Estate
- Parent & Toddler Club
- Elders' Football Programme
- Fit 4 Life - mental health wellbeing programme
- Trauma-Informed Staff Training
- Young Tulse Hill Peer Researchers
- City Heights Academy Schools' Partnership
- Monthly online £100 quiz prizes
- Family Fitness Club

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

AUTUMN

SMP were proud to have once again managed both the male and female Lambeth football squads for the 2021 London Youth Games. There were difficult circumstances in terms of recruitment and training due to lockdowns and delays, so a huge well done to our lead coaches, Megan and Dwight, for all their hard work in achieving a Plate victory for the girls and a Bronze medal for the boys.







A short new film about the SMP in two parts, entitled '*This is Us*!' was produced by Cinergic Media to showcase what we do: https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=aCwQmu_sGrc&feature=youtu.be

Another busy half-term holiday programme in October saw a total throughput of 250 young people access free football and meals over 3 sessions in Brockwell Park, with an average attendance of 83 participants. Great to have our old friend 'PC Ray' (now DS) don his old uniform and pop down too and join in the fun too – playing in goal, getting soaked, ruining his uniform and handing out meals.





The latest SMFC U10s team for the 2021-22 season got their first taste of playing under floodlights at Ferndale Sports Centre, Brixton. SMP first started using the venue in the winter of 2005 and in the 16 years since, 100s of young people have been able to access structured midweek football and coaching sessions throughout the winter months.



On the road…

- Project Coordinator, Dwight Barnett, and two SMP reps were invited to attend a special London Youth event, celebrating young Londoners' achievements…
- SMFC U15s had the great experience during the half-term holiday of playing in Crystal Palace FC's training ground dome in Beckenham…
- And SMFC U12s out in Croydon for an away league match bumped into Stormzy, who kindly posed for a photo…







A great evening of 5-a-side took football place at the Shoreditch Powerleague venue as some of our SMP coaches took on representatives from our great supporters, Peters & Peters Solicitors. A massive thank you to all at P&P.



November witnessed a great turnout for our first session in the Crystal Palace Sports Centre dome at our Elders' Football programme. Players had access to the facility until the end of the year. As part of the programme, this season saw the creation of a new SMFC Seniors B team, which means we had 50 players registered with the Southern Sunday Football League, many of them former SMFC youth players. All members of the programme also enjoyed free access to the new FA Introduction to Coaching Football and the UEFA C Licence courses, plus a direct referral pathway to our partners Bounceback for CSCS Card and work-ready courses.



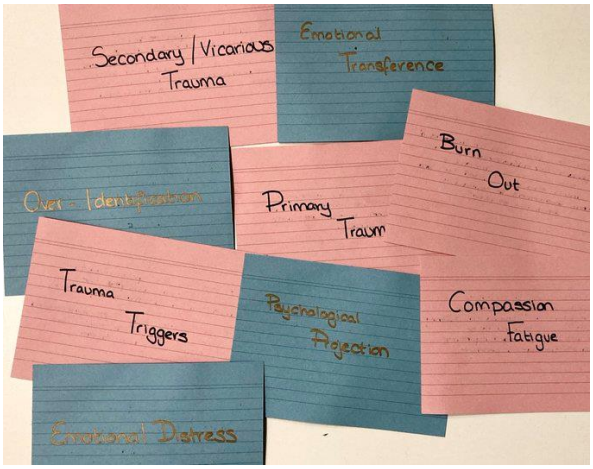
On the cultural front, 6 of our Girls-Only club members got to see Hamlet thanks to free tickets from the Young Vic Theatre.



WINTER

December saw the start of our second round of trauma-informed staff training. The training was delivered by Whitney Iles and Project 507 and is designed to help staff better understand what they are dealing with in their day-to-day activities with SMP participants. *'Trauma-informed'* might be on trend of late but getting us all to look back and ahead on how we deal with young people through the prism of trauma is a genuine asset. Huge thank you to Jubilee Primary School, Tulse Hill for the free use of facilities.





Project Coordinator, Dwight Barnett, met up with Gavin English, the Alleyns School Director of Sport meets to discuss future opportunities. Alleyn's also kindly set up a second-hand football boot donation scheme for SMP.



Members of the SMP's Girls-Only Club enjoyed a day out at Fulham FC's training ground in Motspur Park, Surrey. A big thank you to Fulham FC Foundation for the opportunity.



The inaugural meeting of the SMP Youth Board was held in the amazing city viewing room at City Heights Academy, Tulse Hill. Project Coordinator, Dwight, had been working on this idea for a while and it was great to finally see things come together. The Youth Board will give young people at the heart of SMP a genuine voice and help shape what we do in the future.



There was a fantastic turnout at our Girls-Only Club to bid farewell to former participant and coach, Naomi, who was off to live in the USA for a while. After the regular Saturday session at Ferndale Sports Centre, it was a short walk to Brixton Nando's for a special send-off and end-of-year treat for our girls.





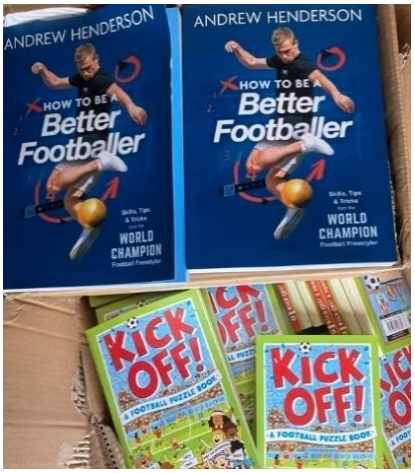
Glad tidings this Christmas saw our Saturday Club 'Tinies' very pleased with their new size 3 footballs, courtesy of Adidas Football. We also received 100 free rides for George Irwin's Funfair at Clapham Common, football-related books from O'Mara Books, chocolate gifts for our Christmas Cage Football event from our sponsor, Martin D'Costa, and some brand-new football boots for some our younger members courtesy of one of our Twitter followers. Many thanks to everyone for all the freebies!

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It was a great end to 2021 at our Saturday Club in Brockwell Park too, with children, parents and carers enjoying the Christmas celebrations and goodies, including mince pies, mulled wine and free football boots and balls. We also delivered over 100 Take & Make vegetarian recipe boxes and crates of fresh fruit. And our '*lucky dip'* raffle winner went off with a lovely festive hamper!





Wet and windy weather at our Christmas Cage Football event on Tulse Hill Estate did not dampen the mood of our participants either. All in all, a very happy Christmas…



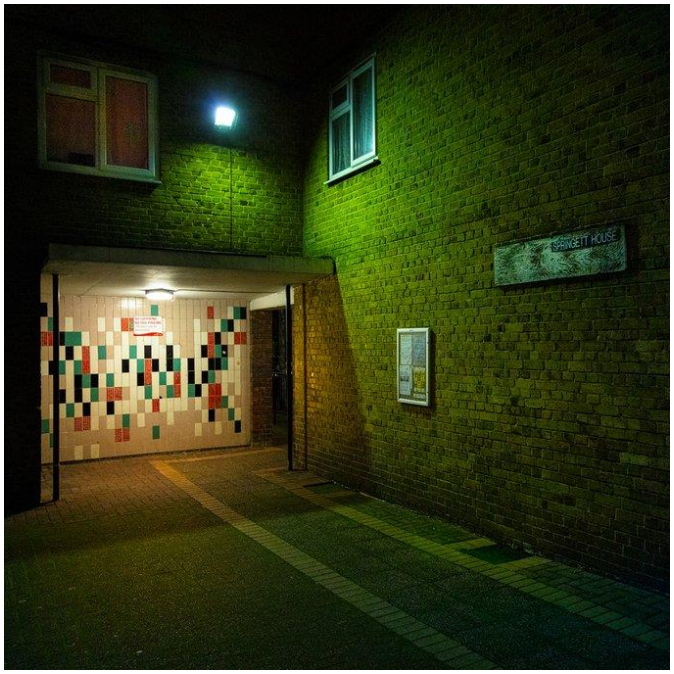






Work of local photographer and SMFC U12s parent, Ellie Laycock, featured in the Town Hall Art Programme. Ellie's project – *'Spectemur Agendo'* – was her first major public art commission and went on display in Lambeth Town Hall. The exhibition features portraits of SMFC coaches and U12 players. Ellie's photo of a player (see below) was also shortlisted for the Portrait of Britain 2021.

(Springett House, St. Matthew's Estate, Brixton, birthplace of the SMP)







An extension of our girls-only provision saw a new midweek session for 11-16 year-olds at the new MUGA site on Roupell Park Estate, Upper Tulse Hill in partnership with the Roupell Park Estate Management Team and the Fulham F.C Foundation.



Another well-attended Half-Term Programme in February saw an average of 70 young people turning out at two sessions despite the cold and wet weather. Unfortunately, the third session had to be cancelled due to the London area having been placed on a Red Weather Warning down to Storm Eunice. It was great to have our Youth Board members helping out at the sessions, distributing meals and getting feedback from participants, and to have PC Joe Shaw from Met Police joining in the fun too and helping to build relationships with local young people.



Very proud of and grateful to our artist, Bethany, for our new logo which went on show at our bowling green pavilion base in Brockwell Park. Bethany was one of our first ever Girls-Only Club players back in 2008, and recently returned to transform an old wooden table into a wonderful SMP sign. Well done, too, to Project Coordinator, Dwight, who came up with the idea and contacted Bethany, completely unaware at the time that she was a former SMP member!

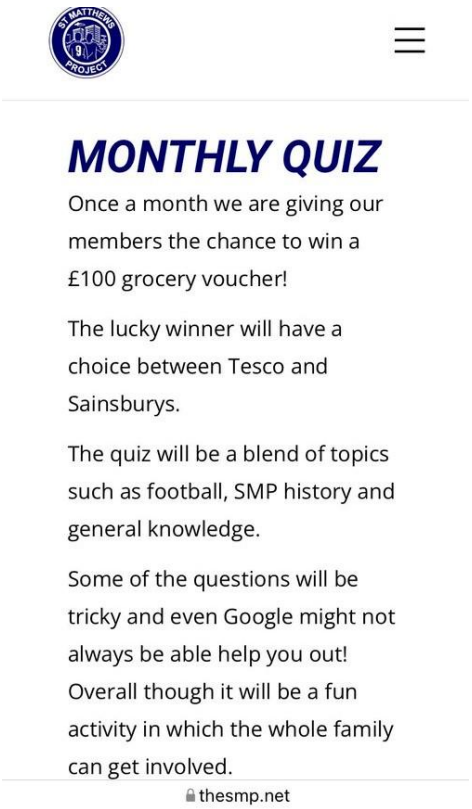


SPRING

A great workshop with pupils at City Heights Academy, Tulse Hill was delivered in partnership with The Donmar Theatre as part of their community outreach. The '*Top Secret'* production focuses on the climate emergency and places young people at its heart, imagining a future in which an older generation is put on trial for their inaction against climate change. Parents be warned!



To help out a little in what proved to be very difficult times for local families, we started monthly online quizzes, giving our members the chance to win a £100 grocery voucher. The lucky winners have a choice between Tesco and Sainsburys. The quizzes were very popular.



A fantastic 118 girls from 11 schools – our highest attendance ever – turned out for our Lambeth Schools Year 8 & 9 tournament at Ferndale Sports Centre, Brixton. It was our first

schools' tournament since 2019 after the 2020 event was cancelled in the first week of lockdown. Congratulations to Bishop Thomas Grant, Streatham who came out narrow 2-1 winners in the final against La Retraite, Clapham Park – a big well done to them too. Elm Green, West Norwood won the Fair Play Award. And well done to our two Star Player winners from Lambeth Academy, Clapham and Streatham & Clapham High.



SMP along with High Trees Community Trust, Juvenis, Spiral Skills, IRMO and MLCE were selected as one of the Delivery Partners on the Lambeth Peer Action Collective project, leading the London region. The aim is to recruit, train and support 12 Peer Researchers aged between 16-20 to listen to at least 480 young people aged 10-16 across Lambeth. The research collected from this project will be collated and presented to provide both partner organisations and stakeholders with insights to inform service delivery and policy. Great to have Saturday Club coach, Sabrina, plus 4 other SMP coaches as PRs!



SMFC U14s were proud winners in April of the inaugural '*Paul Smithers Shield'* tournament, hosted by our partners, Tooting & Mitcham United FC, in memory of the much-missed Fulham FC Foundation coach. A special day and a fitting tribute to Paul who was a great supporter of SMP and Lambeth in general.



The SMP Easter Holiday staff team in Brockwell Park this year consisted of 15 coaches, 11 of whom were former participants, and with an average age of 21. Their average age when first attending SMP activities was 9.



The Easter Holiday scheme itself saw an unusually quiet first week due to bad weather, disjointed school break-up times and Ramadan, but another 700-plus free meals, 100 Take & Make boxes and numerous pairs of second-hand football boots were still handed out.



A shining example of commitment and dedication, SMFC U15s player, Tashane, cycled from Brixton to Kingston Vale for a 10.00 KO, played 2 double-banker matches then stopped off at Wandsworth Common on the way home to support the U12s! His reward was 3 tickets for the West Ham v Everton match at the London Stadium, kindly donated on the Sunday morning.



Project Coordinator, Dwight Barnett, worked closely throughout the school year with City Heights Academy, Tulse Hill, building up strong links with both staff and pupils, many of whom attend SMP sessions. A regular visitor to the school, he is now an official ambassador and mentor. He also helped facilitate our partnership with the school and Partisan CIC in the latest chapter of our Fit 4 Life mental well-being programme. April saw the first session held in Brockwell Park, taking advantage of the nice Spring weather. It's good to talk!



We received some fantastic new tops for our Youth Board members courtesy of James Gregory at Streetgames. If you're going to tell adults where they're going wrong, you need to look the part. A big thank you, too, to City Heights Academy for the free facilities.



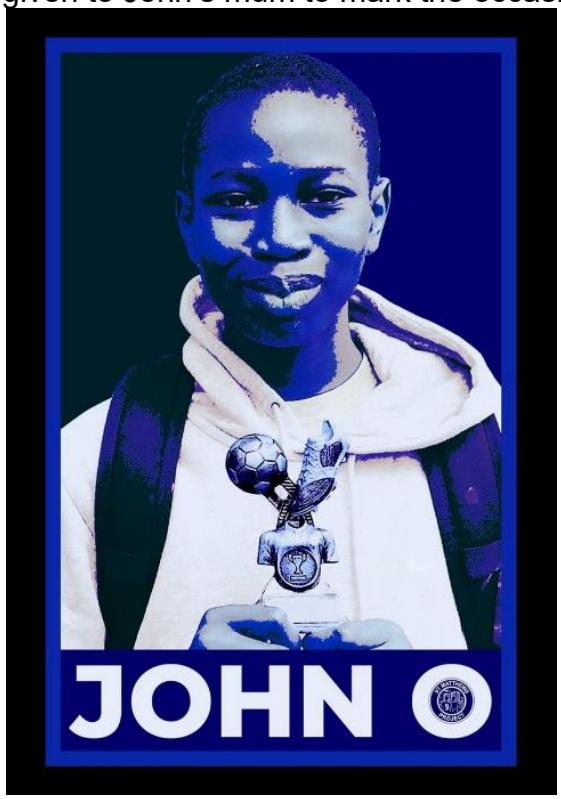




May saw the start of the SMP Family Fitness Club, a weekly programme of fitness sessions for parents and their children aged 5-10. The sessions were run in conjunction with a personal trainer from Dulwich Hamlet FC. As well as encouraging families to improve their fitness levels, these sessions sought to foster better parent-child relationships and provide some fun-filled workouts.



A special Saturday Club took place in May as we remembered former SMP participant and SMFC player, John Ogunjobi. As well as the usual activities, the 111 participants who attended enjoyed free meals, Star Player awards and lucky raffle prizes. The day was to celebrate what would have been John's birthday on the 30th, at the request of John's mum. A specially designed portrait was also given to John's mum to mark the occasion.



A lucky group of SMP members and parents and guardians got to enjoy the May sunshine and a lovely day out at Wembley Stadium for the FA Cup Final between Chelsea and Liverpool. Great memories and thoroughly enjoyed by all.



SUMMER

Summer got off to a great start and a weekend of celebrations, with SMFC U15s winning the London County Saturday Youth Football League Cup on the first Saturday of June, and over 100 players taking part in our Jason K Memorial tournament on the Sunday. The U15s came away 2-0 winners against Escalate F.C at Barn Elms Sports Centre, Barnes, and 11 teams took part in the Jason K 6-a-side event at Tooting & Mitcham United FC. The Jason K winners, Tabard, and runners-up, SMFC Seniors B, were also managed respectively by SMFC coaches Marcus and Mario. Great to see so many old faces too, many of whom we've known since primary school.





