WAFC LTD

England & Wales · Charity number 1152109

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	08426365
Registered	2013-05-20
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	WAFC Limited The Northern Area Playing Fields Stephenson Road Washington Tyne and Wear NE37 3HR
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Activities

Objects: THE PROMOTION OF COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN HEALTHY RECREATION IN PARTICULAR BY THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR THE PLAYING OF FOOTBALL.

Activities: Washington A.F.C is a community club striving to provide access to football for all. Based from our North East sports facility in Washington we encourage children from age 4 to learn and develop their skills, we provide training for age groups from under 7s to under 18s and aim to have at least one team in every age division up to Under 18s.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Durham
- Gateshead
- South Tyneside
- Sunderland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£369,570	£373,626	-	-
2024-03-31	£312,826	£290,096	-	-
2023-03-31	£334,351	£435,696	-	-
2022-03-31	£323,817	£229,218	-	-
2021-03-31	£157,426	£111,975	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
MARK GIBBON	Chair	2013-03-22
Gary David Sykes		2015-04-01
Robert Bradley Cutler		2016-12-05

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Directors’ report for the year ended 31 March 2025

The directors present their report and the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Principal activities
The principal activity of the company is the provision of community “grassroots” football. The company is a not-for-profit organisation, limited by guarantee with any surplus being reinvested in the provision of football.

Review of business and future developments
After two years of significant disruption due to persistent rainfall, the 24/25 Winter was relatively calm by comparison with only a few weekends being disrupted by weather. As the club spends a large portion (£56,269) of its income hiring local 3G pitches throughout the Winter, training almost always goes ahead regardless of the conditions.

An average of 68 players attended Washington AFC’s weekly Football Development Centre (FDC) for entry-level and nursery-aged players throughout the year. More of the club’s older (u17+) players were supported to complete their FA coaching qualifications to enable them to coach our youngest players. This supports the club’s “football for all” philosophy. Football holiday camps were also held during the school holidays throughout the year and were open to the whole community to attend, not just Washington AFC members. For the first time, the club received financial support from the Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme funded by Sunderland City Council. This scheme enables disadvantaged children to attend for free and receive healthy food plus participation in the fun holiday camps.

For the year ending March 2025, the average monthly membership for our core u7-u18 membership numbered 768, a 17% growth over the last 12 months.

It was another record year for monthly subs paid by players with £288,977 received. There was an increase of 112 more players paying subs each month plus an increase from £28 to £30 per month. The club also introduced a volunteer Assistant Treasurer role which has added even more focus on all members making monthly contributions.

£41,097 was taken in the clubhouse’s fully licensed bar and kitchen plus the newly refurbished double-portacabin. This facility benefitted from a brand-new kitchen fitted free by Howdens under a nationwide FA programme to which the club made a successful application. The portacabin has now also been installed with mains electricity meaning lighting, heat and all kitchen appliances are operational. A paved area has also been laid in front of the portacabin, including seating for spectators and players to enjoy.

Washington AFC’s Committee and Trustees of the associated charity (WAFC Ltd; charity number 1152109) is made up of three officers: Chairman (Mark Gibbon), Treasurer (Rob Cutler), and Head of Football/Club Secretary (Gary Sykes) all of whom served on the Committee throughout the year ending 31 March 2025. The Committee has been in place and stable for the last eleven years and it is expected that all officers will continue in post for the foreseeable future.

Results
The company’s deficit for the financial year is £4,056 (2024 surplus: £22,731).

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Directors and their interests
The directors who held office during the year are given below:

M Gibbon
R Cutler

The company is entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the board of directors on 28 April 2025 and signed on behalf of the Board by:

Director
28 Apr 2025

WAFC Ltd

Surplus and deficit account for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Note	2025	2024
		£	£
Turnover	1	**369,570**	312,826
Cost of sales		**250,766**	184,127
Gross surplus		**118,804**	128,699
Distribution costs		**0**	0
Administrative expenses		**122,860**	105,968
Operating surplus/(deficit)	2	**(4,056)**	22,731
Interest payable and similar charges		**0**	0
Surplus/(deficit) on ordinary activities before taxation		**(4,056)**	22,731
Tax on surplus/(deficit) on ordinary activities	3	**0**	0
Surplus/(deficit) on ordinary activities after taxation		**(4,056)**	22,731
Retained surplus/(deficit) for the financial year		**(4,056)**	22,731
Accumulated deficit brought forward		**3,479**	(19,252)
Accumulated surplus/(deficit) carried forward		**(577)**	3,479

All amounts relate to continuing activities.

