



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st July 2024 To 30th June 2025

Charity name: Wickford Town F.C.

Charity registration number: 1149597

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The promotion of community participation in healthy recreation by the provision of facilities for the playing of football in a managed and safe environment, providing opportunities for recreation and competition for all members of the community.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>The club provided facilities to allow over 300 young people from the local community to enjoy football in a well supervised and trained environment. The club has continued to support the ongoing promotion of Women' s and Girls football.</p> <p>In the clubs ongoing commitment to promoting participation in healthy recreation we have financially supported a number of members.</p> <p>The club continues to partner with Beauchamps school to provide football activities including and after School times. A club "Open day" was held at Bartlett Park. During the day all teams had the end of season presentation and enjoyed the entertainment that was provided.</p> <p>Bartlett park was used throughout the summer for training and as the home ground for teams U12 and below.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees confirm that they have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit during the year.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>"Little Kickers" has continued to grow and provided additional teams this season. This development squad provides a fun introduction into football for ages 4 & 5. This is organised by existing volunteers within the club and is very much core to the ongoing development and growth of the club.</p> <p>All football was played in the correct manner in accordance with the Football Associations Respect Campaign with no disciplinary issues encountered.</p> <p>All winter training was consolidated to a single location at Beauchamps School. This ensures an all-weather training facility throughout the winter months.</p>

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	At 30 th June 2025 the club held cash at bank of £13,767 all of which is unrestricted funds.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The club holds reserves in order to meet any planned and unforeseen expenditure that may occur and to allow for the development of the club.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	The combined reserves at 30 th June 2025 were £566,337
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	There are no uncertainties regarding the club continuing as a going concern.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<p>The club's main source of funds during the year ended 30th June 2025 has continued to be subscriptions of £113,840. This was supplemented by other income from the club's café of £4,196 and other fundraising (including kit sales) of £33,785. No local authority grants were received. The club has started the development of new 3G football pitch. The cost will be funded with help from the Football Association, Football Foundation and the Club's fundraising.</p>
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Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution adopted 10 August 1987 as amended on July 2016
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated association
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are appointed are appointed by the board of Trustees.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Child Protection Policy - A Child Welfare Officer is appointed. All players and parents are aware of the Club's Child Protection Policy. All volunteers are subject to an interview and Disclosure and Barring Service checks.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	Membership of Organisations - The club is a member of the Essex Football Association. The following football leagues are belonged to: Southend & District Junior Football League South East Essex Primary League Essex County Girls Football League Association of Essex Boys and Girls Club's The Sceptre League
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Wickford Town F.C.
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1149597
Charity's principal address	39 Southend Road Wickford Essex SS11 8BA

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Clive Lodge	Chairman		
2	Mark Neller			
3	Alan Payne			
4	John Bartlett	President	Resigned in February 2026	
5	Ateek Rahman		Appointed in July 2025	
6	Freya Barnard		Appointed in July 2025	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	


Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	 <small>Clive Lodge (Mar 6, 2026 10:31:47 GMT)</small>	
Full name(s)	Clive Lodge	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman	
Date	06/03/2026	







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**WICKFORD TOWN F.C.
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 2025**

Registered Charity Number 1149597

**WICKFORD TOWN F.C.
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2025**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30th June 2025, which are set out on pages 2 and 3.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.



Alan Brading FCA

Date: 28/2/26

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WICKFORD TOWN F.C.
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2025

	Year ended 30th June 2025	Year ended 30th June 2024
Receipts		
Insurance claim	-	17,511
Membership fees	113,840	71,416
Kit, equipment and sponsorship	31,647	6,438
Bartlett park café	4,196	46,058
Social events and fundraising (net of costs)	2,138	2,474
Gift aid	20,729	-
Bank interest received	178	831
Total receipts	<u>172,728</u>	<u>144,728</u>
Payments		
Training and equipment expenses	13,593	5,344
Kit expenses	11,310	6,521
Bartlett café stock and associated costs	5,826	29,469
Bartlett park equipment expenses	4,944	6,751
Bartlett park works	2,820	38,474
Pitch maintenance	4,586	25,559
Official coaches training and costs	1,084	2,456
Referee fees	5,434	7,878
Hire of pitches	32,474	28,586
Premises maintenance and cleaning	21,690	36,324
Insurance	4,738	4,489
Team funds (Trophies and prizes)	2,021	2,581
Utility costs	17,222	8,452
Rent and rates	1,317	1,344
General admin costs	5,133	3,001
Membership and affiliation fees	3,000	1,946
Club fines	2,377	1,285
Loan account interest	2,174	1,201
Accountancy	1,200	1,200
Sundry expenses	917	159
Total payments	<u>143,860</u>	<u>213,020</u>
Net surplus / (deficit) for the year	<u>£ 28,868</u>	<u>£ (68,292)</u>
Source/application of funds:		
New loan capital	25,000	-
Repayment of loan capital	(5,109)	(2,847)
Total applications	<u>£ 48,759</u>	<u>£ (71,139)</u>
Remaining surplus / (deficit) for the year		

**WICKFORD TOWN F.C.
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 30TH JUNE 2025**

	30th June 2025		30th June 2024	
Fixed assets				
Land, property and improvements	492,850		492,850	
3G Expansion	73,572		-	
Fixtures and fittings	11,546		11,546	
Equipment	<u>3,200</u>	581,168	<u>3,200</u>	507,596
Stock held		766		766
Cash at bank and in hand				
Lloyds current account	13,594		13,585	
Lloyds deposit account	173		24,995	
Cash in hand	<u>413</u>		<u>413</u>	
		14,180		38,993
Total Assets		<u>596,114</u>		<u>547,355</u>
Less: Liabilities and creditors				
Old bank loan	6,735		9,886	
New bank loan	<u>23,042</u>		<u>-</u>	
		29,777		9,886
Net Assets		<u>£ 566,337</u>		<u>£ 537,469</u>
Funds and Reserves				
Balance brought forward		537,469		605,761
(Deficit)/Surplus for the year		<u>28,868</u>		<u>(68,292)</u>
		<u>£ 566,337</u>		<u>£ 537,469</u>

Approved by the Trustees on

and signed on their behalf by:

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