A total of 77 girls from 8 schools across Lambeth took part in our second Lambeth Girls' Schools tournament of the year at Ferndale Sports Centre, Brixton. The winners were La Retraite, Clapham Park, runners-up Harris Academy, Clapham, with the Fair Play Trophy going to Lambeth Academy, also Clapham!



Another day of celebrations saw the SMFC end-of-season awards ceremony take place at Jubilee Primary School, a big thank you to them for the venue. Great to have former

participant, player, volunteer, coach and now Project Coordinator, Dwight, handing out the awards to a whole new generation of players.







SMFC U15s also got to go to Brixton Nando's to celebrate their London County Saturday League Cup win.



SMP were honoured to be once again managing the Lambeth Girls' London Youth Games squad at Gunnersbury Park, Ealing. There was tough competition with 25 boroughs represented but the girls managed to top their group and beat Merton 2-1 in the quarterfinals. In the semis, though, their run came to an end with a narrow 1-0 defeat to next door neighbours Wandsworth. The girls came away with a third-place Bronze medal and the LYG Respect award. Well done girls! Haringey beat Wandsworth in the final to be crowned champions.
LYG Group stage:
1. Lambeth
2. Islington
3. Bexley
4. Havering
5. Kingston
6. Hammersmith & Fulham



After a 3-year absence it was great to back running the Jubilee Primary School Summer Fair football tournament…



…And the walled garden in Brockwell Park provided a beautiful setting for our last Fit 4 Life session of term with pupils from City Heights Academy. Extremely important to maintain community links with our local schools.



New coaches' handbooks were handed out at the first SMFC managers' pre-season meeting in Brockwell Park. Big shout out to our partners and website hosts, Effra Digital, for producing the books. The books contain the new coaching philosophy created by Project Coordinator, Dwight, which will help ensure a uniform approach to coaching across all SMP and SMFC sessions, from the Saturday Club to the SMFC Seniors' teams.



It was great to welcome some special visitors to Brockwell Park during our summer holiday programme, all the way from the USA. We first welcomed the Montgomery Stars and Barber Elite Soccer from Alabama, followed by Fremont FC from California – who took the famous SMFC black & blue stripes back across the Atlantic with them!







Congratulations and a huge well done went out to all our summer holiday Star Player Award recipients. Awards were based on outstanding effort, enthusiasm and commitment. The huge numbers of young people attending this summer make this an even bigger achievement than usual.







More memories from the SMP Summer Holiday Scheme in Brockwell Park…



Lovely to have visits from local MPs Bell Ribeiro-Addy and Helen Hayes, who came down to see the holiday scheme in action…





Another visitor from America to Brockwell Park during the summer holidays was the New York Times bestselling author Jason Reynolds, who popped down to give some of our young people an inspirational talk.







And finally… we saw out the summer with SMP's first ever daytrip to the seaside. 45 family members went down to Brighton for the day by luxury coach and enjoyed a day out on the beach, with free all-inclusive wristbands for the Palace Pier!







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SUMMER 2022 STATS
2,453
Total throughput of young people
491
Average weekly attendance
98
Average daily attendance
81
Lowest attendance
132
Highest attendance
3,160
Meals
300
Take & Make recipe boxes
160
Smoothies
41
Boots
8
Star players
3
USA soccer teams hosted
1
USA authors visiting
THE ST MATTHEWS PROJECT - MORE THAN A FOOTBALL CLUB

What's next for St. Matthew's?

As SMP continues to expand to meet the needs of local young people and their families, we will make sure that we put sustainability at the heart of everything we do. We want to grow the project incrementally, and ensure that we have a diverse and robust funding model to maintain and develop our services in the future. Our relationships with the local community are our greatest asset and we will continue to develop them, investing in the wide pool of local talent through our training and development programmes. As we seek to move SMP up to the next level, we will not move away from what we do best – delivering high quality frontline, grass-roots, trauma-informed work with children and young people, free at the point of access.



'St. Matthew's means a lot to me. At first I never really was into football, and then I went to Brockwell Park and I just got into it and now I'm really good at it and I love it.' – **Romeo, aged 12.**

'It's a very open project and they do football for everyone, even if you're not in a team. I love St. Matthew's, I've been here since I was young so it really means a lot to me.' – CJ, aged 14.

'St. Matthew's is a great organisation to be involved in. Since my son started playing here several years ago I have found it to be a very welcoming and nurturing environment. It has offered my son the opportunity to bond with his teammates over a number of years and foster new friendships. He is also maturing in a safe and friendly environment which promotes positive values. St. Matthew's is a great place for children to grow and develop.' – Parent

'St. Matthew's Project is an excellent club that offers free football that no other club, as far as I'm aware of, in the area provides. My two sons started their football career with SMP and now they are academy players due to the coaching they received. The staff are amazing and always safeguard the children. They also give out free food and household essentials for families and free lunch during the half term. I will always support them. Keep up the good work!' – Parent

'SMP are a fantastic organisation! As a family we have been a part of them for 6 years now, and counting. I have 2 sons who play for them and I honestly cannot thank them enough. They have given my sons a focus, a direction and a motivation to strive for. As a team they really bring out the best in all of the children, mentoring them as well as coaching them. I can say that I am truly thankful and blessed to have come across SMP, and for my children to be a part of such a wonderful organisation, and to be guided and supported by such an incredible team of coaches.' – Parent

'The St. Matthew's Project has been doing amazing work bringing our young people together through football and other activities for the best part of twenty years. During this whole time, they've stayed absolutely rooted in our community and true to their principles. It's hard to overstate the amount of hard work and care that goes into running these sessions. I'm so grateful to them for their relentless focus on seeing the potential in all our young people and helping them to fulfil it.' – Bell Ribeiro, MP for Streatham.



Our people and supporters

We'd like to thank everyone who has been involved in supporting the work of SMP; it could never happen without the support of our funders and partners. We would also like to extend our huge thanks for the continued support of our board of trustees, our staff and volunteers. This review is a celebration of the efforts and commitment of our staff, trustees, partners, volunteers and participants. We have built a team with a shared vision and together we are making a positive difference. Our staff, volunteers and trustees are the key to our growth and success; they are involved and engaged not just with us but with all the young people we support. We would like to thank them for the time and invaluable resources they are putting into our work, helping to make the SMP the special organisation it is – may their effort and dedication continue to help change the lives of young people in the Tulse Hill and Brixton area and beyond. Any success we've had is about the people, the volunteers and everybody involved in supporting SMP on a daily, weekly basis.

Financial Review

Funding for the Charity comes from a variety of sources including grants and donations from trusts and individuals.

2021/22 was another very strong year for donations and legacies with income of £343,124 (2021: £202,705), a significant increase on 2021. Since the end of the year income flow has remained at that level. However, more work still needs to be done on understanding where SMP's future funding pipeline will be coming from and the degree of certainty. Overall, the financial position of SMP has remained strong with significant Cash and Reserves. The Trustees view is that SMP is now in a position to plan to broaden its activities and reach to further the Charity's aims.

Financial Activity and Financial Position

The Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet can be found on pages 51 and 52 respectively. The Charity's total funds increased by £95,743 during the year (2021: increased by £19,064). The balance sheet shows total net assets of £287,000 (2021: £191,257).

Included in total funds are amounts totalling £182,029 (2021: £123,883) which are restricted. These monies have either been raised for, and their use restricted to, specific purposes, and/or they comprise grants subject to grantor imposed conditions. Details of the movement on these restricted funds can be found in note 7 to the accounts together with an analysis of movements in the year.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have examined the requirements for free reserves, i.e. those unrestricted funds not invested in tangible fixed assets. The Trustees consider that, given the nature of the Charity's funding, free reserves should be equivalent to approximately 3 months general fund expenditure, plus committed future expenditure on other projects, where funds permit. The Trustees are of the opinion that this provides sufficient flexibility to cover temporary shortfalls in incoming resources and will allow the Charity to cope and respond to unforeseen emergencies whilst specific action plans are implemented. At 31 August 2022 the Charity had net free reserves of £104,971 (2021: £67,374) as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Total reserves	**287,000**	**191,257**
Less: restricted funds	(182,029)	(123,883)
Free reserves	**104,971**	**67,374**
Free reserves requirement:		
3 month's budgeted routine expenditure	50,000	45,000
Anticipated spend on expanding activities	50,000	-
Free reserves requirement	**100,000**	**45,000**

Going Concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charitable company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

Responsibilities of Trustees for the Financial Statements

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice. Charity law in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity for that period.

In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the activities of the Charity will continue.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the governing document. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the Charity and financial information included in the Charity's website.

Approval

The report of the Trustees was approved by the Trustees on 22 May 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

J Greenfield

Jenny Greenfield
Chair of the Board

ST. MATTHEW'S PROJECT

Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees of St Matthews Project For the year ended 31 August 2022

I report on the accounts of the St Matthew's Project (the Charity) for the year ended 31 August 2022, set out on pages 51-56.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act") and that an independent examination is needed. The charity is required by company law to prepare accrued accounts and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act);
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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.

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.

Christine Cheung-Poston ACCA
22 May 2023

ST. MATTHEW'S PROJECT

Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating the income and expenditure account)
For the year ended 31 August 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Income from:	2						
Donations and legacies		99,011	272,558	371,569	65,876	136,338	202,214
Charitable activities		1,555	-	1,555	-	-	-
Total Income		**100,566**	**272,558**	**373,124**	**65,876**	**136,338**	**202,214**
Expenditure on:							
Marketing/advertising		1,473	-	1,473	-	-	-
Staff costs	3a	50,584	46,376	96,960	45,054	43,880	88,934
Staff expenses		-	3,953	3,953	-	2,929	2,929
Service delivery	3b	-	164,083	164,083	-	76,320	76,320
Office, administration & support	3c	10,662	-	10,662	14,717	-	14,717
Independent examination		250	-	250	250	-	250
		62,969	**214,412**	**277,381**	**60,021**	**123,129**	**183,150**
Net /income before tax		**37,597**	**58,146**	**95,743**	**5,855**	**13,209**	**19,064**
Tax payable	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net income after tax		**37,597**	**58,146**	**95,743**	**5,855**	**13,209**	**19,064**
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses)		-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		**37,597**	**58,146**	**95,743**	**5,855**	**13,209**	**19,064**
Total funds brought forward		67,374	123,883	191,257	61,519	110,674	172,193
Total funds carried forward		**104,971**	**182,029**	**287,000**	**67,374**	**123,883**	**191,257**

ST. MATTHEW'S PROJECT

Balance Sheet
As at 31 August 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Current Assets					
Debtors	5	30,000	-	30,000	9,995
Cash At Bank And In Hand		76,912	182,029	258,941	183,204
		106,912	182,029	288,941	193,199
Creditors - Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	6	1,941	-	1,941	1,942
Net Current Assets		**104,971**	**182,029**	**287,000**	**191,257**
Net Assets		**104,971**	**182,029**	**287,000**	**191,257**
Represented By:					
Restricted Funds	7	-	182,029	182,029	123,883
Unrestricted Income Funds		104,971	-	104,971	67,374
Total Funds		**104,971**	**182,029**	**287,000**	**191,257**

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime as set out in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006. The company is entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 August 2022 and no notice requiring an audit has been deposited under section 476.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of each financial period and of its profit or loss for the financial period 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 is applicable to the company.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 22 May 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

David Keen.

David Keen
Treasurer

Company registration 7007350

1. Accounting Policies

St. Matthews Project is a charitable company limited by guarantee without share capital, with use of 'Limited' exemption, and registered in England with registration number 07007350. Its registered office address is 90 Gaskarth Road, Balham, London, SW12 9NW. The accounts are presented in GBP rounded to £1.

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

Basis of accounting
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 September 2021) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared on a natural or alternative basis of analysis as per SORP 4.6.

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

The Charity has availed itself of the Companies Act 2006 and adapted the Companies Act format to reflect the special nature of the Charity's activities.

Going Concern
The Charity is a going concern. Taking into account reserves and anticipated recurring income, the Trustees are confident that the Charity remains a going concern for at least twelve months from the date of approval of these accounts.

Income recognition
Voluntary income and donations (including legacies) are accounted for once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be reliably measured. Income from the recovery of tax on gift aided donations is accounted for in the period to which the relevant donation is received. Grant income is recognised on a receivable basis.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

No amounts have been included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

Expenditure recognition
Expenditure is accrued as soon as a liability is considered probable, and the amount of obligation can be measured reliably. Longer term liabilities are discounted to present value. The Charity is not registered for VAT and accordingly expenditure includes VAT where appropriate.

Charitable expenditure includes those costs in fulfilling the Charity's principal objects, as outlined in the Report of the Trustees. These include governance costs which are incurred in connection with the administration of the Charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, which tasks are undertaken mainly by the Trustees. Governance costs also costs include costs relating to statutory independent examination and legal fees.

Taxation
The Company is a Registered Charity and is therefore exempt from taxation under the Income and Corporation Taxes Acts.

1. Accounting Policies (continued)

Tangible fixed assets
All assets costing more than £2,000 are capitalised.
Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:
Office equipment: 5 years

Funds Structure
Unrestricted income comprises those funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for specific purposes. There are currently no restricted funds.

2. Income

	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Donations & legacies				
Donations	24,646	-	24,646	32,292
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-
Grants	74,365	272,558	346,923	169,922
	99,011	272,558	371,569	202,214
Charitable activities				
Team subscriptions	1,555	-	1,555	-
	1,555	0	1,555	0
	100,566	**272,558**	**373,124**	**202,214**

Income from Grants includes an amount of £30,000 which was receivable as at 31st August 2022 (see note 5, debtors).

3. Expenditure

Included within expenditure the following costs:

3a Staff costs	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Gross salaries	45,927	45,001	90,928	84,226
Employers National Insurance	4,035	212	4,247	2,743
Employer pension contributions	622	1,163	1,785	1,965
	50,584	**46,376**	**96,960**	**88,934**

The average number of employees during the year was 3 (2021: 3). No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000 during the year.

3. Expenditure (continued)

3b Service delivery	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Coaching, tutoring & training	-	88,360	88,360	45,883
Food	-	41,983	41,983	22,248
Travel	-	3,958	3,958	1,677
Equipment/kit/facilities	-	27,212	27,212	13,008
Membership/league fees	-	1,339	1,339	1,828
Tours & events	-	467	467	(9,995)
Other	-	764	764	1,671
	0	**164,083**	**164,083**	**76,320**

3c Office & administration	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Accountancy & payroll	2,107	-	2,107	5,587
Printing & stationery	226	-	226	717
Software	163	-	163	738
Website	5,036	-	5,036	5,130
Other	3,130	-	3,130	2,545
	10,662	**0**	**10,662**	**14,717**

4. Taxation

As a charity, St. Matthews Project is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within the provisions of the Corporation Taxes Act 2010 or the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen on the Charity.

5. Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Grants receivable	30,000	-
Other debtors	-	9,995
	30,000	**9,995**

6. Creditors - Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

	2022 £	2021 £
Other creditors	268	391
Other creditors including taxation and social security	373	501
Accruals	1,300	1,050
	1,941	**1,942**

7. Restricted Funds

7a Current year

	At 1 September 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 August 2022 £
Football related activities	**123,883**	**272,557**	**(214,411)**	**0**	**182,029**

7b Prior year

	At 1 September 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 August 2021 £
Football related activities	**110,674**	**136,338**	**(123,129)**	**0**	**123,883**

Football related activities. Income received specifically for funding football related activities.

8. Related Party Transactions

No Trustees (2021: none) received reimbursement for expenses incurred on charity business during the year.

The Trustees did not make any restricted donations to the charity during the year (2021: £nil).

9. Members Funds

The company is a private company limited by guarantee with no share capital. The liability of the members is limited to £10 in the event of a winding up.