The company has no gains and losses other than the surpluses/deficits above and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented.

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Balance sheet as at 31 March 2025

	Note	2025	2025	2024	2024
		£	**£**	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible fixed assets	4		**0**		0
Current assets					
Stock		**0**		0	
Debtors	5	**2**		2	
Cash at bank and in hand		**15,112**		29,168	
		15,114		29,170	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	**(15,689)**		(25,689)	
Net current assets			**(575)**		3,481
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year			**0**		0
Net assets			**(575)**		3,481
Capital and reserves					
Reserves	7		**2**		2
Surplus and deficit account			**(577)**		3,479
Total capital and reserves			**(575)**		3,481

The financial statements on pages 3 to 10 were approved by the board of directors on 28 April 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

R Cutler

Director

WAFC Ltd

Balance sheet as at 31 March 2025 (continued)

Directors’ statements for the year ended 31 March 2025

In approving these financial statements as directors of the company we hereby confirm:

(a) that for the year ending 31 March 2025 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies;

(b) that the members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year ending 31 March 2025 in accordance with section 476;

(c) that we acknowledge our responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts; and

(d) that these accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies’ regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 28 April 2025 and signed on its behalf by

R. B. Cutler

R Cutler

Director

WAFC Ltd

Accounting policies

Accounting convention
These financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis, under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and applicable accounting standards. The principal accounting policies, which have been applied consistently throughout the year, are set out below.

Turnover
Turnover represents the total member subscription or invoice value (mainly for sponsors) of income generated during the year.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation
Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Fixtures and fittings	-	Over a period of 3 years on a straight line basis
Motor Vehicles	-	Over a period of 5 years on a straight line basis
Computer equipment	-	Over a period of 3 years on a straight line basis

Stock
Stock is stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Cash flow statement
The company has taken advantage of the exemption under Financial Reporting Standard 1 (revised 1996) from the requirement to present a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is a small company.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025

1 Turnover

The total turnover of the company for the year has been derived from its principal activity as noted in the Directors' report.

2 Operating deficit

	2025	2024
	£	£
Operating surplus/(deficit) is stated after charging / (crediting):		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	**0**	0
Surplus/(loss) on disposal of fixed assets	**0**	0
Bad debts	**0**	0

3 Taxation

	2025	2024
	£	£
Analysis of tax in the year:		
Tax in respect of the period	**0**	0

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4 Tangible fixed assets

	Computer equipment	Fixtures and fittings	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 April 2024	0	0	0
Additions	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0
At 31 March 2025	**0**	**0**	**0**
Deprecation			
At 1 April 2024	0	0	0
Additions	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0
At 31 March 2025	**0**	**0**	**0**
Net book values			
At 31 March 2025	**0**	**0**	0
At 31 March 2024	0	0	0

5 Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade debtors	**0**	0
Prepayments	**0**	0
Amounts owed by other group companies	**0**	0
Called up share capital not paid	**2**	2
Other debtors	**0**	0
	2	2

6 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	**15,689**	25,689
Other taxes and social security costs	**0**	0
Accruals and deferred income	**0**	0
Other creditors	**0**	0
	15,689	25,689

7 Reserves

The company is limited by guarantee of members and does not have a share capital. The liability of members is limited to £1.

	2025	2024
	£	£
Reserves		
Members' guarantees	**2**	2

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Principal activities
The principal activity of the company is the provision of community "grassroots" football. The company is a not-for-profit organisation, limited by guarantee with any surplus being reinvested in the provision of football.

Review of business and future developments
For the second year running, grassroots football was significantly disrupted by above average rainfall throughout the year. A large number of weekend games had to be cancelled due to waterlogged pitches, especially between October and February.

Despite this distraction, Washington AFC's Football Development Centre (FDC) for entry-level and nursery-aged players continued to develop with some of the club's older (u17+) players being supported to complete their FA coaching qualifications to enable them to coach our youngest players. This supports the club's "football for all" philosophy. For the year ending March 2024, the average monthly membership for our core u7-u18 membership numbered 656, a 12% growth over the last 12 months.

