



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
	01	06	2023		31	05	2024
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Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Exmouth United Football Club

Other names charity is known by

EUFC

Registered charity number (if any)

1154695

Charity's principal address

3 Southern Wood

Exmouth

Devon

Postcode

EX84EX

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	Damian Prouse	Club Chairman		EUFC Committee
2	Stephen Cross	Club Secretary		EUFC Committee
3	Paul Baker	Club Treasurer		EUFC Committee
4	Kathrine Prouse	Child Welfare Officer		EUFC Committee
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution adopted on 23 September 2013
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Unincorporated Association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by EUFC Committee at AGM

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

FA SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN DECLARATION YOUTH FOOTBALL

As a club providing youth football we will:

1. Adhere to The FA's Safeguarding Children (SC) Policy and Procedures and proactively share our Club SC Policy with all parents/carers, players, club, and team officials.
2. Proactively share and promote our Club Welfare Officer's details with all parents/carers, players, club, and team officials.
3. Ensure all club officials' details are accurate and up to date on FA systems.
4. Ensure all team officials working directly with under-18s are named on FA systems for every team.
5. Ensure all team officials working directly with under-18s maintain an in-date accepted FA DBS check and have completed all required FA Safeguarding training.
6. Refer safeguarding concerns in line with The FA's SC Policy and Procedures.
7. Ensure there are a minimum of two FA DBS-checked and safeguarding trained adults in place for all club-organised activities.
8. Commit to creating a child-centred culture

EUFC trustees endorse the declaration and follow all the FA recommended FA policies and procedures, seeking guidance from the Devon FA DSO Designated Safeguarding Officer and respective League Welfare Officers as and when required.

The club is recognised as an FA England Football Accredited club.

The club is affiliated to the FA through Devon County Football Association and is a member of the Exeter and District Youth League and the Devon

<p>Girls Football League.</p> <p>The trustees have overall control over the charity, operational control is given to the Executive Football Club Committee at the AGM. The AGM follows standard protocols to vote in club executive committee members and trustees.</p> <p>This being made up of a quorum of four trustees, Chairman, Treasurer, Welfare Officer, Secretary and one non trustee who is the vice chairperson.</p> <p>The Executive Committee hold regular meetings to discuss and agree running of the club, full club meetings with team managers and coaches are also held throughout the year.</p>
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Section C	Objectives and activities
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Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

<p>EUFC believes in the provision of community participation in healthy recreation, in particular by the provision of facilities for the playing of football.</p>

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

<p>In planning our activities for the year, we kept in mind the Charity Commissions guidance on public benefit at our Executive and Committee meetings.</p> <p>Exmouth United FC is committed to providing opportunities for as many children and young adults as possible to participate in physical activity and sport. Our focus is on the participation through the playing of football, both in training sessions and in non-competitive and/or competitive games.</p> <p>This season we have engaged with children, both girls and boys, from the ages of 9 to 16 years old.</p> <p>We believe that taking part in team football activities promotes development in self confidence and social skills, alongside physical fitness, mental well being and life skills. The club strongly believes football has no room for racism and believes in inclusion. To this end, the club has actively increased its provision for girls football this season.</p> <p>The benefit of participating in sport has not only been shown to increase concentration levels but also to help with academic achievement. We therefore believe that by providing a fun and safe environment to play in football can cross all social, and economic barriers and allow all children including those that have had to relocate as refugees, the chance to enjoy activities together, building friendships and lasting connections.</p>

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

The club recognises that some families have been affected by economic changes not only as a result of the cost-of-living crisis, displacement but also as an ongoing result of the pandemic.

Where there has been financial hardship or the child is in the care system or seeking political asylum the club committee have used discretion in relation to the paying of fees and sponsor a number of children allowing them to join the club and play football.

The growth of the club in recent years has seen an expansion of the number of girl's teams, the club has invested heavily into qualifying new coaches and ensuring additional helpers have completed all the required training.

This is not only to ensure that the FA recommended child to DBS adult ratios are met (FA take recommended adult to children ratios from the NSPCC recommendations and guidelines) but is seen as a long-term investment into the future of grassroots football.