ST. MATTHEW'S PROJECT

England & Wales - Charity number 1140964

Accounts

ST. MATTHEW'S PROJECT

17 Years in the Community 2004-2021

Company Limited by Guarantee
Charity Registration Number: 1140964
Company Registration Number: 7007350

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 August 2021

ST. MATTHEW'S PROJECT

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ST. MATTHEW'S PROJECT

Annual Report of the Trustees
For the year ended 31 August 2021

Charity Name	St. Matthew's Project.
Charity Registration no	1140964. The Charity was registered with the Charity Commission on 22 March 2011.
Company Registration no	7007350.
Registered Office	90 Gaskarth Road, London SW12 9NW
Governing Document	The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 2 September 2009. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association.
Mission Statement	To provide a safe and encouraging environment where young people can come together and enjoy structured sports and learning opportunities. To help the young people of Lambeth fulfil their potential and improve their well-being both physically and emotionally through targeted support to children and families
Objectives	1. To act as a resource for young people up to the age of 25 living in the south Brixton area by providing advice and assistance and organising programmes of physical, educational and other activities as a means of: • advancing in life and helping young people by developing their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals. • advancing education • relieving unemployment • providing recreational and leisure time activity in the interests of social welfare for people living in the south Brixton area who have need by reason for their youth, age, infirmity or disability, poverty or social and economic circumstances, with a view to improving the conditions of life of such persons. 2. The promotion of community participation in healthy recreation, in particular children and young people aged between 6 and 25 by the provision of facilities for playing football.
Mission Statement	To provide a safe and encouraging environment where young people can come together and enjoy structured sports and learning opportunities. To help the young people of Lambeth fulfil their potential and improve their well-being both physically and emotionally through targeted support to children and families.
Trustees	The Trustees who served during the year and who were serving at the date of this report were: David Keen — Treasurer Ryan Chishick — (resigned 4 May 2021) Jenny Greenfield — Chair Lekan Ojumu James Alexander Daisy Streatfield — (appointed 28 January 2021)

ST. MATTHEW'S PROJECT

Annual Report of the Trustees
For the year ended 31 August 2021

Management Committee	Lee Dema	Project Manager
	Fiona McGee	M&E Officer
	Dwight Barnett	Football Development Officer
Key Management Personnel	The person in charge of directing, controlling, running and operating the Charity on a day to day basis is Lee Dema, the Project Manager.	
Bankers	Santander UK 301 St Vincent Street Glasgow G2 5NT	
Independent Examiner	Christine Cheung Poston ACCA 48 Samford House Charlotte Terrace Islington London N1 0JF	

The Trustees submit their report and the financial statements of St. Matthew's Project ("the Charity") for the year ended 31 August 2021. The financial statements have been prepared in the format prescribed by the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2015 (FRS102)) and the Financial Reporting Standard 102. The financial statements have been prepared on a natural or alternative basis of analysis as per SORP 4.6. The legal and administrative information set out earlier in this document forms part of this report. This report also constitutes a directors' report required by section 415 of the Companies Act 2006 as all Trustees of a charity company are directors.

Public benefit

The Trustees have complied with their duty under Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Who We Are

The St Matthew's Project provides a safe and encouraging environment where 3-25-year-olds can come together and enjoy structured football sessions and other activities. We help children and young people living mainly in the Tulse Hill and Coldharbour wards of Lambeth fulfil their potential and have a real impact on their community. What began as a kick-about in Brockwell Park is now a thriving youth project, which offers a growing array of programmes and services to over 300 young people each week, bringing them together from 3 different housing estates, which historically would not have anything to do with each other. The project has a dedicated team of 23 staff and trustees (2 full-time) and 7 volunteers, with extensive experience of working with a challenging target group and a thorough understanding of the local community and its needs. We also have an established reputation with local residents, the council and our funders for being able to deliver successful and credible programmes.

Where We Work

The majority of our participants live in the Tulse Hill and Coldharbour wards of Lambeth which are within the most deprived 10% Deprivation Deciles nationally for crime and living environment. 95% of our participants are from a BAME background. As well as complex deprivation issues, the young people we work with also face health-related difficulties, including obesity, and a high prevalence of risk factors for mental health problems. Crime levels, and in particular gang-related activity, are high in our target area – Lambeth has the highest volume of serious youth violence in the capital with over 7,000 crimes in 10 years. It also has the greatest number of ambulance call-outs. 1/3 of all 2014 London shootings occurred in Lambeth and eight young men known to us have lost their lives due to gang-related incidents since 2011. Tensions continue to remain high in the local area, with gangs holding a strong influence over young people and their families. A combination of enforced membership and low aspirations has meant that gangs have traditionally offered a viable, albeit illicit, career path for many of the boys and young men in the local community**.** Some parents even turn a blind eye to young people's involvement in gangs and criminal activity as the opportunity for them to make some money can be a welcome relief to families living in persistent poverty.

It is part of our ethos to offer those we work with more than just the chance to participate in a football project. We support young people to make the transition from sports participation to accessing further sporting, educational or employment opportunities as they get older. Through continued engagement we help young people develop their personal skills and strengths and tackle any weaknesses they feel they might have. In this way, we aim to meet the needs of local young people, raise their aspirations and help them steer clear of a life of crime and gang-related activity. Due to the fact that we work with young people right up until they are in their mid-twenties, we are also well-placed to offer the those progressing through our programmes an established exit route into further structured and age-appropriate sporting and employment opportunities.

The importance of being firmly rooted in the local community and taking the time to develop the project incrementally has been fundamental to our success over the past 16 years. It has also allowed us to respond appropriately to the evolving needs of our users. Due to the relationship we have built up with local young people over a long period of time, we have earned a legitimacy to advise and help them in a way other organisations cannot. Consequently, more and more young people are benefiting from the services we offer, enhancing their life opportunities.

Funders	Partners	SMFC Kit Sponsors
Berkeley Foundation Black Fund Children In Need City Airport Community Trust Comic Relief Cottman Foundation Football Foundation Garfield Weston Lambeth Council LEAP Leap Confronting Conflict London Community Foundation London Sport London Youth MOPAC KMCO Group Peters & Peters Solicitors Peter Minet Trust Sport England Streetgames Thrale Almhouses Together Southwark Walcot Foundation	Better PLC Brixton Police Brockwell Park Community Partners Brockwell Park Management Chelsea F.C Academy City Heights Academy Clem Consultants Effra Digital Football Foundation Fulham F.C Foundation Jubilee Primary School Lambeth Safeguarding Children Board Lambeth Sports & Recreation Services LEAP Leap Confronting Conflict London F.A London Youth Paul Canoville Foundation Project 507 Sported St. Matthew's Estate TRA Substance Social Research Tooting & Mitcham United F.C Tulse Hill Early Action Partnership Tulse Hill Estate TRA Tulse Hill Safer Neighbourhood Team Yellow Qube	Cottman Foundation KMCO Group McEvoy Maintenance

EXISTING AIMS & OBJECTIVES



To act as a resource for young people up to the age of 25 living in the Tulse Hill and Brixton area by providing advice and assistance and organising programmes of physical, educational and other activities.



To promote community participation in healthy recreation, in particular children and young people aged between 3 and 25 by the provision of facilities for playing football and other sports.



To provide a safe and encouraging environment where young people can come together and enjoy structured sports and learning opportunities.



To help the young people of the Tulse Hill and Brixton area fulfil their potential and improve their well-being both physically and emotionally through targeted support to children and families.

WHY SMP?

- *More than 17 years of experience of being embedded in the local community*
- *Established in and trusted by a local community often sceptical of 'projects' as they have been used and let down by so many; SMP make a difference to local young people's lives over a long period of time*
- *Founded by someone who knows and cares about the local area and respects and is respected by the people in it*
- *Core staff have been developed from within the programmes; i.e. young people work with someone 'just like them'*
- *Pioneer of a true grassroots 'trauma-informed' approach*
- *Focused on early intervention and well-being, understanding how that can have a profound impact on the lives of young people with complex backgrounds and needs*
- *Knows the local young people better than any other organisation (so much so that it sometimes provides them as participants to other programmes)*
- *Works in the community beyond the programmes; facilitating relations and conversations between young people and schools, police and other local service providers*
- *Has maintained a £10 signing-on fee for St Matthew's FC since inaugural 2005-06 season, ensuring accessibility for local young people*

ASPIRATION STATEMENT

The St. Matthew's project is determined to ensure that the young people of the Tulse Hill and Brixton area can fulfil their potential. No child or young person should ever go hungry, be exposed to violence or live in poverty.

Football is a game that brings people together, engenders collaboration and trust and inspires passion and loyalty. Our mission is to use football as a gateway for young people to come together and provide for them structure and learning opportunities in a safe and encouraging environment. Our young people often get left behind, overlooked or banished to a headline about violence or underachievement. Our focus is on their wellness, based on an understanding that regularly active, collaborative young people are happier, healthier and more resilient.

Working with them day in, day out for more than 16 years, the St Matthew's Project knows that local young people have hopes, fears and aspirations like everyone else, that can be channelled to deliver positive outcomes — for the young people themselves, as well as the local area and local community.

The St. Matthew's project has worked in a deep and committed way, in a small part of London for more than 17 years. This has built a trust and an understanding that very few organisations working with young people have. We know our young people and they know us, our coaches have been through our programmes so can relate and are relatable.

Our ambition is to continue this early intervention and reach at least 40% of the young people in the Tulse Hill and Brixton area in the next three years. We will continue to be embedded in the local area, and to understand each individual young person we work with, their challenges and hopes, in order to help them build a future and fulfil their potential.



Chair's Report

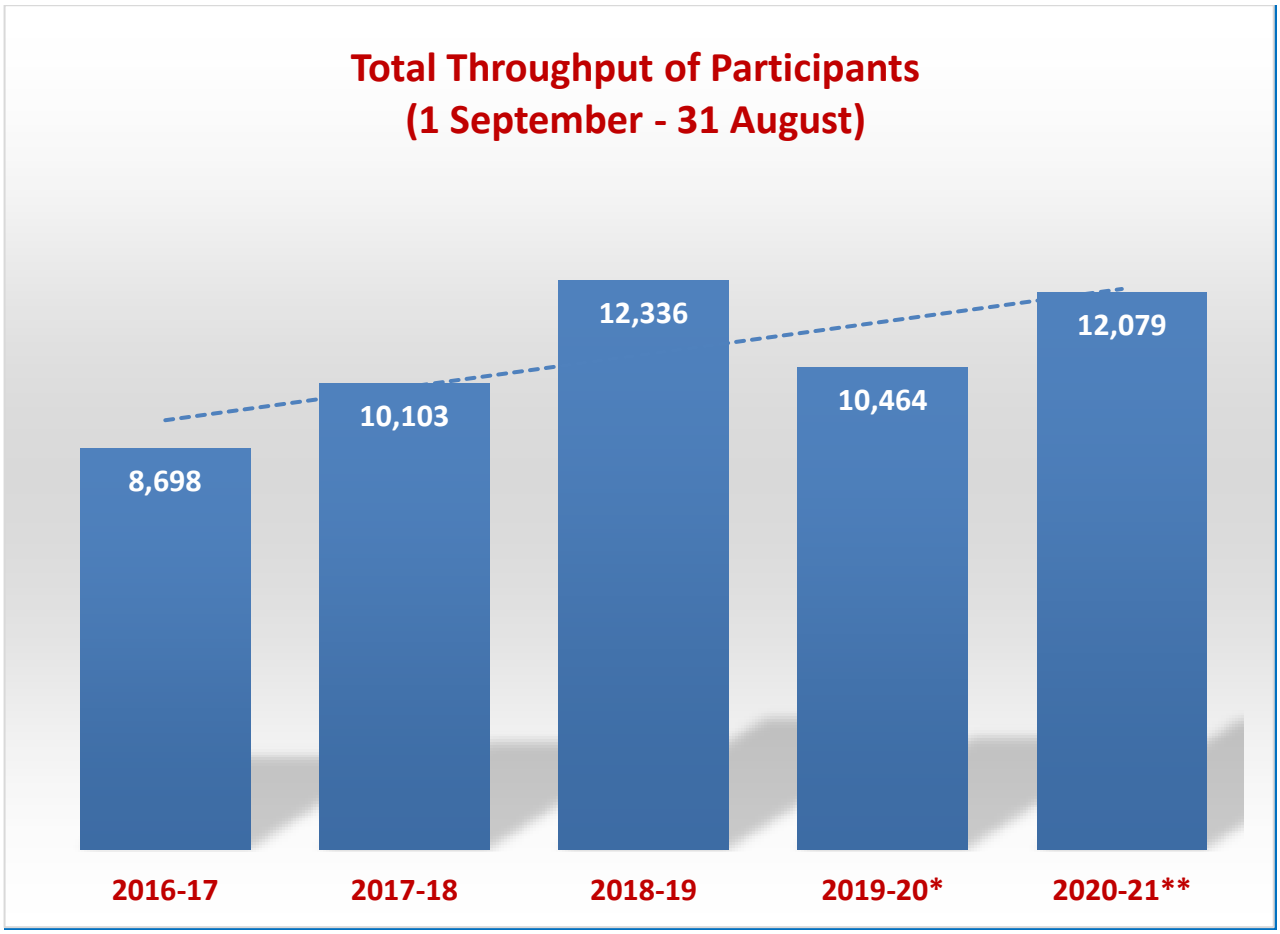
Over the past 17 years, SMP has gained extensive experience of running a variety of programmes for young people aged 11 – 25. What began as a kick-about in Brockwell Park is now a thriving youth project, working with over 250 young people each week, bringing them together from 3 different housing estates, which historically would not have anything to do with each other. Our activities include weekly turn-up-and-play sessions for both sexes; estate-based sports sessions; an anti-knife crime project; and a Fit for Life programme combining free football with mental health and wellbeing workshops. For those aged 16 +, we offer elders' football, free F.A coaching courses and a volunteering programme. We are well known within the local community, and have developed good relationships with a wide variety of organisations who refer young people to us. Many of our participants come to us through word of mouth, as they are told about our programmes by their school friends, or their older siblings already attend. We are widely trusted as an organisation and thus our staff are able to work with young people who refuse to engage with other services.

Capitalising on both the power of football to engage young people and SMP's ability to maintain a relationship with those on the fringes of our community, we will continue to offer support to vulnerable young people at critical transition points in their lives, helping to develop their work and life skills in order to bring about positive changes for individuals who are unrepresented, furthest from the labour market and residing in some of the most disadvantaged communities in London.

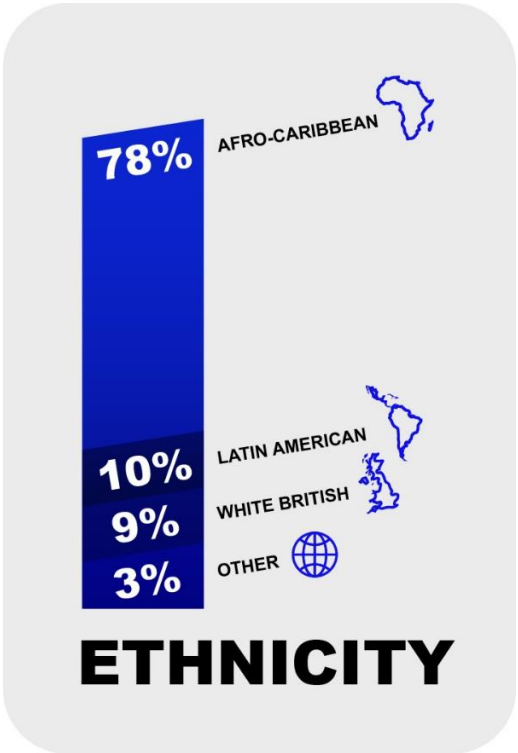
The Covid 19 pandemic continued to impact on our delivery. Responding to the challenges presented by the first lockdown during 2019-20, including adapting our website to host more interactive online sessions and wellbeing drop-in discussions, meant we were well placed to deal with the double lockdowns this time around. As a result, we were able to remain a constant presence in the lives of some of our community's most vulnerable young people. The need for the services we offer remains high. ***In the 2018-19 year (the last full one prior to Covid), SMP had an annual throughput of 12,336. This dropped to 10,464 in 2019-20 when a total of 12 weeks were lost to Covid. In the 2020-21 period however, where 16 weeks were lost to Covid, we actually saw a rise in annual throughput to 12,079.*** Having experienced isolation and disconnection through the lockdowns, young people now seem keener than ever to attend SMP activities and we are experiencing what we believe to be something of a post-Covid 'boom'.

At the core of everything we do are the young people we work with. They are the ones who drive what we do and every single one of them should be proud of the part they play in making the St. Matthew's Project the vibrant and successful project it is today. Thank you to you all.