A record £238,238 was paid by players for monthly subs which has grown again this year due to an average of 72 more players paying subs and further improvements in our compliance processes to ensure all members are making monthly contributions.

In the first full year following the completion of the club's new stadium pitch and clubhouse, £28,754 of income was generated from sales.in the fully licensed bar and kitchen.

The club invested in infrastructure around our site throughout the year including security fencing to enclose the front of the clubhouse, steps down onto our grassroots pitches and further work on our new double-portacabin. This new facility is providing refreshments and shelter to our grassroots players and spectators.

Washington AFC's Committee and Trustees of the associated charity (WAFC Ltd; charity number 1152109) is made up of three officers: Chairman (Mark Gibbon), Treasurer (Rob Cutler), and Head of Football/Club Secretary (Gary Sykes) all of whom served on the Committee throughout the year ending 31 March 2024. The Committee has been in place and stable for the last ten years and it is expected that all officers will continue in post for the foreseeable future.

Results
The company's surplus for the financial year is £22,731 (2023 deficit: £101,345).

Directors and their interests
The directors who held office during the year are given below:

M Gibbon
R Cutler

The company is entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies for the year ended 31 March 2024.

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The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the board of directors on 18 April 2024 and signed on behalf of the Board by:

Director
20 Apr 2024

WAFC Ltd

Surplus and deficit account for the year ended 31 March 2024

	Note	2024	2023
		£	£
Turnover	1	**312,826**	334,351
Cost of sales		**184,127**	362,879
Gross surplus		**128,699**	(28,529)
Distribution costs		**0**	0
Administrative expenses		**105,968**	72,817
Operating surplus/(deficit)	2	**22,731**	(101,345)
Interest payable and similar charges		**0**	0
Surplus/(deficit) on ordinary activities before taxation		**22,731**	(101,345)
Tax on surplus/(deficit) on ordinary activities	3	**0**	0
Surplus/(deficit) on ordinary activities after taxation		**22,731**	(101.345)
Retained surplus/(deficit) for the financial year		**22,731**	(101,345)
Accumulated deficit brought forward		**(19,252)**	82,093
Accumulated surplus/(deficit) carried forward		**3,479**	(19,252)

All amounts relate to continuing activities.

The company has no gains and losses other than the surpluses/deficits above and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented.

WAFC Ltd

Balance sheet as at 31 March 2024

	Note	**2024**	**2024**	2023	2023
		£	**£**	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible fixed assets	4		**0**		0
Current assets					
Stock		**0**		0	
Debtors	5	**2**		2	
Cash at bank and in hand		**29,168**		6,437	
		29,170		6,439	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	**(25,689)**		(25,689)	
Net current assets			**3,481**		(19,250)
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year			**0**		0
Net assets			**3,481**		(19,250)
Capital and reserves					
Reserves	7		**2**		2
Surplus and deficit account			**3,479**		(19,252)
Total capital and reserves			**3,481**		(19,250)

The financial statements on pages 3 to 10 were approved by the board of directors on 20 April 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

R Cutler

Director

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Balance sheet as at 31 March 2024 (continued)

Directors’ statements for the year ended 31 March 2024

In approving these financial statements as directors of the company we hereby confirm:

(a) that for the year ending 31 March 2024 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies;

(b) that the members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year ending 31 March 2024 in accordance with section 476;

(c) that we acknowledge our responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts; and

(d) that these accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies’ regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 18 April 2024 and signed on its behalf by

R Cutler

Director

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Accounting policies

Accounting convention
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Tangible fixed assets and depreciation
Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Fixtures and fittings	-	Over a period of 3 years on a straight line basis
Motor Vehicles	-	Over a period of 5 years on a straight line basis
Computer equipment	-	Over a period of 3 years on a straight line basis

Stock
Stock is stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Cash flow statement
The company has taken advantage of the exemption under Financial Reporting Standard 1 (revised 1996) from the requirement to present a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is a small company.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024

1 Turnover

The total turnover of the company for the year has been derived from its principal activity as noted in the Directors' report.

