



SCHOOLS & UNIVERSITIES POLO ASSOCIATION

CHAIRMAN & TRUSTEES REPORT 2025

It has been a strong academic year to date, highlighted by an international fixture in June. A mixed team of schools and university players faced a US intercollegiate side.

The University Winter Nationals were initially expected to attract slightly fewer teams than last year; however, once again, expectations were surpassed. Team numbers rose significantly to 126 in 2025. The greatest growth has come from Beginner teams, which bodes extremely well for the future of our segment of the sport.

Our Summer Nationals, with the 94 teams that competed in 2025 is now set as the benchmark to beat. We are well on track to exceed this figure by the close of entries on Friday.

We have also successfully delivered on our commitment not to raise prices during the 2024–25 academic year. SUPA membership remains at £65 per year, with entry fees also held at £65 across all university divisions. While core operating costs have risen slightly, these increases have been offset by higher participation levels.

Committee: Nigel Mercer (Chair/Director/Universities) Luke Sandys-Renton (Universities Section Manager) Caroline Grayson (Senior/Junior Schools Manager) Gill Glimmerveen (Ladies/Junior Schools Manager) Donna Stephens (Membership Registrar/Secretary) Lavinia Black (Horse Welfare Officer).
Thom Bell (Scotland Manager)

Trustees: Nigel Mercer, Patrick Bradshaw, Lucy Gordon



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Schools and Universities Polo Ltd

Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 July 2025

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Schools and Universities Polo Ltd
Report of the Trustees
For the year ended 31 July 2025

The Trustee, who is also director for the purposes of company law, have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements for the charitable company for the year ended 31 July 2025. The Trustee have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The trustee have considered the Charity Commision's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance 'public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Name of Charity	Schools and Universities Polo Ltd
Charity registration number	1150236
Company registration number	05491501
Principal address	11 Church Farm Courtyard High Street Chalfont St Giles HP8 4QH

Trustees

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Nigel Mercer

Secretary	St Clair Accountancy Solutions Ltd
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Independent examiners	St Clair Accountancy Solutions Ltd Suite A 73 Woodside Road Amersham HP6 6AA
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Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by

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Nigel Mercer

Schools and Universities Polo Ltd
Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)
For the year ended 31 July 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	2024 £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies		1,050	-
Charitable activities		122,145	127,498
Total		123,195	127,498
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities		(107,672)	(145,767)
Total		(107,672)	(145,767)
Net income/expenditure		15,523	(18,269)
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		37,020	55,289
Total funds carried forward		52,543	37,020

Schools and Universities Polo Ltd
Statement of Financial Position
As at 31 July 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	2	1,443	1,923
		1,443	1,923
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		51,100	35,097
		51,100	35,097
Net current assets		51,100	35,097
Total assets less current liabilities		52,543	37,020
Net assets		52,543	37,020
The funds of the charity			
Unrestricted income funds		52,543	37,020
Total funds		52,543	37,020

For the year ended 31 July 2025 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476,
- The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board and signed on its behalf by:

Nigel Mercer
Trustee

Schools and Universities Polo Ltd
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 July 2025

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investments which are included at market value and the revaluation of certain fixed assets and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Companies Act 2006.

Schools and Universities Polo Ltd meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Going concern

2. Tangible fixed assets

Cost or valuation	Computer Equipment £
At 01 August 2024	1,923
At 31 July 2025	1,923
Depreciation	
Charge for year	480
At 31 July 2025	480
Net book values	
At 31 July 2025	1,443
At 31 July 2024	1,923

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
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Charitable activities		
Income from charitable activities	122,145	127,498
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Total incoming resources	123,195	127,498
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Cost of direct charitable activity	(54,000)	(77,916)
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SUPPORT COSTS		
Management		
Management	(24,433)	(26,626)
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Governance costs		
Governance costs	(29,239)	(41,225)
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