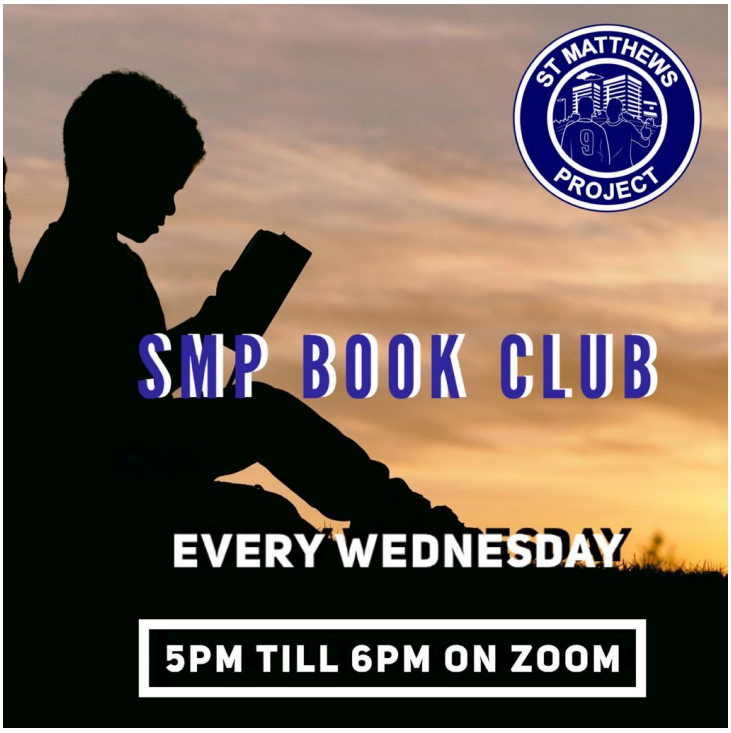


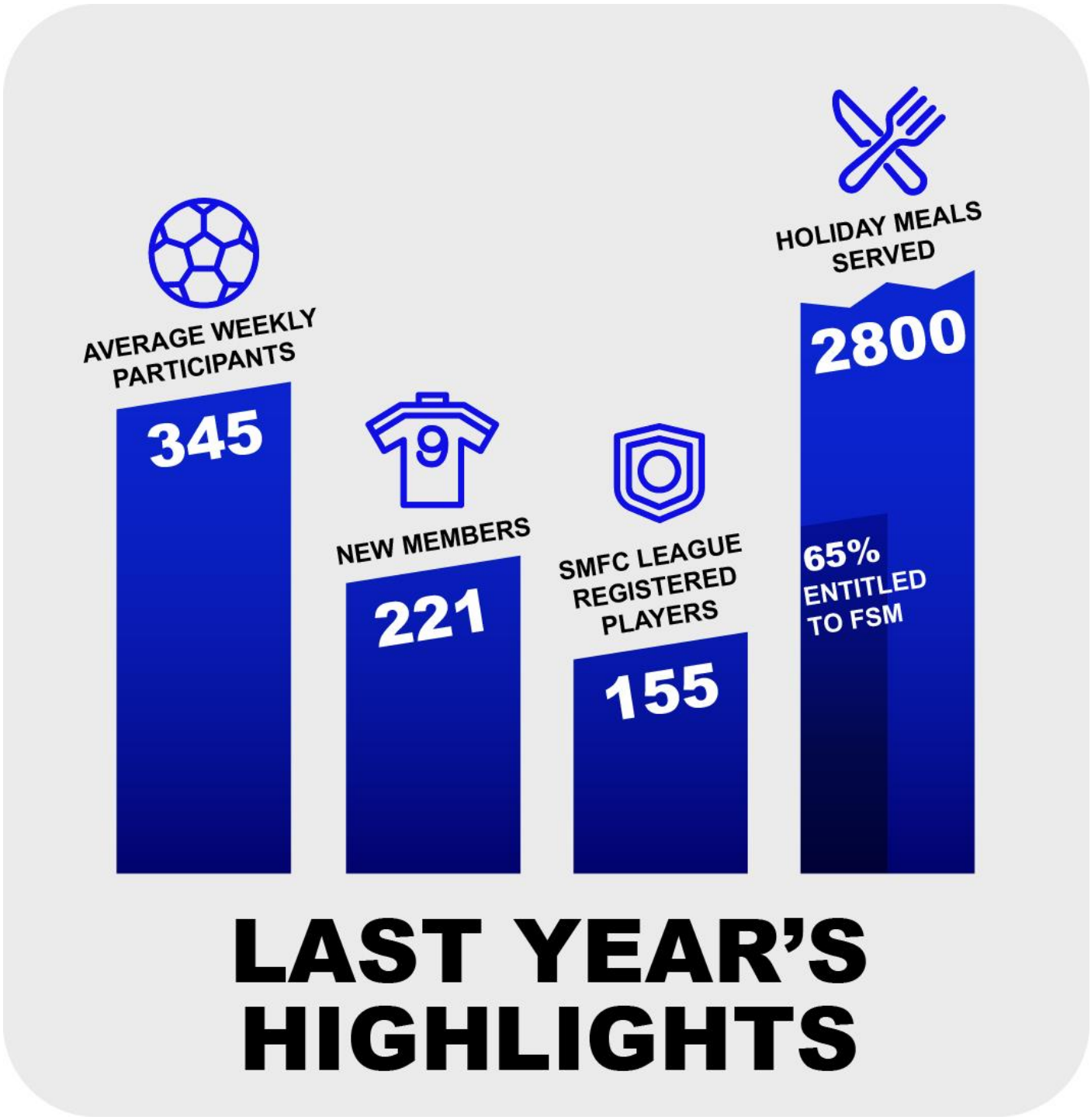
*Loss of 12 weeks of activities due to Covid lockdown.
**Loss of 16 weeks of activities due to Covid lockdowns.



SMP PROGRAMME 2020-21

- **Girls-only Saturday Football Club**
- **Girls' Secondary School Leagues & Tournaments**
- **5-16s Saturday Football Club**
- **Summer and Half-Term Holiday Football & Food Scheme**
- **Tulse Hill Estate Christmas Pen Football Tournament**
- **St. Matthew's Estate After-School Sports Club**
- **St. Matthew's F.C (U10s, U11s, U12s, U13s, U14s, U15s, 16s Girls U16s and Seniors A & B)**
- **Volunteer programme**
- **F.A Level-1 Coaching Course**
- **F.A Level-2 Coaching Course**
- **Cage Football -Tulse Hill Estate**
- **Parent & Toddler Club**
- **Elders' Football Programme**
- **Fit 4 Life - mental health wellbeing programme**
- **One Life: My Choice - knife crime prevention programme**
- **Trauma-Informed Staff Training**
- **Online Zoom delivery**
- **Lockdown food delivery**




AVERAGE WEEKLY PARTICIPANTS
345
NEW MEMBERS
221
SMFC LEAGUE REGISTERED PLAYERS
155
HOLIDAY MEALS SERVED
2800
65% ENTITLED TO FSM
LAST YEAR'S HIGHLIGHTS

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

Autumn

The first week of September saw the latest SMFC U10s team got their first taste of midweek training at Ferndale Sports Centre, Brixton. The London County Saturday Youth League season had an October start date due to the impact of Covid, but this season saw a record number of 9 SMFC teams competing in league football – U10s, 11s, 12s, 13s, 14s, 15s, 16s, U16s girls and men's Seniors. SMP put a number of Covid19 safeguarding measures in place, including face coverings and hand sanitisers for all staff, disinfectants and instructions for players and parents to maintain social distancing as much as possible. Many parents complemented us on the measures we'd taken and the professionalism displayed.

SMFC U16s finished runners-up at the end of a very long day at the Met Police's **'Kick Off @ 3'** tournament in West Wickham. Sargeant Lucy Burrows and PC Joe Seddon from the Tulse Hill SNT arranged some unusual transport (police van) for the team and supported the boys at the event. It was a very nice and fitting tribute to the boys' old manager, Ricky Jordan, and his legacy.

We provided free football and food in Brockwell Park for 3 days of the half term holiday and saw an average of 79 participants per day. We also handed out over 260 free meals along with breakfast boxes, fresh fruit and educational resources courtesy of the Mayor's Fund, London Youth and supporters' donations.

Participants in Brockwell had a visit from Chelsea legend and SMP partner, **Paul Canoville**, who brought a signed classic 1980s Chelsea shirt along with him. The SMFC U14s enjoyed a day out at **Arush Laser Tag** in Dulwich; SMP girls had a joint training session with Football Beyond Borders in Brixton and SMFC U16s and U14s played at **Tooting & Mitcham United FC's** Astroturf pitch. The U16s also played a team from the **Football Chance Foundation** in west London.





November sadly saw a second lockdown which saw all SMP activities cancelled. We once again were able to maintain contact with young people through Instagram, WhatsApp groups and zoom meetings, making sure that they were all keeping well.

In keeping with women's football weekend, we were very pleased to announce a new partnership with **Sutton United FC's Girls' Academy**. SUFC offered a playing and educational pathway for gifted and talented players whilst working closely with girls from SMP. Six girls from SMP were amongst the first intake in September.





Winter

While our annual Christmas Football event scheduled for the 28th was cancelled due to Covid restrictions, we were still able to deliver free meals and Take & Make boxes, with collection points at the Tulse Hill Estate football cage and the St. Matthew's Estate Tenants' Hall.

We collected another batch of 88 second-hand football boots in December after an amazing effort by one of our Twitter followers, Saqib, from South Woodford, Essex! Massive thank you to him and Woodbridge High School for their support. The boots were in very good condition and some of them had hardly been worn.

Following the Government's announcement on Monday 4 January, all SMP Saturday Club activities and all SMFC team training sessions and league matches were once again suspended until further notice. However, with support from our website hosts, Effra Digital, we were able to provide a variety of online programmes to maintain engagement with our participants as part of our Lockdown Plan.



On 14 January we were delighted to reveal our two new logos. They logos were designed in partnership with our website hosts, Effra Digital, to reflect our history and tradition, as we wanted to reflect the work that we do both on and off the pitch. SMP originally began as a kick about in Brockwell Park in 2004 but has subsequently become a thriving youth project, offering structured football sessions and a wide range of support programmes to over 250 young people each week. Over the years we have worked hard to ensure that we have built up strong relationships with our local community and are proud of the role that we play in our area. The new SMP logo is blue and has been designed to reflect our local estates and park environment. It features two young SMFC players celebrating together. Our football teams – SMFC (St. Matthew's Football Club) – will be identified by the blue and black club crest with a football at the centre. A huge thank you to the parents and participants whose help ensured that the final designs were representative of SMP and its values.

Thanks to the Mayor's Fund we able to continue deliveries of 80 free 'Take & Make' vegetarian recipe boxes a week. The Project Coordinator, Dwight, delivered them to the usual collection points on the Tulse Hill and St. Matthew's Estates, as well as to individual families. We also delivered 100 ready-made meals each week throughout January and February. And thanks to the Hygiene Bank, Brixton, we were also able to deliver a number of free essentials to families, including nappies, toiletries, and men's grooming products.







We were especially pleased to take delivery of our new SMFC U16s away kit, which has a special embroidered badge in tribute to our former coach, Ricky Jordan, who we sadly lost last year. Ricky had run the team since they were formed at U10s. A huge thank you to our partners **Spiral Skills** who ran the design workshops for the players, and in which Ricky took part. The players will also get to keep the specially designed shirts they helped create. As the badge says - RJ will never be forgotten at SMP.



Spring

The advent of Spring saw the first football activities of the year, with the return of the After-School Football Club at **Jubilee Primary School**, Tulse Hill, in the first week of March! The Government officially announced the resumption of all grassroots football from Monday 29th March.

SMP Book Club was busy during lockdown, with free Harry Potter, Percy Jackson and other books being delivered, and then discussed on zoom. A selection of books was also delivered to Key Stage 2 pupils at Jubilee Primary School, including **'*Football's Black Pioneers*'**. SMP members also had a zoom discussion on '*FBP*'. Great to be promoting such an important part of football history, which came about after a meeting with the authors, Bill Hern & David Gleave, set up by our partners Kick-Off @ 3.



It was great to return to normal activities with our **Easter Holiday programme**. In spite of the unseasonably cold weather for Easter we still managed an average of 70 young people per session. Over 600 free meals were served, and 160 Take & Make boxes, 31 pairs of boots and male grooming products were also handed out.



The return of our regular Saturday Club after a 4-month suspension due to lockdown coincided with our **'Stephen Lawrence Day'** event, making it a double celebration! The special theme for the day was aspiration in memory of Stephen, and participants were invited to write or draw a key message, word or sentence or write down any suggestions, goals and aspirations that they wanted their future self or society to remember. Everyone received an SMP medal and three young people were given special SLD trophies for their effort and contributions. The 'Tinies' also received some art sets.









'I would like for people to stop being racist and anybody can be what they want...'

A huge thank you went out to the staff at the **Southampton F.C Development Centre** at the Westway, Ladbroke Grove for all the boxes of training and football kits – most of it brand new! It was very well received at our Tulse Hill Estate football cage session. Many thanks to the Saints' Academy coach and former Brixton boy, Derek Bradley, for facilitating.



The last Saturday in May saw 98 young people attend our Saturday Club in Brockwell Park, unprecedented numbers outside of a holiday scheme and further evidence of children and young people's reaction to lockdown.



Throughout May our SMFC U14s team worked with coaches and mentors from **Hood Mentality and Mosaic Clubhouse,** Brixton in Brockwell Park. It was a great experience for all involved, linking football and mental wellbeing. The programme provided opportunities for young men to express (externalise) their thoughts, experiences and challenges in positive ways that are beneficial to their mental health.



Summer

In June Project Coordinator, Dwight Barnett, paid a visit to former SMFC coach and current joint first team manager of **Tooting & Mitcham United FC**, Ashley Bosah, to congratulate him on the club's London FA Senior Cup triumph. Dwight has built up excellent relationships at Tooting and our partnership with them is going from strength to strength, with a steady progression route of SMFC U16 players feeding into the academy, and the SMFC Seniors playing their home games on the Astroturf pitch. The Project Coordinator also enjoyed a day out at Wembley for England's opening **Euro 2020** game against Croatia, courtesy of **Adidas**, who have invited SMP to be part of a forum on youth football in London.



After a two-year absence, our **Lambeth Schools Girls' football programme** retuned at Ferndale Sports Centre, Brixton, with a Year 8 & 9 tournament. Great to have 7 schools, 8 teams and 71 girls taking part and competing against one another again, with Bishop Thomas Grant, Streatham, overcoming their local rivals, Streatham & Clapham High School, 2-1 in a hard-fought final. Oasis Academy, Waterloo, were awarded the Fair Play trophy.

Oasis Academy



S&CH



BTG



Our old friends, 'PC Ray' Sekalongo, (now sergeant) and former Brixton DCI, Clive Driscoll, paid a visit to one of our cage football sessions on Tulse Hill Estate. They were accompanied by Ashley Banjo from dance group, Diversity, and a film crew as part of a forthcoming ITV documentary exploring racism in the UK. A Massive thank you to PC Joe Shaw from **Met Police Lambeth Youth Engagement Team** for putting in a shift every week with us (in goal too)!



SMP staff members Mario Xavier and Dwight Barnett were at **Lambeth Town Hall** in July for the ***'Spectemur Agendo'*** photo exhibition, featuring portraits of SMFC players and staff by brilliant local photographer (and SMP parent) **Ellie Laycock**. Very proud to be a part of it!



SMP also featured in another exhibition in July by portrait & advertising photographer, **Michael Wharley**, as part of his ***'In A Green Shade'*** project. Michael captured some scenes last Autumn at our Saturday Club sessions.



It was another fantastic turnout at our **Summer Holiday scheme**. Our previous highest summer attendance of 98, set way back in 2008, was finally broken last year with a 104 turning up. This year we witnessed several attendances of 100+ and on one day an incredible 122. This caused us a few headaches, though, as we had to keep increasing our meals – from 80 in the first week to 110 by the end. We managed not to turn anyone away but may have to consider a cap at some point in the future. It was great, too, to see our coaching team made up of 7 former participants.



Summer Scheme Star Players



SMFC U14 players helping out this summer

We also welcomed back **Yo Streetzone** to Brockwell Park this summer for some great Panna 1v1 technical games, always hugely popular with our young people during the holiday period. Thanks to **James Gregory and Streetgames** for facilitating. And lovely to have our good friends 'PC Ray' – now Sergeant Sekalongo – and local **MP Helen Hayes** drop by in Brockwell Park to show some support.