2 Operating deficit

	2024	2023
	£	£
Operating surplus/(deficit) is stated after charging / (crediting):		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	**0**	0
Surplus/(loss) on disposal of fixed assets	**0**	0
Bad debts	**0**	0

3 Taxation

	2024	2023
	£	£
Analysis of tax in the year:		
Tax in respect of the period	**0**	0

4 Tangible fixed assets

	Computer equipment £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2023	0	0	0
Additions	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0
At 31 March 2024	**0**	**0**	**0**
Deprecation			
At 1 April 2023	0	0	0
Additions	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0
At 31 March 2024	**0**	**0**	**0**
Net book values			
At 31 March 2024	**0**	**0**	0
At 31 March 2023	0	0	0

5 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	**0**	0
Prepayments	**0**	0
Amounts owed by other group companies	**0**	0
Called up share capital not paid	**2**	2
Other debtors	**0**	0
	2	2

6 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	**25,689**	25,689
Other taxes and social security costs	**0**	0
Accruals and deferred income	**0**	0
Other creditors	**0**	0
	25,689	25,689

7 Reserves

The company is limited by guarantee of members and does not have a share capital. The liability of members is limited to £1.

	2024	2023
	£	£
Reserves		
Members’ guarantees	**2**	2

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Review of business and future developments
Washington AFC's new Football Development Centre (FDC) for entry-level and nursery-aged players continues to go from strength to strength and supports the club's "football for all" philosophy. Over 100 players continue to regularly attend. The FDC also gives aspiring, young coaches a safe place to practice their new skills. By March 2023, our core u7-u18 membership numbered 690, growth of 130 players over the last 12 months, making the total number of paying members at that point 797, another club record.

A record £200,462 was paid by players for monthly subs which has grown again this year due to 100+ more players and continued focus on improving collection processes to ensure all members are making monthly contributions. The club also received most of the remaining grant payments totalling £62,574 from the Football Foundation to build a FA Level 5 stadium and clubhouse refurbishment at Washington AFC's home ground. This project was completed in September 2022 with the first match being played at the new stadium on 13 September 2022 between Washington FC's Men's 1st team and Boro Rangers. During the year to March 2023, £185,032 was spent on the project, mostly paid for by grants.

The club continued to invest in the other infrastructure throughout the year including five sets of moveable goals costing £11,445 (£7,560 of which was covered by a Football Foundation grant). Also, £13,604 was spent on specialist logistics to move a double-portacabin onto our grassroots football pitches that had been kindly donated to the club by a local company. The portacabin is already being used to provide refreshments and shelter for spectators and players on junior matchdays and will continue to be developed over the next year.

Washington AFC's Committee and Trustees of the associated charity (WAFC Ltd; charity number 1152109) is made up of three officers: Chairman (Mark Gibbon), Treasurer (Rob Cutler), and Head of Football/Club Secretary (Gary Sykes) all of whom se

rved on the Committee throughout the year ending 31 March 2023. The Club's former Secretary, Lee Holmes, stood down in May 2023 for health reasons after giving many years' service to the club. The remaining Committee has been in place and stable for the last nine years and it is expected that all officers will continue in post for the foreseeable future.

Results
The company's deficit for the financial year is £101,345 (2021 surplus: £94,599).

Directors and their interests
The directors who held office during the year are given below:

M Gibbon
R Cutler

WAFC Ltd

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The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the board of directors on 08 April 2022 and signed on behalf of the Board by:

Director
20 Nov 2023

WAFC Ltd

Surplus and deficit account for the year ended 31 March 2023

	Note	2023	2022
		£	£
Turnover	1	**334,351**	323,817
Cost of sales		**362,879**	190,810
Gross surplus		**(28,529)**	133,077
Distribution costs		**0**	0
Administrative expenses		**72,817**	38,408
Operating surplus/(deficit)	2	**(101,345)**	94,599
Interest payable and similar charges		**0**	0
Surplus/(deficit) on ordinary activities before taxation		**(101,345)**	94,599
Tax on surplus/(deficit) on ordinary activities	3	**0**	0
Surplus/(deficit) on ordinary activities after taxation		**(101,345)**	94,599
Retained surplus/(deficit) for the financial year		**(101,345)**	94,599
Accumulated deficit brought forward		**82,093**	(12,506)
Accumulated surplus/(deficit) carried forward		**(19,252)**	82,093

All amounts relate to continuing activities.

The company has no gains and losses other than the surpluses/deficits above and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented.