Exmouth United FC is run solely by volunteers. We are proud of the huge contribution our committee members, member volunteers, coaches and managers make to the club in giving children opportunities to get involved in grassroots football.

The committee works extremely hard behind the scenes to ensure the club continues to run safely and efficiently. Coaches put in immense amounts of personal time, effort, and energy into the planning of drills and training sessions, and in many cases provide opportunities beyond this in the form of outings to watch football matches as well as team bonding events.

Our club secretary has continued to volunteer for the Exeter District Youth League as the Assistant Child Welfare officer providing guidance for all clubs and teams in the area.

All that participate in the club activities also receive huge amounts of support and encouragement from parents, grandparents, and other club supporters. This provides a successful mix of family friendly and open community feel within the club. The club are very grateful for everyone's contribution.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The club was affiliated to the DCFA
A total of 15 youth teams were registered.
Nine teams were entered into the Exeter and District Youth League
Six teams were entered into the Devon Girls league.

The club gave over 200 children the opportunity to participate in football this year. Matches were held on Saturday morning / afternoons and Sunday mornings.

Operation of match day football at multiple venues:
Lease of football pitches @ Bicton Agricultural College, Woodbury Recreational Ground, Budleigh Salterton Cricket Club

Hire of local council pitches at Withycombe Common from East District County Council.

Operation of football training venues.
Hire of astro turf pitches for training at Exmouth Community College and Bicton Agricultural College.

The club operates exclusively 10 months of the year from August to May, additionally the month of June is optional to coaches to run free of charge and we have therefore offered football for 44 weeks of the year for all age groups.

The cost of venue hire for training and matches continues to be our highest outlay each season.

As a continued investment in providing football opportunities in the closed season paying for teams to enter local tournaments, with the committee agreeing that each team were able to take part in 3 tournaments supported by the club.

The club's main income remains from player membership subscriptions.

It was with great pride we were able to hold another celebratory presentation day with each child being recognised for their contribution during the year receiving an individual medal or trophy.

Each year the Andy Guy Shield is awarded to a player who has shown commitment and dedication to the club which extended past his own player journey.

Each year the Cross Cup is awarded to the coach who has demonstrated commitment and contributed the most to the club's ethos in the past year.

The annual presentation day was a huge success and it was wonderful to see so many children, friends and families enjoying themselves.

The club, through from the trustees, committee, managers, coaches and helpers all recognise that football is not just about the number of goals scored, or games won, it is about learning the enjoyment of celebrating with friends when times are good and supporting each other when things don't always go right as an individual or group. It is these life lessons and times for learning that create the foundations for personal growth and build resilience for the future. This is something that everyone at the club can be extremely proud of.

It has been wonderful this year to see so many children seeing their hard work and effort pay off, whether that be in reaching cup finals and winning leagues or making new friendships and small advances in football skills and fitness. All have been possible only through the commitment of the club volunteers.

Summary bullet points collated from all the team managers.

- Focused on being more competitive in a newly formed league and won the league cup for the second year in a row.
- Developed as a group, formed strong friendships, and grew in strength and confidence in an inclusive, fun environment.
- Had the opportunity to be match day mascots for Exeter City Ladies.
- Competitive 7 aside with exciting and close games.
- Focused on new roles, rules, and the 9 aside format in friendly games, emphasizing impeccable teamwork.
- Initially had few players but grew stronger through the season.
- Coaches developed their skills (4 Level One FA badges), and players formed strong bonds, improving as individuals.
- Won the League and formed a strong bond despite changes.
- Team spirit grew, with players enjoying time together off the pitch, preparing to defend titles next season.
- Created to offer more opportunities for girls to play football, with many players developing remarkably despite little experience.
- Exceeded expectations, winning League title and will compete in the DGFL next season.
- Moved to competitive league football in Division 1 with top teams, finishing 3rd at Christmas.
- Struggled in the second half due to player availability, finishing 6th, but proud of the overall performance.
- Rebuilt confidence after losing several players to higher-level leagues and managed to stay in Division 1.
- Consistent hard work and effort, looking forward to next season.
- Successful season after promotion to Division 1, achieving key goals: fun, competitiveness, and playing with friends.
- Strong cup run and competitive friendlies, with great attitude and commitment from players.
- Split into two groups for development, catering to different player levels, with over 30 players involved.
- Both groups competed at their best and are looking forward to the next season.
- Best ever season, benefiting from a UEFA B Licensed Coach and focusing on technical performance while maintaining fun.
- Reached the Cup Final, a thrilling match, with several players ready for senior-level football next season.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Although the club does not have reserves policy sufficient funds are required at the start of every season for the club to continue to function before sufficient memberships fees are collected. Advance hire fees and procurement of training equipment and training kit and training courses for new coaches.