St. Matthew's Estate Holiday Club





Some of the Summer Holiday Scheme Staff Team, Brockwell Park

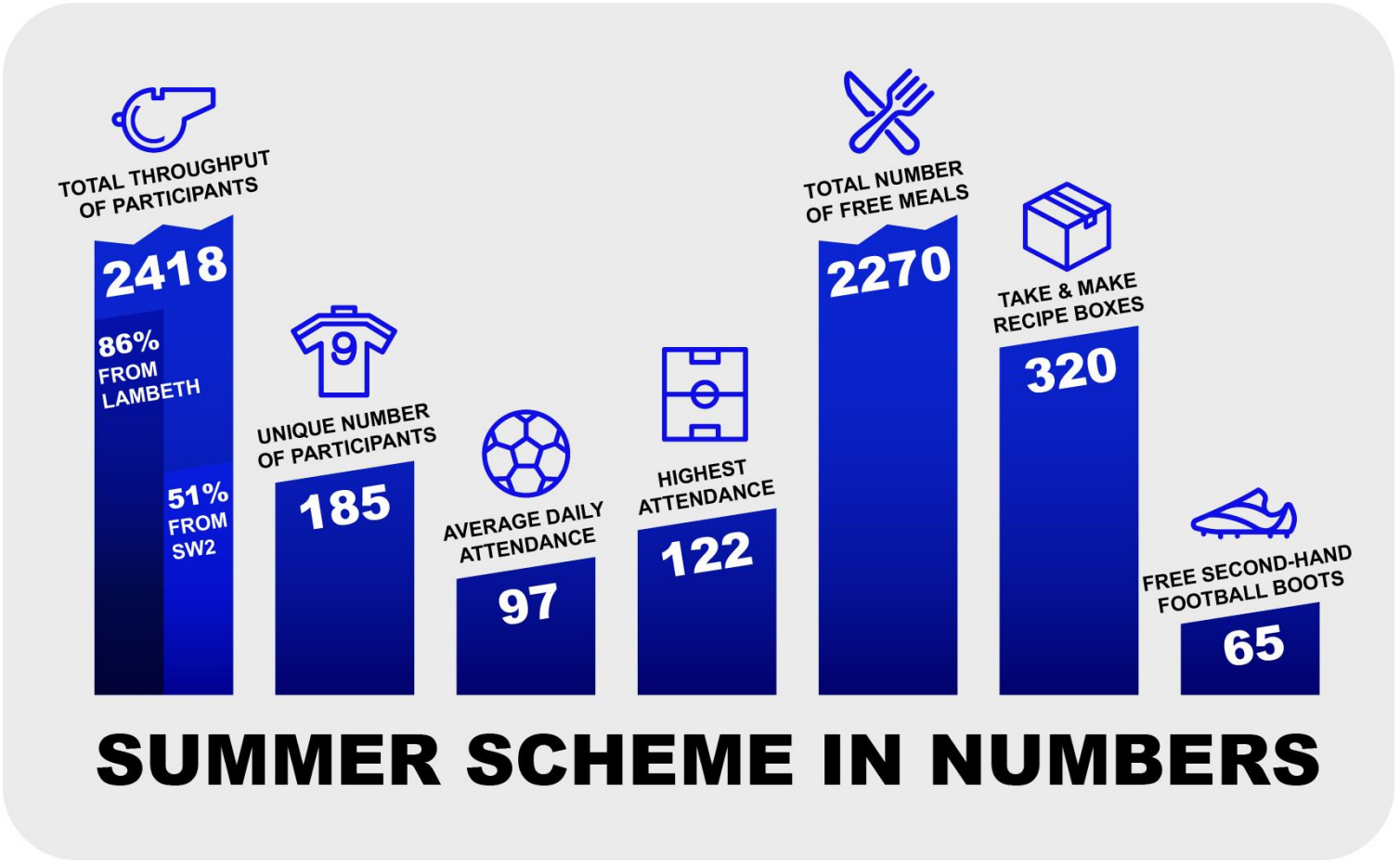












In another summer holiday bonus, some of the SMFC U14s squad got their hands on the European Cup after being invited down to **Stamford Bridge** by our partner and former Blues legend, **Paul Canoville**.





SMFC U16s had a very long but very rewarding day out in Salisbury in August to visit our good friends **Salisbury Rovers FC** and take part in the AFC Salisbury U16s 7-a-side football tournament. It had been 2 years since SRFC came to visit us at Brockwell Park on a trip to London and we always said we'd get down to them one day. SMFC U16s 'Blues' were crowned Champions and overcame some tough opposition, including the juniors of National League side, Bath City. The boys also got a chance to take in Salisbury Cathedral. Huge shout out to our coaches who put in a 13-hour shift, and a massive thank you to everyone at Salisbury Rovers and AFC Salisbury who were fantastic hosts!





And, finally, the year came to a close with bright hopes for our new **SMFC Seniors B** team at the Chelsea Rovers 7-a-side tournament in Chiswick. A good pre-season runout for a young but talented squad including several former SMFC youth players. Roll on 2022-23!



SMFC Seniors B: 2021-22…

What's next for St. Matthew's?

To ensure a seamless service from childhood into adulthood SMP works according to a de-risked funding model using a diverse pool. We aim for steady growth, investing in sessional coaches and build our PAYE base safely. It requires localised and personal responses, but commissioning models often result in funding for larger charities who are less able to gain the trust of local communities or correctly ascertain their needs. To grow to a £300,000 charity with a solid funding base, our strategy will combine statutory and grant income with gifts and donations, whilst forming both long term and programme-specific partnerships. We look to increase significantly levels of sport and physical activity, particularly among disadvantaged groups. We want to see all our staff, volunteers and trustees working hard towards creating a thriving and sustainable Project at the heart of our community, where the participant is at the centre of all our decisions and actions for growing the organisation. Our work has to be focused on front-line, grass-roots delivery; delivery that is clearly aligned to creating the best environment and the best opportunities for all our young people.



'Thank you all SO much. My kids loved coming this Easter. The coaching was amazing - our massive thanks to (coaches) Sabrina and Matthew. I have one VERY proud little girl thanks to the recognition and of course her HUGE star player trophy!' **– Parent, Easter Holiday scheme. 2021.**

'Sending love and blessings to SMP, you are a true force and a huge inspiration, the love and help you are offering to our children is phenomenal.' **– Mum, Twitter.**

'I'm so glad I chose St. Matthew's. I've been a part of the team for a year and a bit now. I am also part of the youth board and it's a great experience. I volunteer to help with the younger kids when we have holiday training and it has helped my confidence in general massively. I can't wait to see St. Matthew's grow even more in the next couple of years.' **– Olivia, 14.**

'St. Matthew's has helped me develop as a kid and I don't know where I would be without them. The coaching staff are lovely and incredible people and they are very understanding and they always have time for you.' – Javarn, 15.

'This is my therapy…'
– SMFC Seniors player.

'SMP is not just about football, the love they show in this organisation has a huge impact on families too. I used to think football was all about being competitive but being part of this organisation has changed my view for the better. I am looking forward to my child's future in football. SMP are truly a gift to the community.' – **Parent, SMFC U12s.**

'SMP is like a big family. From the moment me and my sons came we were greeted with the upmost respect and kindness. They helped improve our children not just in football but in life. I would like to thank all the coaches and the staff for making the impossible possible. We wish you and all the SMP family all the best.' – **Parent, SMFC U10s.**



Our people and supporters

We'd like to thank everyone who has been involved in supporting the work of SMP; it could never happen without the support of our funders and partners. We would also like to extend our huge thanks for the continued support of our board of trustees, our staff and volunteers. This review is a celebration of the efforts and commitment of our staff, trustees, partners, volunteers and participants.

We have built a team with a shared vision and together we are making a positive difference. Our staff, volunteers and trustees are the key to our growth and success; they are involved and engaged not just with us but with all the young people we support. We would like to thank them for the time and invaluable resources they are putting into our work, helping to make the SMP the special organisation it is – may their effort and dedication continue to help change the lives of young people in the Tulse Hill and Brixton area and beyond. Any success we've had is about the people, the volunteers and everybody involved in supporting SMP on a daily, weekly basis.



Financial Review

Funding for the Charity comes from a variety of sources including grants and donations from trusts and individuals.

2020/21 was another very strong year for donations and legacies with income of £202,214 (2020: £202,705). Since the end of the year income flow has remained at that level. However, more work still needs to be done on understanding where SMP's future funding pipeline will be coming from and the degree of certainty. Overall, the financial position of SMP has remained strong particularly in light of the restrictions that curtailed so much of the operation during this period.

Financial Activity and Financial Position

The Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet can be found on pages 27 and 28 respectively. The Charity's total funds increased by £19,064 during the year (2020: increased by £33,964). The balance sheet shows total net assets of £191,257 (2020: £172,193).

Included in total funds are amounts totalling £123,883 (2020: £110,674) which are restricted. These monies have either been raised for, and their use restricted to, specific purposes, and/or they comprise grants subject to grantor imposed conditions. Details of the movement on these restricted funds can be found in note 7 to the accounts together with an analysis of movements in the year.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have examined the requirements for free reserves, i.e. those unrestricted funds not invested in tangible fixed assets. The Trustees consider that, given the nature of the Charity's funding, free reserves should be equivalent to approximately 3 months general fund expenditure, plus committed future expenditure on other projects, where funds permit. The Trustees are of the opinion that this provides sufficient flexibility to cover temporary shortfalls in incoming resources and will allow the Charity to cope and respond to unforeseen emergencies whilst specific action plans are implemented. At 31 August 2021 the Charity had net free reserves of £67,374 (2020: £61,519) as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Total reserves	**191,257**	**172,193**
Less: restricted funds	(123,883)	(110,674)
Free reserves	**67,374**	**61,519**
Free reserves requirement:		
3 month's budgeted routine expenditure	45,000	45,000

Going Concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charitable company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

Responsibilities of Trustees for the Financial Statements

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice. Charity law in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity for that period.

In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the activities of the Charity will continue.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the governing document. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the Charity and financial information included in the Charity's website.

Approval

The report of the Trustees was approved by the Trustees on 27 May 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

J Greenfield

Jenny Greenfield
Chair of the Board

ST. MATTHEW'S PROJECT

Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees of St Matthews Project For the year ended 31 August 2021

I report on the accounts of the St Matthew's Project (the Charity) for the year ended 31 August 2021, set out on pages 33-39.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act") and that an independent examination is needed. The charity is required by company law to prepare accrued accounts and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act);
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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.



Christine Cheung-Poston ACCA
27 May 2022

ST. MATTHEW'S PROJECT

Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating the income and expenditure account)
For the year ended 31 August 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £
Income from:	2						
Donations and legacies		65,876	136,338	202,214	45,927	156,778	202,705
Service delivery		-	-	-	7,835	-	7,835
Total Income		**65,876**	**136,338**	**202,214**	**53,762**	**156,778**	**210,540**
Expenditure on:							
Staff costs	3a	45,054	43,880	88,934	23,441	42,517	65,958
Staff expenses		-	2,929	2,929	-	2,097	2,097
Service delivery	3b	-	76,320	76,320	-	85,967	85,967
Building project fees		-	-	-	-	3,731	3,731
Office, administration & support	3c	14,717	-	14,717	4,863	13,000	17,863
Independent examination		250	-	250	960	-	960
		60,021	**123,129**	**183,150**	**29,264**	**147,312**	**176,576**
Net income/(expenditure) before tax		**5,855**	**13,209**	**19,064**	**24,498**	**9,466**	**33,964**
Tax payable	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure) after tax		**5,855**	**13,209**	**19,064**	**24,498**	**9,466**	**33,964**
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses)		-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		**5,855**	**13,209**	**19,064**	**24,498**	**9,466**	**33,964**
Total funds brought forward		61,519	110,674	172,193	37,021	101,208	138,229
Total funds carried forward		**67,374**	**123,883**	**191,257**	**61,519**	**110,674**	**172,193**

ST. MATTHEW'S PROJECT

Balance Sheet
As at 31 August 2021

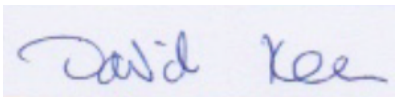
	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Current Assets					
Debtors	5	9,995	-	9,995	504
Cash At Bank And In Hand		59,321	123,883	183,204	174,209
		69,316	123,883	193,199	174,713
Creditors - Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	6	1,942	-	1,942	2,520
Net Current Assets		**67,374**	**123,883**	**191,257**	**172,193**
Net Assets		**67,374**	**123,883**	**191,257**	**172,193**
Represented By:					
Restricted Funds	7	-	123,883	123,883	110,674
Unrestricted Income Funds		67,374	-	67,374	61,519
Total Funds		**67,374**	**123,883**	**191,257**	**172,193**

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime as set out in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006. The company is entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 August 2021 and no notice requiring an audit has been deposited under section 476.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of each financial period and of its profit or loss for the financial period 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 is applicable to the company.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 27 May 2022 and signed on their behalf by:



David Keen
Treasurer

Company registration 7007350

1. Accounting Policies

St. Matthews Project is a charitable company limited by guarantee without share capital, with use of 'Limited' exemption, and registered in England with registration number 07007350. Its registered office address is 90 Gaskarth Road, Balham, London, SW12 9NW. The accounts are presented in GBP rounded to £1.

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

Basis of accounting
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 September 2020) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared on a natural or alternative basis of analysis as per SORP 4.6.

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

The Charity has availed itself of the Companies Act 2006 and adapted the Companies Act format to reflect the special nature of the Charity's activities.

Going Concern
The Charity is a going concern. Taking into account reserves and anticipated recurring income, the Trustees are confident that the Charity remains a going concern for at least twelve months from the date of approval of these accounts.

Income recognition
Voluntary income and donations (including legacies) are accounted for once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be reliably measured. Income from the recovery of tax on gift aided donations is accounted for in the period to which the relevant donation is received. Grant income is recognised on a receivable basis.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

No amounts have been included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

Expenditure recognition
Expenditure is accrued as soon as a liability is considered probable, and the amount of obligation can be measured reliably. Longer term liabilities are discounted to present value. The Charity is not registered for VAT and accordingly expenditure includes VAT where appropriate.

Charitable expenditure includes those costs in fulfilling the Charity's principal objects, as outlined in the Report of the Trustees. These include governance costs which are incurred in connection with the administration of the Charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, which tasks are undertaken mainly by the Trustees. Governance costs also costs include costs relating to statutory independent examination and legal fees.

Taxation
The Company is a Registered Charity and is therefore exempt from taxation under the Income and Corporation Taxes Acts.

1. Accounting Policies (continued)

Tangible fixed assets
All assets costing more than £2,000 are capitalised.
Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:
Office equipment: 5 years

Funds Structure
Unrestricted income comprises those funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for specific purposes. There are currently no restricted funds.

2. Income

	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Donations & legacies				
Donations	32,292	-	32,292	14,777
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-
Grants	33,584	136,338	169,922	187,928
	65,876	136,338	202,214	202,705
Charitable activities				
Tours & events	-	-	-	85
Service delivery	-	-	-	7,750
	0	0	0	7,835
	65,876	**136,338**	**202,214**	**210,540**

3. Expenditure

Included within expenditure the following costs:

3a Staff costs	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Gross salaries	40,976	43,250	84,226	62,001
Employers National Insurance	3,223	(480)	2,743	2,762
Employer pension contributions	855	1,110	1,965	1,195
	45,054	**43,880**	**88,934**	**65,958**

The average number of employees during the year was 3 (2020: 3). No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000 during the year.

3. Expenditure (continued)

3b Service delivery	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Coaching, tutoring & training	-	45,883	45,883	43,352
Food	-	22,248	22,248	17,918
Travel	-	1,677	1,677	1,169
Equipment/kit/facilities	-	13,008	13,008	8,111
Membership/league fees	-	1,828	1,828	2,923
Tours & events	-	(9,995)	(9,995)	11,595
Other	-	1,671	1,671	899
	0	**76,320**	**76,320**	**85,967**

3c Office & administration	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Professional fees	-	-	-	13,000
Accountancy & payroll	5,587	-	5,587	2,799
Printing & stationery	717	-	717	520
Software	738	-	738	314
Website	5,130	-	5,130	-
Other	2,545	-	2,545	1,134
	14,717	**0**	**14,717**	**17,767**

4. Taxation

As a charity, St. Matthews Project is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within the provisions of the Corporation Taxes Act 2010 or the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen on the Charity.

5. Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Prepayments	-	504
Accrued income	-	-
Other debtors	9,995	-
	9,995	**504**

In 2020 the Charity incurred a cost of £9,995 for a Tour which was subsequently cancelled due to covid-19 restrictions. The Accounts reflect this in 2021 as a debtor with a corresponding contra expense item in the Income statement. The amount was received in 2022.

6. Creditors - Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

	2021 £	2020 £
Other creditors	391	247
Other creditors including taxation and social security	501	513
Accruals	1,050	1,760
	1,942	**2,520**

7. Restricted Funds

7a Current year

	At 1 September 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 August 2021 £
Football related activities	**110,674**	**136,338**	**(123,129)**	**0**	**123,883**

7b Prior year

	At 1 September 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 August 2020 £
Football related activities	**101,208**	**156,778**	**(147,312)**	**0**	**110,674**

Football related activities. Income received specifically for funding football related activities.

8. Related Party Transactions

No Trustees (2020: none) received reimbursement for expenses incurred on charity business during the year.

The Trustees did not make any restricted donations to the charity during the year (2020: £nil).

9. Members Funds

The company is a private company limited by guarantee with no share capital. The liability of the members is limited to £10 in the event of a winding up.