WAFC Ltd

Balance sheet as at 31 March 2023

	Note	**2023**	**2023**	2022	2022
		£	**£**	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible fixed assets	4		**0**		0
Current assets					
Stock		**0**		0	
Debtors	5	**2**		2	
Cash at bank and in hand		**6,437**		111,452	
		6,439		111,454	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	**(25,689)**		(29,359)	
Net current assets			**(19,250)**		82,095
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year			**0**		0
Net assets			**(19,250)**		82,095
Capital and reserves					
Reserves	7		**2**		2
Surplus and deficit account			**(19,252)**		82,093
Total capital and reserves			**(19,250)**		82,095

The financial statements on pages 3 to 10 were approved by the board of directors on 20 November 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

R Cutler

Director

WAFC Ltd

Balance sheet as at 31 March 2023 (continued)

Directors’ statements for the year ended 31 March 2023

In approving these financial statements as directors of the company we hereby confirm:

(a) that for the year ending 31 March 2023 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies;

(b) that the members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year ending 31 March 2023 in accordance with section 476;

(c) that we acknowledge our responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts; and

(d) that these accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies’ regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 24 July 2023 and signed on its behalf by

R Cutler

Director

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Accounting policies

Accounting convention
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Stock
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Cash flow statement
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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023

1 Turnover

The total turnover of the company for the year has been derived from its principal activity as noted in the Directors' report.

2 Operating deficit

	2023	2022
	£	£
Operating surplus/(deficit) is stated after charging / (crediting):		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	**0**	0
Surplus/(loss) on disposal of fixed assets	**0**	0
Bad debts	**0**	0

3 Taxation

	2023	2022
	£	£
Analysis of tax in the year:		
Tax in respect of the period	**0**	0

4 Tangible fixed assets

	Computer equipment £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2022	0	0	0
Additions	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0
At 31 March 2023	**0**	**0**	**0**
Deprecation			
At 1 April 2022	0	0	0
Additions	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0
At 31 March 2023	**0**	**0**	**0**
Net book values			
At 31 March 2023	**0**	**0**	0
At 31 March 2022	0	0	0

5 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade debtors	**0**	0
Prepayments	**0**	0
Amounts owed by other group companies	**0**	0
Called up share capital not paid	**2**	2
Other debtors	**0**	0
	2	2

6 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	**25,689**	29,359
Other taxes and social security costs	**0**	0
Accruals and deferred income	**0**	0
Other creditors	**0**	0
	25,689	29,359

7 Reserves

The company is limited by guarantee of members and does not have a share capital. The liability of members is limited to £1.

	2023	2022
	£	£
Reserves		
Members' guarantees	**2**	2

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for the year ended 31 March 2022

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Directors for the year ended 31 March 2022

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M Gibbon
R Cutler

Registered Office
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WAFC Ltd

Directors' report for the year ended 31 March 2022

The directors present their report and the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Principal activities
The principal activity of the company is the provision of community "grassroots" football. The company is a not for profit organisation, limited by guarantee with any surplus being reinvested in the provision of football.

Review of business and future developments
With the resumption of post-Covid-19 grassroots football on 29 March 2021, Washington AFC was able to start the new financial year with some buoyancy and high expectations. The club had successfully weathered the pandemic storm and whilst there were still some restrictions and Covid-19 had not gone away, at least teams were able to start training again and could complete their 21/22 season's fixtures.

Under the club's philosophy of "football for all", a new Football Development Centre (FDC) was established to cater for entry-level and nursery-aged players. This quickly grew through the 12-months to March 2022 when over 100 players were regularly in attendance. This new membership was in addition to our core u7-u18 members which by March 2022 numbered 560, making the total number of paying members at that point 662, a club record.

During the financial year, the club secured a £24,863 grant to build a new 800m fence (total cost £32,113) around its main grassroots football pitches which had been badly vandalised during the previous year. Work was completed on the new fence in August 2021 in time for the start of the 21/22 season. No further vandalism has occurred and the quality of the pitches has been improved further by the club's volunteer groundmen who could spend all their time mowing and treating the grass rather than making repairs.