It is quite difficult to judge the amount required each season to enable this to happen and there is always a risk with expenditure throughout the season exceeding expected expenditure.

The largest financial commitment of the club is hire of training and match venues and equated to approx.£15000.

The next biggest commitment is the provision of training kit, training equipment, and trophies for presentation day.

Equating to approx. £15000

At the end of this financial period, we held £2126.15 in the club bank account this was down compared to last year where we held £4178.51.

All of which is unrestricted.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Principal sources of funds 99% are player membership subscriptions, with the addition of some small grants and or fund raising.

Expenditure is entirely related to the provision of football for children being our core objective.

Section F

Other optional information

The clubs continued growth and plans to increase opportunities for children and young adults in the local community to participate in football is directly related to the availability of training and match venues. This means continued participation levels and further increase in growth are always at risk due to insufficient facilities in Exmouth and East Devon.

Although there are financial incentives to charities on tenure with rate reductions, we do not receive any relief for any of the training or match day venues we hire from Exmouth Community College or East Devon District Council or Bickton Agricultural College (which is part of Cornwall College).

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	D Prouse	S J Cross
Full name(s)	Damian Prouse	Stephen Cross
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Club Chairman	Club Secretary
Date	27/03/2025	

Balance Sheet

Exmouth United Youth Football Club As at 31 May 2024

31 MAY 2024

Current Assets

Cash at bank and in hand

Exmouth United Youth FC	7,183.32
Total Cash at bank and in hand	7,183.32

Prepayments	2,935.00
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Total Current Assets	10,118.32
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Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

Accruals	3,786.01
Historical Adjustment	4,702.16
Income in Advance	(496.00)
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7,992.17

Net Current Assets (Liabilities)	2,126.15
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Total Assets less Current Liabilities	2,126.15
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Net Assets	2,126.15
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Capital and Reserves

Current Year Earnings	2,126.15
Total Capital and Reserves	2,126.15

Profit and Loss

Exmouth United Youth Football Club For the year ended 31 May 2024

2024

Turnover

Grant Income	514.00
Interest Income	0.35
Kit Purchases	691.31
Sponsorship	6,168.00
Training Fees	37,793.10
Total Turnover	45,166.76

Gross Profit	45,166.76
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Administrative Costs

Affiliation Fees	1,829.00
Audit & Accountancy fees	162.20
Coaches Kit	2,652.20
Fines	206.00
IT Software and Consumables	194.40
Large Equipment	1,088.58
Match Kit	3,292.87
Pitch Hire - Match	4,016.62
Pitch Hire - Training	11,031.43
Printing & Stationery	36.00
Repairs & Maintenance	1,496.90
Tournament Entry	651.25
Training - Coach Courses	1,890.00
Training Equipment	3,985.08
Training Kit	5,747.20
Trophies	4,760.88
Total Administrative Costs	43,040.61

Operating Profit	2,126.15
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Profit on Ordinary Activities Before Taxation	2,126.15
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Profit after Taxation	2,126.15
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10th August 2024

To Whom it May Concern

Exmouth United FC - Accounts 1st June 2023 to 31st May 2024

I can confirm that I have checked the prepared accounts for Exmouth United FC and they appear to be complete and accurate

These records have been well kept and reconciled in Xero.

regards

Helen Buck

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