ST. MATTHEW'S PROJECT

England & Wales - Charity number 1140964

Accounts

ST. MATTHEW'S PROJECT

16 Years in the Community 2004-2020

Company Limited by Guarantee
Charity Registration Number: 1140964
Company Registration Number: 7007350

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Charity Name	St. Matthew's Project.
Charity Registration no	1140964. The Charity was registered with the Charity Commission on 22 March 2011.
Company Registration no	7007350.
Registered Office	90 Gaskarth Road, London SW12 9NW
Governing Document	The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 2 September 2009. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association.
Mission Statement	To provide a safe and encouraging environment where young people can come together and enjoy structured sports and learning opportunities. To help the young people of Lambeth fulfil their potential and improve their well-being both physically and emotionally through targeted support to children and families
Objectives	1. To act as a resource for young people up to the age of 25 living in the south Brixton area by providing advice and assistance and organising programmes of physical, educational and other activities as a means of: • advancing in life and helping young people by developing their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals. • advancing education • relieving unemployment • providing recreational and leisure time activity in the interests of social welfare for people living in the south Brixton area who have need by reason for their youth, age, infirmity or disability, poverty or social and economic circumstances, with a view to improving the conditions of life of such persons. 2. The promotion of community participation in healthy recreation, in particular children and young people aged between 6 and 25 by the provision of facilities for playing football.
Mission Statement	To provide a safe and encouraging environment where young people can come together and enjoy structured sports and learning opportunities. To help the young people of Lambeth fulfil their potential and improve their well-being both physically and emotionally through targeted support to children and families.

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Trustees	The Trustees who served during the year and who were serving at the date of this report were:	
	David Keen	Treasurer
	Ryan Chishick	(resigned 4 May 2021)
	Jenny Greenfield	Chair
	Lekan Ojumu	
	James Alexander	
	Daisy Streatfield	(appointed 28 January 2021)
	Daniel Otu	(appointed 4 May 2021)
Management Committee	Lee Dema	Project Manager
	Fiona McGee	M&E Officer
	Dwight Barnett	Football Development Officer
Key Management Personnel	The person in charge of directing, controlling, running and operating the Charity on a day to day basis is Lee Dema, the Project Manager.	
Bankers	Santander UK 301 St Vincent Street Glasgow G2 5NT	
Independent Examiner	Charles Ssempijja, ACA NfP Accountants Ltd No. 38, 52 Peckham Grove London SE15 6FR	

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The Trustees submit their report and the financial statements of St. Matthew's Project ("the Charity") for the year ended 31 August 2020. The financial statements have been prepared in the format prescribed by the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2015 (FRS102)) and the Financial Reporting Standard 102. The financial statements have been prepared on a natural or alternative basis of analysis as per SORP 4.6. The legal and administrative information set out earlier in this document forms part of this report. This report also constitutes a directors' report required by section 415 of the Companies Act 2006 as all Trustees of a charity company are directors.

Public benefit
The Trustees have complied with their duty under Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Who We Are
The St Matthew's Project provides a safe and encouraging environment where 3-25-year-olds can come together and enjoy structured football sessions and other activities. We help children and young people living mainly in the Tulse Hill and Coldharbour wards of Lambeth fulfil their potential and have a real impact on their community. What began as a kick-about in Brockwell Park is now a thriving youth project, which offers a growing array of programmes and services to over 250 young people each week, bringing them together from 3 different housing estates, which historically would not have anything to do with each other. The project has a dedicated team of 23 staff and trustees (2 full-time) and 7 volunteers, with extensive experience of working with a challenging target group and a thorough understanding of the local community and its needs. We also have an established reputation with local residents, the council and our funders for being able to deliver successful and credible programmes.

Where We Work
The majority of our participants live in the Tulse Hill and Coldharbour wards of Lambeth which are within the most deprived 10% Deprivation Deciles nationally for crime and living environment. 95% of our participants are from a BAME background. As well as complex deprivation issues, the young people we work with also face health-related difficulties, including obesity, and a high prevalence of risk factors for mental health problems. Crime levels, and in particular gang-related activity, are high in our target area – Lambeth has the highest volume of serious youth violence in the capital with over 7,000 crimes in 10 years. It also has the greatest number of ambulance call-outs. 1/3 of all 2014 London shootings occurred in Lambeth and seven young men known to us have lost their lives due to gang-related incidents since 2011. Tensions continue to remain high in the local area, with gangs holding a strong influence over young people and their families. A combination of enforced membership and low aspirations has meant that gangs have traditionally offered a viable, albeit illicit, career path for many of the boys and young men in the local community**.** Some parents even turn a blind eye to young people's involvement in gangs and criminal activity as the opportunity for them to make some money can be a welcome relief to families living in persistent poverty.

It is part of our ethos to offer those we work with more than just the chance to participate in a football project. We support young people to make the transition from sports participation to accessing further sporting, educational or employment opportunities as they get older. Through continued engagement we help young people develop their personal skills and strengths and tackle any weaknesses they feel they might have. In this way, we aim to meet the needs of local young people, raise their aspirations and help them steer clear of a life of crime and gang-related activity. Since we work with young people right up until they are in their mid-twenties, we are also well-placed to offer the those progressing through our programmes an established exit route into further structured and age-appropriate sporting and employment opportunities.

The importance of being firmly rooted in the local community and taking the time to develop the project incrementally has been fundamental to our success over the past 16 years. It has also allowed us to respond appropriately to the evolving needs of our users. Due to the relationship we have built up with local young people over a long period of time, we have earned a legitimacy to advise and help them in a way other organisations cannot. Consequently, more and more young people are benefiting from the services we offer, enhancing their life opportunities.

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Funders	Partners	SMFC Kit Sponsors
Berkeley Foundation Children In Need Comic Relief Cottman Foundation Football Foundation Lambeth Council LEAP Leap Confronting Conflict London Community Foundation London Youth MOPAC KMCO Group Peter Minet Trust Sport England Street Games Thrale Almhouses Together Southwark Walcot Foundation	Better PLC Brixton Police Brockwell Park Community Partners Brockwell Park Management Chelsea F.C Academy City Heights Academy Clem Consultants Effra Digital Football Foundation Fulham F.C Foundation Jubilee Primary School Lambeth Safeguarding Children Board Lambeth Sports & Recreation Services LEAP Leap Confronting Conflict London F.A London Youth Paul Canoville Foundation Project 507 Sported Sport England St. Matthew's Estate TRA Substance Social Research Tooting & Mitcham United F.C Tulse Hill Estate TRA Tulse Hill Safer Neighbourhood Team Yellow Qube	Cottman Foundation KMCO Group McEvoy Maintenance



To act as a resource for young people up to the age of 25 living in the Tulse Hill and Brixton area by providing advice and assistance and organising programmes of physical, educational and other activities.



To promote community participation in healthy recreation, in particular children and young people aged between 3 and 25 by the provision of facilities for playing football and other sports.



To provide a safe and encouraging environment where young people can come together and enjoy structured sports and learning opportunities.



To help the young people of the Tulse Hill and Brixton area fulfil their potential and improve their well-being both physically and emotionally through targeted support to children and families.

WHY SMP?

- **More than 16 years of experience of being embedded in the local community**
- **Established in and trusted by a local community often sceptical of 'projects' as they have been used and let down by so many; SMP make a difference to local young people's lives over a long period of time**
- **Founded by someone who knows and cares about the local area and respects and is respected by the people in it**
- **Core staff have been developed from within the programmes; i.e. young people work with someone 'just like them'**
- **Pioneer of a true grassroots 'trauma-informed' approach**
- **Focused on early intervention and well-being, understanding how that can have a profound impact on the lives of young people with complex backgrounds and needs**
- **Knows the local young people better than any other organisation (so much so that it sometimes provides them as participants to other programmes)**
- **Works in the community beyond the programmes; facilitating relations and conversations between young people and schools, police and other local service providers**
- **Has maintained a £10 signing-on fee for St Matthew's FC since inaugural 2005-06 season, ensuring accessibility for local young people**

ASPIRATION STATEMENT

The St. Matthew's project is determined to ensure that the young people of the Tulse Hill and Brixton area can fulfil their potential. No child or young person should ever go hungry, be exposed to violence or live in poverty.

Football is a game that brings people together, engenders collaboration and trust and inspires passion and loyalty. Our mission is to use football as a gateway for young people to come together and provide for them structure and learning opportunities in a safe and encouraging environment. Our young people often get left behind, overlooked or banished to a headline about violence or underachievement. Our focus is on their wellness, based on an understanding that regularly active, collaborative young people are happier, healthier and more resilient.

Working with them day in, day out for more than 16 years, the St Matthew's Project knows that local young people have hopes, fears and aspirations like everyone else, that can be channelled to deliver positive outcomes — for the young people themselves, as well as the local area and local community.

The St. Matthew's project has worked in a deep and committed way, in a small part of London for more than 16 years. This has built a trust and an understanding that very few organisations working with young people have. We know our young people and they know us, our coaches have been through our programmes so can relate and are relatable.

Our ambition is to continue this early intervention and reach at least 30% of the young people in the Tulse Hill and Brixton area in the next three years. We will continue to be embedded in the local area, and to understand each individual young person we work with, their challenges and hopes, in order to help them build a future and fulfil their potential.



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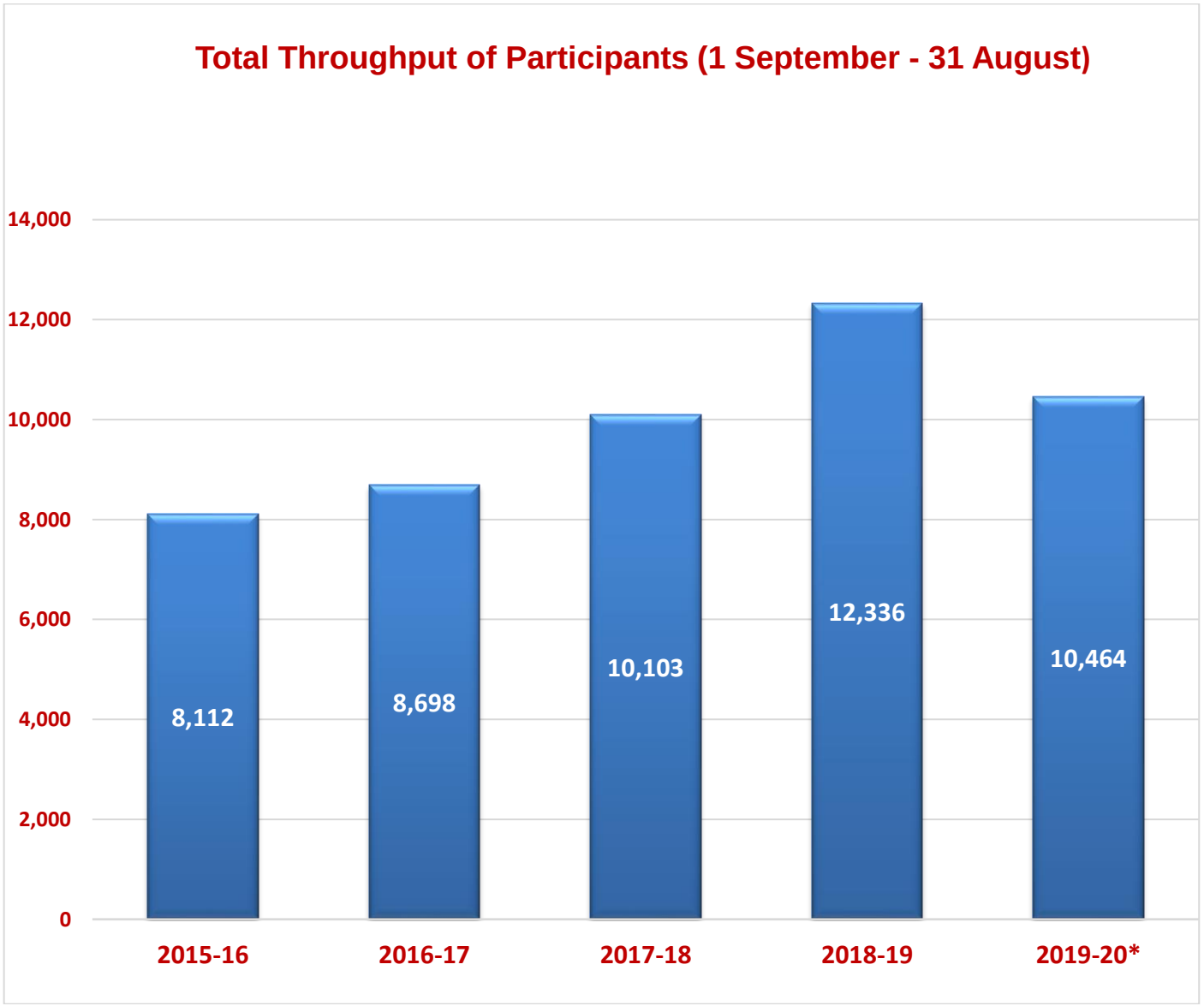
Chair's Report

We know that the pandemic and the attendant economic climate continues to heap pressure on many families in our area who were already struggling to cope, which in turn has an impact on the young people in these households. Many of the families we work with have told us that this has been a particularly distressing time for them. SMP has always sought to respond to the evolving needs of its members and the Covid 19 pandemic presented us with a number of challenges in that regard. Since the first lockdown we have adapted our website to host more interactive online sessions, including wellbeing drop-in discussions, football skills training sessions, quizzes, a book club and live football 'watch-together' groups. We have also been able to remain a constant and reliable source of personal support, maintaining contact with our young people through Zoom, Instagram, WhatsApp groups, phone calls and one-to-one visits at a safe distance. Despite losing two almost three months of activities due to lockdown, our total throughput, whilst being down on last year, was still higher than 2017-18.

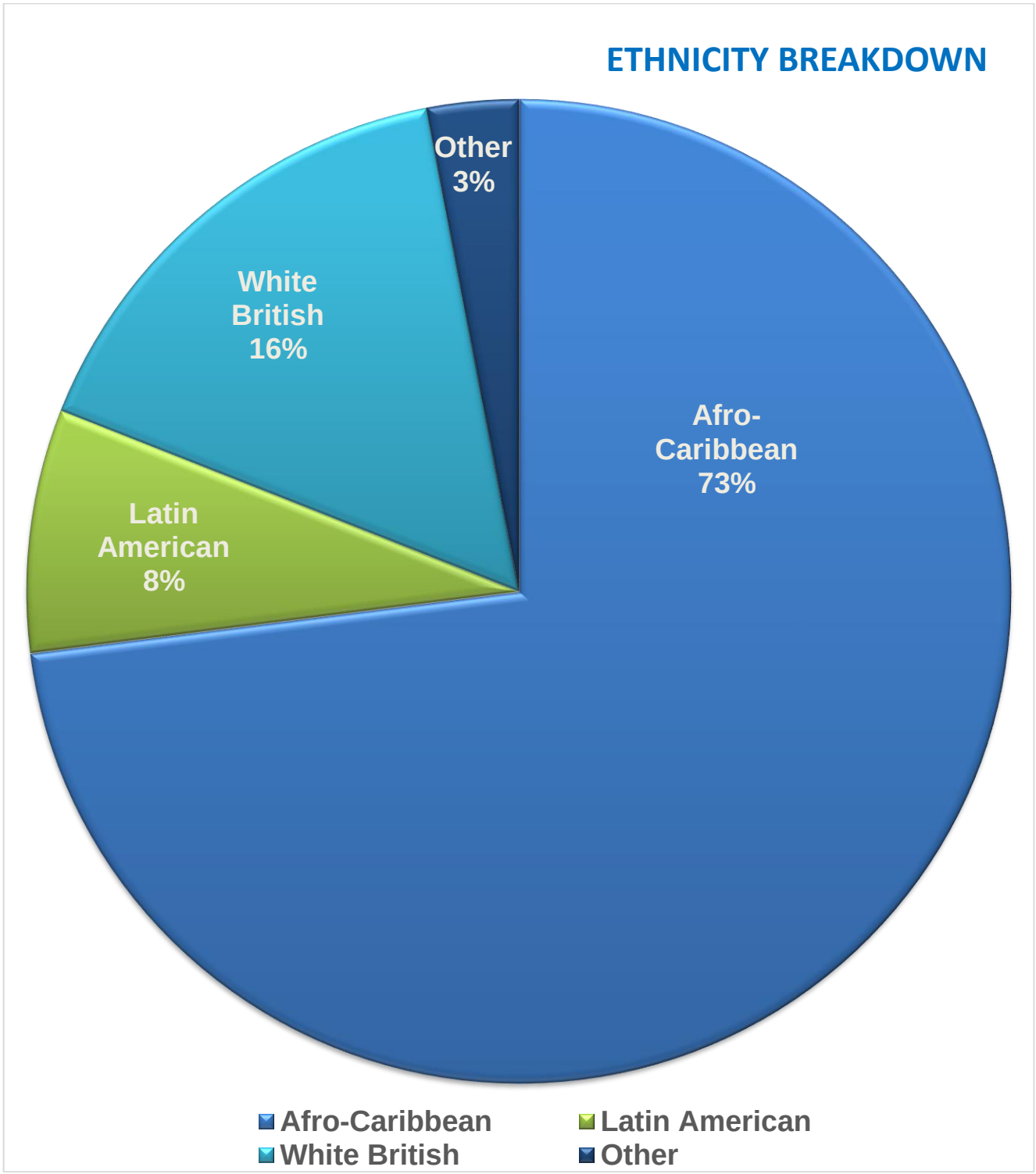
We have been able to offer additional support to families in the form of over 100 free meals each week provided to those living on the Tulse Hill and St. Matthew's Estates, along with children's books and essentials such as nappies, toiletries, women's sanitary products and male grooming and personal hygiene items. Finally, in a bid to combat digital exclusion and support families with access to education, training and employment, we have provided 19 laptops and 6 dongles to young people as partners in the '*Connecting Tulse Hill'* initiative.