For the first time ever, less than 50% of the club's income (£158,673 out of £323,817) was made up of player subscriptions. £158,673 represents a record amount from player subs which has grown due to more players and better processes and controls to ensure all members are making monthly payments. The reason that player subscriptions represented a lower % of total income was because it was boosted by the £24,863 fencing grant, a £90,000 s106 grant paid via Sunderland City Council from our sister club, Washington FC's previous landlord at Albany Park where Washington FC played for many years and a £25,885 receipt which was the first tranche of a £100,000 Football Foundation grant secured to build a FA Level 5 stadium and clubhouse refurbishment at Washington AFC's home ground. Work commenced on this project in November 2021 after planning permission was secured. As at March 2022, £62,910 had been spent to get these works underway. The total cost of the project, due for completion in Winter 2022, is expected to be £270,000 with most of the cost covered by grants.

The 21/22 year also saw the return of Washington Live, the annual summer music festival organised in conjunction with local band, The Scandals. The 2021 event had to be postponed to August 2021 due to Covid restrictions but regardless, it was a great success with 100 free tickets awarded to NHS staff as a Thank You from the club for their tireless efforts during the worst of the pandemic.

Washington AFC's Committee and Trustees of the associated charity (WAFC Ltd; charity number 1152109) is made up of four officers: Chairman (Mark Gibbon), Treasurer (Rob Cutler), Secretary (Lee Holmes) and Head of Football (Gary Sykes) all of whom served on the Committee throughout the year ending 31 March 2022.

WAFC Ltd

The Committee has been in place and stable for the last seven years and it is expected that all officers will continue in post for the foreseeable future.

Results

The company’s surplus for the financial year is £82,093 (2021 surplus: £45,451).

Directors and their interests

The directors who held office during the year are given below:

M Gibbon
R Cutler

The company is entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies for the year ended 31 March 2022.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the board of directors on 08 April 2022 and signed on behalf of the Board by:

Director
03 October 2022

WAFC Ltd

Surplus and deficit account for the year ended 31 March 2022

	Note	2022	2021
		£	£
Turnover	1	**323,817**	157,426
Cost of sales		**190,810**	85,979
Gross surplus		**133,077**	71,447
Distribution costs		**0**	0
Administrative expenses		**38,408**	25,996
Operating surplus/(deficit)	2	**94,599**	45,451
Interest payable and similar charges		**0**	0
Surplus/(deficit) on ordinary activities before taxation		**94,599**	45,451
Tax on surplus/(deficit) on ordinary activities	3	**0**	0
Surplus/(deficit) on ordinary activities after taxation		**94,599**	45,451
Retained surplus/(deficit) for the financial year		**94,599**	45,451
Accumulated deficit brought forward		**(12,506)**	(57,957)
Accumulated surplus/(deficit) carried forward		**82,093**	(12,506)

All amounts relate to continuing activities.

The company has no gains and losses other than the surpluses/deficits above and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented.

WAFC Ltd

Balance sheet as at 31 March 2022

	Note	**2022**	**2022**	2021	2021
		£	**£**	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible fixed assets	4		**0**		0
Current assets					
Stock		**0**		0	
Debtors	5	**2**		2	
Cash at bank and in hand		**111,452**		19,403	
		111,454		19,405	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	**(29,359)**		(31,909)	
Net current assets			**82,095**		(12,504)
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year			**0**		0
Net assets			**82,095**		(12,504)
Capital and reserves					
Reserves	7		**2**		2
Surplus and deficit account			**82,093**		(12,506)
Total capital and reserves			**82,095**		(12,504)

The financial statements on pages 3 to 10 were approved by the board of directors on 03 October 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:

R Cutler

Director

WAFC Ltd

Balance sheet as at 31 March 2022 (continued)

Directors' statements for the year ended 31 March 2022

In approving these financial statements as directors of the company we hereby confirm:

(a) that for the year ending 31 March 2022 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies;

(b) that the members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year ending 31 March 2022 in accordance with section 476;

(c) that we acknowledge our responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts; and

(d) that these accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 08 April 2022 and signed on its behalf by

R Cutler

Director

WAFC Ltd

Accounting policies

Accounting convention
These financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis, under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and applicable accounting standards. The principal accounting policies, which have been applied consistently throughout the year, are set out below.

Turnover
Turnover represents the total member subscription or invoice value (mainly for sponsors) of income generated during the year.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation
Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Fixtures and fittings	-	Over a period of 3 years on a straight line basis
Motor Vehicles	-	Over a period of 5 years on a straight line basis
Computer equipment	-	Over a period of 3 years on a straight line basis

Stock
Stock is stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Cash flow statement
The company has taken advantage of the exemption under Financial Reporting Standard 1 (revised 1996) from the requirement to present a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is a small company.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022

1 Turnover

The total turnover of the company for the year has been derived from its principal activity as noted in the Directors' report.

2 Operating deficit

	2022	2021
	£	£
Operating surplus/(deficit) is stated after charging / (crediting):		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	**0**	0
Surplus/(loss) on disposal of fixed assets	**0**	0
Bad debts	**0**	0

3 Taxation

	2022	2021
	£	£
Analysis of tax in the year:		
Tax in respect of the period	**0**	0

4 Tangible fixed assets

	Computer equipment	Fixtures and fittings	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 April 2021	0	0	0
Additions	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0
At 31 March 2021	**0**	**0**	**0**
Deprecation			
At 1 April 2021	0	0	0
Additions	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0
At 31 March 2022	**0**	**0**	**0**
Net book values			
At 31 March 2022	**0**	**0**	0
At 31 March 2021	0	0	0

5 Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade debtors	**0**	0
Prepayments	**0**	0
Amounts owed by other group companies	**0**	0
Called up share capital not paid	**2**	2
Other debtors	**0**	0
	2	2

6 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade creditors	**29,359**	31,909
Other taxes and social security costs	**0**	0
Accruals and deferred income	**0**	0
Other creditors	**0**	0
	29,359	31,909

7 Reserves

The company is limited by guarantee of members and does not have a share capital. The liability of members is limited to £1.

	2022	2021
	£	£
Reserves		
Members’ guarantees	**2**	2

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WAFC Ltd

Directors' report for the year ended 31 March 2021

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Principal activities
The principal activity of the company is the provision of community "grassroots" football. The company is a not for profit organisation, limited by guarantee with any surplus being reinvested in the provision of football.

Review of business and future developments
The start of the year to 31 March 2021 saw the first UK Covid-19 national lockdown. All grassroots football was stopped by the UK government in early March 2021 and did not resume until July 2020. The 19/20 football season was ended early and all results were expunged. Further national lockdowns in November 2020 and January to March 2021 disrupted football again causing the club to suffer an 8% reduction in member subscriptions. Thankfully, the club was able to apply for various grants from the Football Foundation, Sport England and Sunderland City Council, all which helped to close the financial gap. Sponsorship was also increased as local firms rallied round to support the club through the pandemic crisis. Unfortunately, the pandemic caused the annual music festival, Washington Live, to be cancelled in 2020 and postponed from June to August 2021 (confirmation of an events licence pending), further damaging the club's finances.

The club's membership has dropped slightly to 470 players due to the pandemic across 45 different teams. Most age groups have multiple teams to cater for varying degrees of ability which supports our "football for all" philosophy; we pride ourselves on having a team suitable for any player to join regardless of ability, gender, race or religion. We expect player numbers to recover in the 21/22 season following the resumption of grassroots football on 29 March 2021 under the UK government's pandemic roadmap.

The majority of the club's income (£116,138 out of £157,426) still derived from player subscriptions with finances being boosted £19,800 due successful applications for various Covid-19 grants. The remainder of the club's income was sponsorship and fundraising. During the pandemic year, some of the club's costs reduced significantly, notably external coaching costs (-£13,446), referee fees (£-£8,238) and Winter training costs (-£7,086). The combination of increased total income and these cost reductions enabled the club to reduce the kit supplier creditor by £30,350. As at the year ending 31 March 2021, the club owed its kit supplier £31,909 which the supplier has agreed to be paid back on extended payment terms in order to support the continued growth and development of the club.

On two separate occasions during the pandemic lockdowns, serious vandalism occurred involving 4x4 vehicles being driven on the club's grass football pitches. This caused significant damage and police involvement. The club and local community responded with a significant fundraising effort. Planning permission for an 800m fence around the club's main pitches was granted in March 2021 and an application for a £25,000 fencing grant from the Football Foundation was pending as at the year end. It is hoped that the new fence will be built by the end of July 2021 to protect the pitches from further damage going into the 21/22 season.

The club's sister club, Washington FC, which plays semi-professionally in the Northern League, has continued to develop a project to build a stadium at Washington AFC's home ground and gained planning permission in October 2020 to go ahead with the build from Sunderland City Council. As leaseholder at the Northern Area facility in Washington, this project will involve Washington AFC being the landlord of the stadium and leasing it to Washington FC for priority use for home matches. Washington FC has been playing its games outside

Washington for the last few seasons so this project, once complete, will see Northern League football return to Washington once again.