At the core of everything we do are the young people we work with. They are the ones who drive what we do and every single one of them should be proud of the part they play in making the St. Matthew's Project the vibrant and successful project it is today. Thank you to you all.





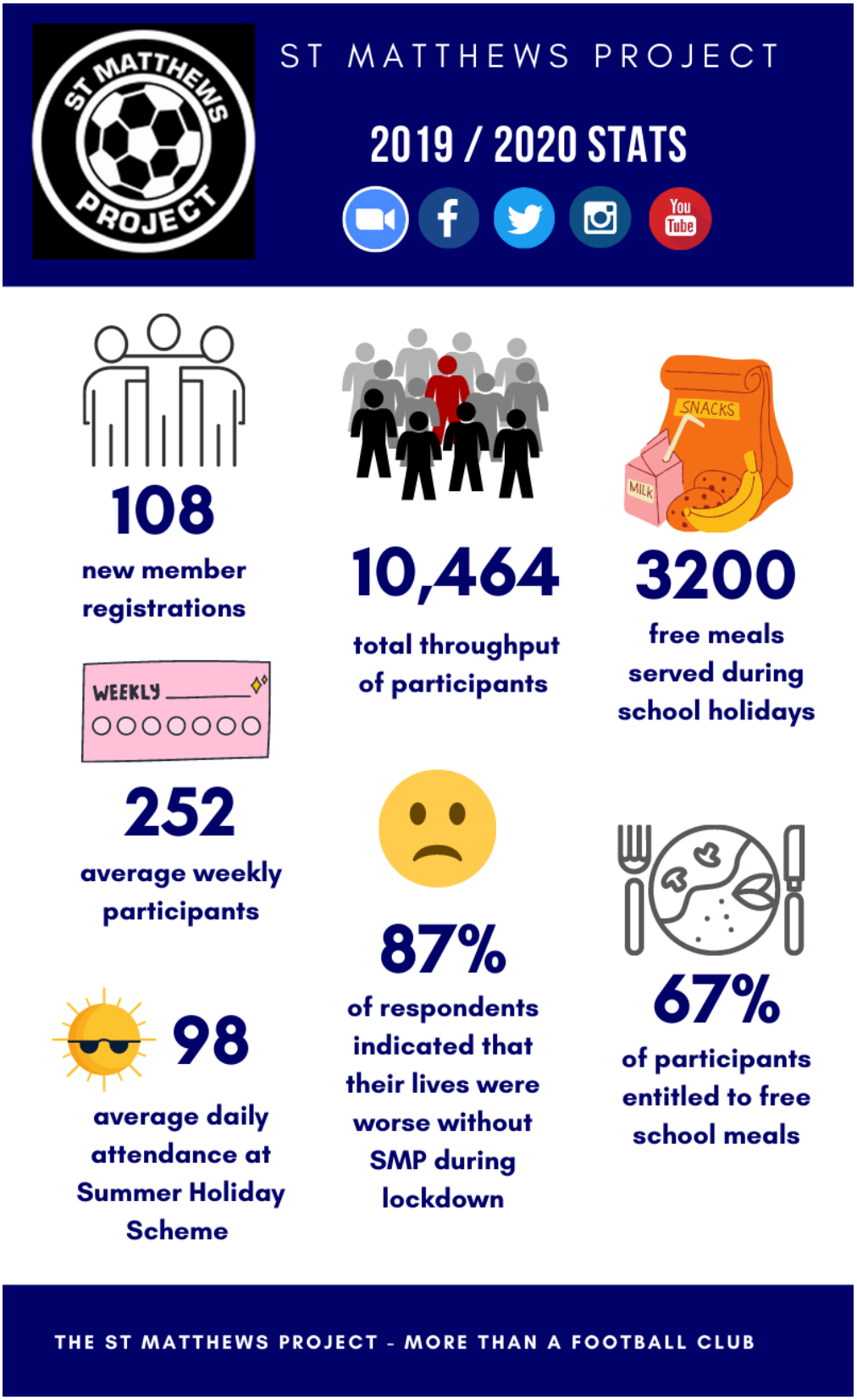
*Loss of 12 weeks of activities due to Coronavirus lockdown.


ETHNICITY BREAKDOWN
Other 3%
White British 16%
Afro-Caribbean 73%
Latin American 8%
Afro-Caribbean
Latin American
White British
Other

SMP PROGRAMME 2019-20

- **Girls-only Saturday Football Club**
- **Girls' Secondary School Leagues & Tournaments**
- **6-16s Saturday Football Club**
- **Summer and Half-Term Holiday Football & Food Scheme**
- **Tulse Hill Estate Christmas Pen Football Tournament**
- **St. Matthew's F.C (U10s, U11s, U12s, U13s, U14s, U15s, Girls U17s and Seniors)**
- **F.A Level-1 Coaching Course**
- **F.A Level-2 Coaching Course**
- **Cage Football -Tulse Hill Estate**
- **Parent & Toddler Club**
- **Elders Football Programme**
- **Fit 4 Life - mental health wellbeing programme**
- **One Life: My Choice - knife crime prevention programme**
- **Game of Two Halves – young fathers' programme**
- **Trauma-Informed Training**
- **Online Zoom delivery**
- **Lockdown food delivery & volunteer programme**




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2019 / 2020 STATS
108
new member registrations
10,464
total throughput of participants
3200
free meals served during school holidays
WEEKLY
252
average weekly participants
87%
of respondents indicated that their lives were worse without SMP during lockdown
67%
of participants entitled to free school meals
98
average daily attendance at Summer Holiday Scheme
THE ST MATTHEWS PROJECT - MORE THAN A FOOTBALL CLUB

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

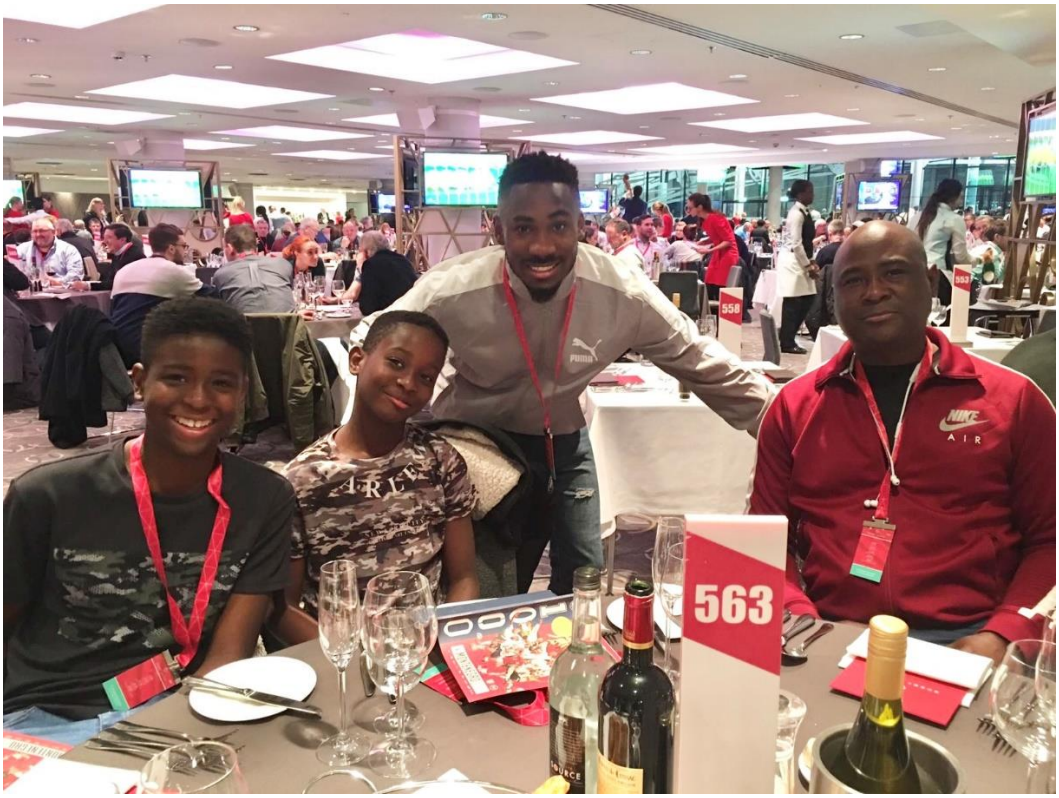
SMFC

We had 8 SMFC teams competing this year, from U10s through to U15s, our U17s Girls' and Seniors' teams. Highlights of the year included:

- The Seniors' team reaching the final of the Graham Rodber Shield in the Southern Sunday League.
- Former long-term SMP participant and Millwall U18 player, Abdul Abdulmalik, receiving an England U17 call up.
- The Seniors taking part in a charity football tournament in Cockfosters in aid of the Grenfell Tower survivors, with ex-Chelsea player Paul Canoville in attendance as part of our partnership with his foundation.
- The announcement of an exciting new home match venue for the Seniors – Tooting & Mitcham United FC Astroturf pitch
- Puma representatives attending SMFC training sessions and allowing the players to try out the latest Puma boots.



When one of our SMFC U10s players, Mamadou, was racially abused by another player, the Project Coordinator took the matter up with the league. As a result of this, Kick It Out (the anti-racism in football organisation) got in touch with SMP and arranged for Mamadou, his father and brother to attend the England v Montenegro match at Wembley. The family received special treatment in the Bobby Moore Club and a great time was had by all.



Autumn

October saw the first all-female cohort on our Fit 4 Life wellbeing programme at Elm Green School. The girls got to discuss any issues of importance to them and then have pizza, followed by football. This was part of the final year of our 2-year funding from the Berkeley Foundation.

An FA Level-1 football coaching course took place over the half term at the Yellow Qube, Tulse Hill. It was our first course run in partnership with Spiral Skills and Football Beyond Borders as part of the 'Every Ends' programme and it was great to have Colin King of the London FA and Black & Asian Coaches' Association delivering the course for us once again.

October also saw SMFC U15s working on the design of our new home and away kits whilst simultaneously learning about the identities of football clubs and community schemes and what they mean to people.

We were extremely grateful to receive a large amount of free kit from the Southampton FC development centre at the Westway Centre, North Kensington.

SMFC Girls on Sunday won the Fulham FC Foundation Kickz tournament for a second time at Fulham FC's training ground. Played 5, won 5. Goals scored: 30 - Goals conceded: 0. Huge congratulations!



Winter

December gave the Young Fathers' Group the opportunity to share their experiences from the 'Game of Two Halves' scheme, which was run in partnership with LEAP (Lambeth Early Action Partnership) at the TRA Hall on St. Matthew's Estate, Brixton.

Over 60 young people enjoyed some football and a special Christmas dinner in Jubilee Hall after our Tulse Hill Estate Christmas Cage Football tournament on the 28th. We also laid an SMFC shirt at John Ogunjobi's memorial and held a minute's silence. Some of John's friends also got to say a few words. In early December, the Project Manager attended a meeting with Murder Squad detectives about the investigation of John's murder and got to see CCTV footage from the scene. Sadly, despite 2 of the 4 suspects now widely acknowledged to have been involved, the investigation has hit a brick wall.

Rainfall took its toll on our Brockwell Park activities but luckily once again Jubilee Primary School came to our rescue and allowed our Saturday turn-up-and-play sessions to continue. In future, we want to look at using an indoor venue in winter and youth football leagues might need to give serious consideration to running summer leagues instead. In the New Year, SMFC league fixtures were decimated due to the continued heavy rainfall but despite lost matches, the total throughput of participants for February was 1,225 compared to 874 for 2019.

Girls-only football scheme members got put through their paces at Ferndale Sports Centre with some army fitness, courtesy of a British Military Fitness instructor. Well done to lead coach, Megan, for setting it up.

142 participants received free football and food over two days at our half-term holiday scheme.

We had an excellent group for our FA Level-1 course at Lambeth College, Clapham, during the February half-term holiday. The candidates really impressed with their attitude and commitment and were a credit to the college and to the Tooting & Mitcham United FC Academy programme, who put forward the 16 candidates. This was a great piece of partnership working, our first with Lambeth College, whilst strengthening our ties with TMUFC.



Spring

68 girls from 8 schools across Lambeth took part in our latest Lambeth Schools Girls' football programme at Ferndale Sports Centre, Brixton. Bishop Thomas Grant school came out on top, beating Trinity on penalties in the final. Streatham & Clapham High won the Fair Play Award and Mia from La Retraite was named Star Player. The Year 7 & 8 Cup was our 10th anniversary of girls' school football.






It was with great sadness that we announced the loss of SMFC U15s coach, Ricky Jordan, who passed away on 22nd April. Ricky had nurtured and developed the team since U10s and was loved and respected by one and all. Fittingly, he took the last SMFC match on 14th March before the lockdown ended the season.





Life in Lockdown

On 17th March 2020, on FA and government orders, we shut down all activities. On the same day, the Project Manager contacted our funders and was given assurances that we would not lose any funding due to lockdown. They also said that we could continue to pay coaches but asked if we could utilise them somewhere else in the community.

We were extremely proud of SMP coaches, Mario, Megan, Banjo, Louise, Aramide and Chevone who began helping out at the Lambeth food distribution centre at Brixton Rec during the Coronavirus lock down. It was a great way for SMP to continue to support the local community whilst our usual activities were suspended.

We kept up engagement with SMP participants via WhatsApp, Instagram, phone calls, zoom and one-to-one visits from Dwight.

We teamed up with Streetgames to deliver free hot meals and other goodies to local residents during the Coronavirus lock down. Our first delivery run was to the St. Matthew's Estate, Brixton. Big thanks are due to former SMP staff member Jean from the St. Matthew's Estate TRA, Councillor Marcia Cameron and the Hub Community Kitchen, Ladbroke Grove for facilitating.

As part of the 'Connecting Tulse Hill' Partnership, which consisted of Jubilee Primary School, High Trees Community Trust and the Tree Shepherd, we handed out 18 laptops and 4 dongles to SMP members to ensure they were digitally connected during lockdown.

Our Football Development Officer, Dwight Barnett, did a live Q & A session on Instagram with Chelsea FC legend and SMP partner Paul Canoville.

During lockdown we conducted an online survey to find out what life was like for young people without SMP and 88% expressed negative sentiments, such as: bad, sad, bored, lonely, missing friends and coaches, lack of routine, lack of fitness and lack of motivation.

In June, the government then permitted a return to grassroots football, with organisations having to adhere to strict Covid-19 safety measures. On June 6th we resumed SMFC team training sessions and SMP Saturday Club sessions. The sessions consisted of small groups of up to 5 players max and 1 coach. A venue switch to the Yellow Cube, Tulse Hill, for SMFC team training sessions made it a lot easier to maintain safe social distancing and helped us to ensure that government and FA guidelines were adhered to. Our website hosts, Effra Digital, set up (free of charge) an online booking system for 1-hour time slots across 4 'coaching stations' at our Saturday Club sessions. Feedback from parents and guardians was extremely positive about the booking system and how we had generally ensured a safe return to activities.