Washington AFC's Committee and Trustees of the associated charity (WAFC Ltd; charity number 1152109) is made up of four officers: Chairman (Mark Gibbon), Treasurer (Rob Cutler), Secretary (Lee Holmes) and Head of Football (Gary Sykes) all of whom served on the Committee throughout the year ending 31 March 2021. The Committee has been in place and stable for the last six years and it is expected that all officers will continue in post for the foreseeable future.

Results

The company's surplus for the financial year is £45,451 (2020 deficit: £35,781).

Directors and their interests

The directors who held office during the year are given below:

M Gibbon
R Cutler

The company is entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the board of directors on 06 April 2021 and signed on behalf of the Board by:

Director
06 April 2021

WAFC Ltd

Surplus and deficit account for the year ended 31 March 2021

	Note	2021	2020
		£	£
Turnover	1	**157,426**	132,430
Cost of sales		**85,979**	132,417
Gross surplus		**71,447**	13
Distribution costs		**0**	0
Administrative expenses		**25,996**	35,794
Operating surplus/(deficit)	2	**45,451**	(35,781)
Interest payable and similar charges		**0**	0
Surplus/(deficit) on ordinary activities before taxation		**45,451**	(35,781)
Tax on surplus/(deficit) on ordinary activities	3	**0**	0
Surplus/(deficit) on ordinary activities after taxation		**45,451**	(35,781)
Retained surplus/(deficit) for the financial year		**45,451**	(35,781)
Accumulated deficit brought forward		**(57,957)**	(22,176)
Accumulated deficit carried forward		**(12,506)**	(57,957)

All amounts relate to continuing activities.

The company has no gains and losses other than the surpluses/deficits above and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented.

WAFC Ltd

Balance sheet as at 31 March 2021

	Note	**2021**	**2021**	2020	2020
		£	**£**	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible fixed assets	4		**0**		0
Current assets					
Stock		**0**		0	
Debtors	5	**2**		2	
Cash at bank and in hand		**19,403**		4,302	
		19,405		4,304	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	**(31,909)**		(62,259)	
Net current assets			**(12,504)**		(57,955)
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year			**0**		0
Net assets			**(12,504)**		(57,955)
Capital and reserves					
Reserves	7		**2**		2
Surplus and deficit account			**(12,506)**		(57,957)
Total capital and reserves			**(12,504)**		(57,955)

The financial statements on pages 3 to 10 were approved by the board of directors on 06 April 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:

R Cutler

Director

WAFC Ltd

Balance sheet as at 31 March 2021 (continued)

Directors' statements for the year ended 31 March 2021

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(d) that these accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 06 April 2021 and signed on its behalf by

R B Cutler

R Cutler

Director

WAFC Ltd

Accounting policies

Accounting convention
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Computer equipment	-	Over a period of 3 years on a straight line basis

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021

1 Turnover

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2 Operating deficit

	2021	2020
	£	£
Operating surplus/(deficit) is stated after charging / (crediting):		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	**0**	0
Surplus/(loss) on disposal of fixed assets	**0**	0
Bad debts	**0**	0

3 Taxation

	2021	2020
	£	£
Analysis of tax in the year:		
Tax in respect of the period	**0**	0

4 Tangible fixed assets

	Computer equipment £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2020	0	0	0
Additions	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0
At 31 March 2020	**0**	**0**	**0**
Deprecation			
At 1 April 2020	0	0	0
Additions	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0
At 31 March 2021	**0**	**0**	**0**
Net book values			
At 31 March 2021	**0**	**0**	0
At 31 March 2020	0	0	0

5 Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade debtors	**0**	0
Prepayments	**0**	0
Amounts owed by other group companies	**0**	0
Called up share capital not paid	**2**	2
Other debtors	**0**	0
	2	2

6 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade creditors	**31,909**	62,259
Other taxes and social security costs	**0**	0
Accruals and deferred income	**0**	0
Other creditors	**0**	0
	31,909	62,259

7 Reserves

The company is limited by guarantee of members and does not have a share capital. The liability of members is limited to £1.

	2021	2020
	£	£
Reserves		
Members' guarantees	**2**	2