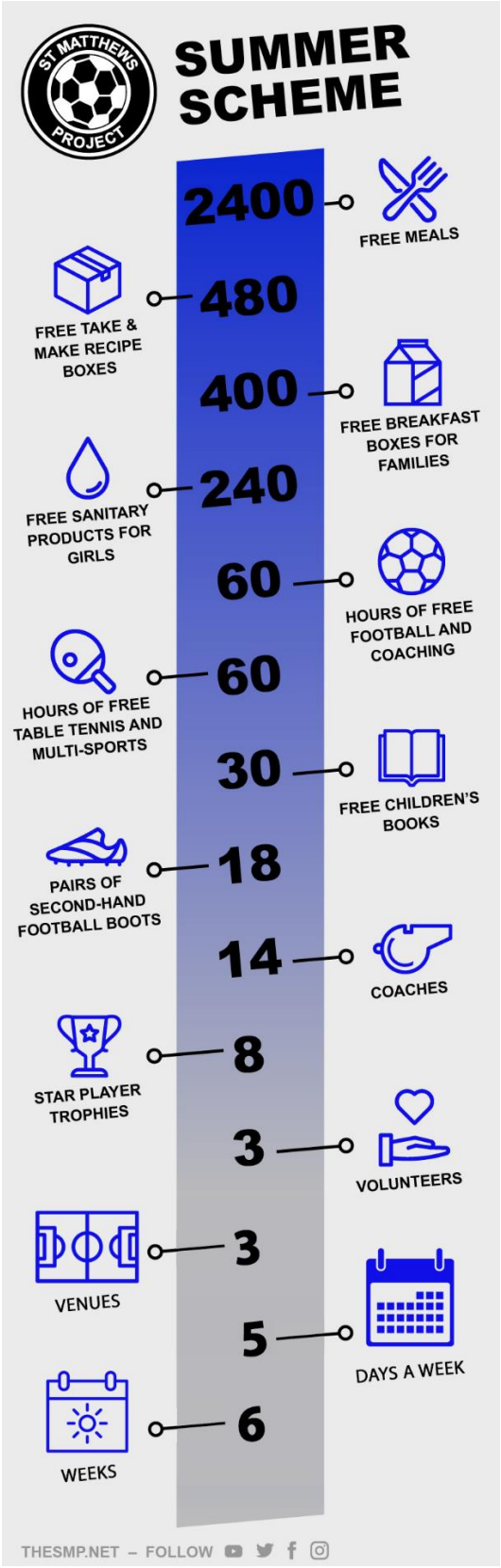
Summer

The booking system remained in place for the first week of the Summer Holiday Scheme, which initially limited numbers but the return to normal football at the start of the second week saw record numbers of young people in attendance. Our previous record attendance of 98 participants, which had stood since the summer holiday of 2008, was finally broken with an attendance of 100 one week and a new record of 103 set in August. We also ran a holiday club at Jubilee Primary School, with table tennis and indoor football sessions.

Thanks to funding from the Mayor's Office and Kitchen Social, this was the first summer we had run sessions every week day, and for the whole six weeks – a total of 30 sessions. Once again, we provided a free meal every day to all participants and in addition, we gave out 'Breakfast Boxes', consisting of bread, milk, baked beans, Weetabix and fresh fruit, and 'Take & Make' healthy recipe boxes, consisting of pasta, rice and vegetarian ingredients to be turned into a meal at home following instructions from an online chef.

During the second week of the holidays, a former SMP and SMFC participant was stabbed twice on Tulse Hill after having visited us in the park. He is still having physiotherapy with his hand but has made very good progress. There have been no arrests to date.




SUMMER SCHEME
2400
FREE MEALS
480
FREE TAKE & MAKE RECIPE BOXES
400
FREE BREAKFAST BOXES FOR FAMILIES
240
FREE SANITARY PRODUCTS FOR GIRLS
60
HOURS OF FREE FOOTBALL AND COACHING
60
HOURS OF FREE TABLE TENNIS AND MULTI-SPORTS
30
FREE CHILDREN'S BOOKS
18
PAIRS OF SECOND-HAND FOOTBALL BOOTS
14
COACHES
8
STAR PLAYER TROPHIES
3
VOLUNTEERS
3
VENUES
5
DAYS A WEEK
6
WEEKS
THESMP.NET – FOLLOW

Sponsors

After 16 years, SMP finally seems to be getting more recognition and, as a consequence, we have seen an increase in donations, with people going out of their way to raise funds for us, including:

- Chief Inspector Jack Rowlands of Brixton police – sponsored run that raised over £600.
- Adam Wallace, Sam Mence, Alex Sneddon and Joe Marron – cycled from John o' Groats to Lands End – £2,000.
- Sam Conquest, Tooting & Mitcham United FC matchday photographer – match photos with £2 per photo going to SMP – £500.

A massive thank you to them!




'Thanks to all at SMP for making this happen and all your hard work. You are a ray of sunshine in what seems to be quite a bleak time. I ♡ SMP.
'That's amazing, you guys work so hard for our community, don't any of you ever think you're not appreciated, you are all changing lives for the better. #SMPFamily – who wouldn't want to be part it. Thank you ALL for the tireless effort. #MoreThanAFootballClub AND THEN SOME!
'I don't know what I would have done without St. Matthew's. I've been involved with other football teams in the past, but I've dropped out of all of them. Somehow, I've stuck with St. Matthew's and it's allowed me to continue doing what I love, even though I've had so many things keeping me away from doing it. I just appreciate all the support. I love the people I've met within St. Matthew's. I've got the help I needed. It's just a team-building vibe. And it's lovely to help other people as well. It's a charity full of lovely people. It's a lovely environment to be in. It brings people together and it's really nice.'
'I know who you are and I would encourage you to keep up the fantastic work you are doing. It's working. Your team's hard work, consistency in turning up and showing your faces even when grim; and that is not only just because of the weather, the boys and young adults really respect you. I live on the estate so I get to hear little bits and pieces every now and then.'
'Got to see the brilliant work of @smpbrixton first hand today. I was staggered and impressed by its scale and reach, not to mention the commitment of both the staff and kids engaged in their football sessions.



What's next for St. Matthew's?

To ensure a seamless service from childhood into adulthood SMP works according to a de-risked funding model using a diverse pool. We aim for steady growth, investing in sessional coaches and build our PAYE base safely. The Covid-19 crisis has made accessing traditional funding streams exponentially harder. It requires localised and personal responses, but commissioning models often result in funding for larger charities who are less able to gain the trust of local communities or correctly ascertain their needs. To grow to a £300,000 charity with a solid funding base, our strategy will combine statutory and grant income with gifts and donations, whilst forming both long term and programme-specific partnerships.

We look to increase significantly levels of sport and physical activity, particularly among disadvantaged groups. We want to see all our staff, volunteers and trustees working hard towards creating a thriving and sustainable Project at the heart of our community, where the participant is at the centre of all our decisions and actions for growing the organisation. Our work has to be focused on front-line, grass-roots delivery; delivery that is clearly aligned to creating the best environment and the best opportunities for all our young people.

It is still our intention to develop a community hub in our spiritual home in Brockwell Park consisting of a refurbished, expanded Bowling Green pavilion, providing first-class experiences for the young people we work with, and to significantly extend the reach of the Project and provide more assistance to the local community. Following the assignment of the Pavilion lease to SMP in June 2019 focus of attention has been to develop a business plan that will support these activities. We were awarded £7,500 from Lambeth's CLIPS programme for the redevelopment of the Pavilion and employed an architect to carry out some consultation and draw up plans. We have subsequently met with members of the BPCP and they were very supportive of our plans.
Bari Malik resigned as Treasurer due to other work commitments and the role is now taken up by David Keen who was the previous Chairman.

Our people and supporters

We'd like to thank everyone who has been involved in supporting the work of SMP; it could never happen without the support of our funders and partners. We would also like to extend our huge thanks for the continued support

of our board of trustees, our staff and volunteers. This review is a celebration of the efforts and commitment of our staff, trustees, partners, volunteers and participants.

We have built a team with a shared vision and together we are making a positive difference. Our staff, volunteers and trustees are the key to our growth and success; they are involved and engaged not just with us but with all the young people we support. We would like to thank them for the time and invaluable resources they are putting into our work, helping to make the SMP the special organisation it is – may their effort and dedication continue to help change the lives of young people in the Tulse Hill and Brixton area and beyond. Any success we've had is about the people, the volunteers and everybody involved in supporting SMP on a daily, weekly basis.

Financial Review

Funding for the Charity comes from a variety of sources including grants and donations from trusts and individuals.

2019/20 was a very strong year for donations and legacies with income of £202,705. Since the end of the year income flow has remained at that level. However, more work still needs to be done on understanding where SMP's future funding pipeline will be coming from and the degree of certainty. Overall, the Financial position of SMP has remained strong particularly in light of the restrictions that curtailed so much of the Operations during this period.

Trustees continued discussions regarding the tracking of funding income against expenditure and took the decision to contract a professional book-keeping service to enhance the quality of financial management. As a result, monthly financial information is more readily available to the Trustees as well as providing a mechanism for monitoring the pipeline of grants and other funding sources

Financial Activity and Financial Position

The Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet can be found on pages 27 and 28 respectively. The Charity's total funds increased by £33,964 during the year (2019: increased by £43,746). The balance sheet shows total net assets of £172,193 (2019: £138,229).

Included in total funds are amounts totalling £110,674 (2019: £101,208) which are restricted. These monies have either been raised for, and their use restricted to, specific purposes, and/or they comprise grants subject to grantor imposed conditions. Details of the movement on these restricted funds can be found in note 7 to the accounts together with an analysis of movements in the year.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have examined the requirements for free reserves, i.e. those unrestricted funds not invested in tangible fixed assets. The Trustees consider that, given the nature of the Charity's funding, free reserves should be equivalent to approximately 3 months general fund expenditure, plus committed future expenditure on other projects, where funds permit. The Trustees are of the opinion that this provides sufficient flexibility to cover temporary shortfalls in incoming resources and will allow the Charity to cope and respond to unforeseen emergencies whilst specific action plans are implemented. At 31 August 2020 the Charity had net free reserves of £61,519 (2019: £37,021) as follows:

	2020 £	2019 £
Total reserves	**172,193**	**138,229**
Less: restricted funds	(110,674)	(101,208)
Free reserves	**61,519**	**37,021**
Free reserves requirement:		
3 month's budgeted routine expenditure	45,000	30,000

Going Concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charitable company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

Responsibilities of Trustees for the Financial Statements

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice. Charity law in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity for that period.

In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the activities of the Charity will continue.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the governing document. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the Charity and financial information included in the Charity's website.

Approval

The report of the Trustees was approved by the Trustees on 26 May 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

J Greenfield

Jenny Greenfield
Chair of the Board

ST. MATTHEW'S PROJECT

Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees of St Matthews Project For the year ended 31 August 2021

I report on the accounts of the St Matthew's Project (the Charity) for the year ended 31 August 2020, set out on pages 27-32.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act") and that an independent examination is needed. The charity is required by company law to prepare accrued accounts and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act);
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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.

Charles Sejjimpa ACA
26 May 2021

ST. MATTHEW'S PROJECT



Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating the income and expenditure account)
For the year ended 31 August 2020

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £	Unrestricted Funds 2019 £	Restricted Funds 2019 £	Total 2019 £
Income from:	2						
Donations and legacies		45,927	156,778	202,705	26,258	149,357	175,615
Service delivery		7,835	-	7,835	22	-	22
Total Income		**53,762**	**156,778**	**210,540**	**26,280**	**149,357**	**175,637**
Expenditure on:							
Staff costs	3a	23,441	42,517	65,958	-	62,607	62,607
Staff expenses		-	2,097	2,097	-	2,820	2,820
Service delivery	3b	-	85,967	85,967	-	61,707	61,707
Building project fees		-	3,731	3,731	-	-	-
Office, administration & support	3c	4,863	13,000	17,863	-	3,797	3,797
Independent examination		960	-	960	-	960	960
		29,264	**147,312**	**176,576**	**0**	**131,891**	**131,891**
Net income/(expenditure) before tax		**24,498**	**9,466**	**33,964**	**26,280**	**17,466**	**43,746**
Tax payable	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure) after tax		**24,498**	**9,466**	**33,964**	**26,280**	**17,466**	**43,746**
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses)		-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		**24,498**	**9,466**	**33,964**	**26,280**	**17,466**	**43,746**
Total funds brought forward		37,021	101,208	138,229	10,741	83,742	94,483
Total funds carried forward		**61,519**	**110,674**	**172,193**	**37,021**	**101,208**	**138,229**

ST. MATTHEW'S PROJECT

Balance Sheet
As at 31 August 2020

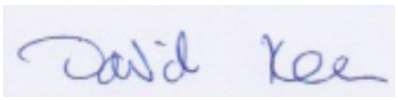
	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Current Assets					
Debtors	5	504	-	504	528
Cash At Bank And In Hand		63,535	110,674	174,209	138,885
		64,039	110,674	174,713	139,413
Creditors - Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	6	2,520	-	2,520	1,184
Net Current Assets		**61,519**	**110,674**	**172,193**	**138,229**
Net Assets		**61,519**	**110,674**	**172,193**	**138,229**
Represented By:					
Restricted Funds	7	-	110,674	110,674	101,208
Unrestricted Income Funds		61,519	-	61,519	37,021
Total Funds		**61,519**	**110,674**	**172,193**	**138,229**

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime as set out in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006. The company is entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 August 2020 and no notice requiring an audit has been deposited under section 476.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of each financial period and of its profit or loss for the financial period 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 is applicable to the company.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 26 May 2021 and signed on their behalf by:



David Keen
Treasurer

Company registration 7007350

1. Accounting Policies

St. Matthews Project is a charitable company limited by guarantee without share capital, with use of 'Limited' exemption, and registered in England with registration number 07007350. Its registered office address is 90 Gaskarth Road, Balham, London, SW12 9NW. The accounts are presented in GBP rounded to £1.

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

Basis of accounting
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 September 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared on a natural or alternative basis of analysis as per SORP 4.6.

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

The Charity has availed itself of the Companies Act 2006 and adapted the Companies Act format to reflect the special nature of the Charity's activities.

Going Concern
The Charity is a going concern. Taking into account reserves and anticipated recurring income, the Trustees are confident that the Charity remains a going concern for at least twelve months from the date of approval of these accounts.

Income recognition
Voluntary income and donations (including legacies) are accounted for once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be reliably measured. Income from the recovery of tax on gift aided donations is accounted for in the period to which the relevant donation is received. Grant income is recognised on a receivable basis.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

No amounts have been included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

Expenditure recognition
Expenditure is accrued as soon as a liability is considered probable, and the amount of obligation can be measured reliably. Longer term liabilities are discounted to present value. The Charity is not registered for VAT and accordingly expenditure includes VAT where appropriate.

Charitable expenditure includes those costs in fulfilling the Charity's principal objects, as outlined in the Report of the Trustees. These include governance costs which are incurred in connection with the administration of the Charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, which tasks are undertaken mainly by the Trustees. Governance costs also costs include costs relating to statutory independent examination and legal fees.

Taxation
The Company is a Registered Charity and is therefore exempt from taxation under the Income and Corporation Taxes Acts.

1. Accounting Policies (continued)

Tangible fixed assets
All assets costing more than £2,000 are capitalised.
Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:
Office equipment: 5 years

Funds Structure
Unrestricted income comprises those funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for specific purposes. There are currently no restricted funds.

2. Income

	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Donations & legacies				
Donations	14,777	-	14,777	8,736
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-
Grants	31,150	156,778	187,928	166,879
	45,927	156,778	202,705	175,615
Charitable activities				
Tours & events	85	-	85	-
Service delivery	7,750	-	7,750	-
	7,835	0	7,835	0
	53,762	**156,778**	**210,540**	**175,615**

3. Expenditure

Included within expenditure the following costs:

3a Staff costs	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Gross salaries	22,523	39,478	62,001	59,926
Employers National Insurance	709	2,053	2,762	1,747
Employer pension contributions	209	986	1,195	934
	23,441	**42,517**	**65,958**	**62,607**

The average number of employees during the year was 3 (2019: 3). No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000 during the year.

3. Expenditure (continued)

3b Service delivery	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Coaching, tutoring & training	-	43,352	43,352	38,947
Food	-	17,918	17,918	-
Travel	-	1,169	1,169	910
Equipment/kit/facilities	-	8,111	8,111	20,970
Membership/league fees	-	2,923	2,923	-
Tours & events	-	11,595	11,595	-
Other	-	899	899	880
	0	**85,967**	**85,967**	**61,707**

3c Office & administration	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Professional fees	-	13,000	13,000	-
Accountancy & payroll	2,799	-	2,799	-
Printing & stationery	520	-	520	-
Software	314	-	314	-
Other	1,230	-	1,134	3,797
	4,863	**13,000**	**17,767**	**3,797**

4. Taxation

As a charity, St. Matthews Project is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within the provisions of the Corporation Taxes Act 2010 or the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen on the Charity.

5. Debtors

	2020 £	2019 £
Prepayments	**504**	**528**

6. Creditors - Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

	2020 £	2019 £
Other creditors	247	224
Other creditors including taxation and social security	513	-
Accruals	1,760	960
	2,520	**1,184**

7. Restricted Funds

7a Current year

	At 1 September 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 August 2020 £
Football related activities	**101,208**	**156,778**	**(147,312)**	**0**	**110,674**

7b Prior year

	At 1 September 2018 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 August 2019 £
Football related activities	**83,742**	**149,357**	**(131,891)**	**0**	**101,208**

Football related activities. Income received specifically for funding football related activities.

8. Related Party Transactions

No Trustees (2019: none) received reimbursement for expenses incurred on charity business during the year.

The Trustees did not make any restricted donations to the charity during the year (2019: £nil).

9. Members Funds

The company is a private company limited by guarantee with no share capital. The liability of the members is limited to £10 in the event of a winding up.