

Bradford Disability Football Club

Charity number 1158017

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2025



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Trustees' report for the year ended 31 March 2025

Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

The trustees during the financial year and up to and including the date the report was approved were:

Name	Position	Dates
Paul Squires	President	
Steven Parr	Chair	
Andrew Clayton	Secretary	
Kenneth Knights	Treasurer	
Jayne Winn	Fundraising Officer	
Sandra Stead		
Tracy Cliffe		
Deborah Parnaby		
Steve Parnaby		
Gillian Whittle		
Mark Lightowler		
Katrina Butler		
Allan Watt		Appointed 22 September 2024
Jonathan Gibson		Appointed 22 September 2024
Charity number	1158017	Registered in England and Wales
Registered and principal address	Bankers	
7 Chapel Close	HSBC	Santander
Crossroads	PO Box 45	Santander Business Banking Operations
Keighley	47 Market Street	Sunderland
BD22 9AD	Bradford	SR43 4FW
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Independent examiner

Katy Sargeant ACA

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Structure, governance and management

The charity is governed by a constitution adopted on 1 January 2001 and as amended 23 May 2014.

Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees of the charity are appointed by the members at the AGM.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 March 2025

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects

To relieve the charitable needs of disabled people in particular but not exclusively by the provision of facilities for playing football.

The charity's main activities

The current activities of Bradford Disability Football Club (BDFC) are to pursue, promote and implement opportunities for disabled people in football by:

Actively increasing the number of disabled people playing football.

Actively promote awareness of equality.

Link with current local and national initiatives.

Provide advice and assistance to other potential partners.

Raise the profile of disabled football.

Public benefit statement

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our Trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and performance

Firstly, I would like to thank our Trustees who volunteer their services throughout the year, often their respective contributions go on behind the scenes and can easily go unnoticed but without these contributions BDFC would simply not exist. To further to strengthen the Group we have appointed two new Trustees, Alan Watt whose role is to support with social trips / events, and John Gibson who will be responsible for improving communication between the club, members, parents, carers and guardians.

As everyone associated with BDFC will know our ethos is to create a professional environment where our players are encouraged to experiment, be creative and have no fear of failure in order to develop their technique and decision making. Our club is where players are safe, are learning and gaining knowledge and experiences, whilst having fun in a positive, family friendly setting. Unfortunately, this year trustees have had to spend a significant amount of their personal time to deal with a small number of our membership whose behaviour has fallen significantly short of our high standards. We will continue to take difficult decisions with a minority who have a negative impact on the majority.

Another key part of the club ethos is to support the social development of our members and I am pleased to report that in the past twelve months we have continued to arranged both small and large social events available to all members generously subsidised by the club.

The Club continues to grow with over 100 members, an increase of 7% in the past twelve months. We have been informed by the FA that of their 300 FA accredited registered disability members, 90 of these (30%) were BDFC members, the club are proud of this representation.

In the capable hands of our head Coach, we continue to invest in the development of all of our members which is further demonstrated with our appointment of Hollie Whittaker who joins Indy's excellent team of paid coaches.

We continue to strengthen our partnership with the WRCFA (West Riding County Football Association) who have invited us to take part in a project to develop an FA accredited Strategic Document which, when complete, may further support us with fundraising and enable the club to demonstrate tangible value we offer to the local community. In addition, the FA are currently supporting us to identify opportunities to better transition junior members to the next level in a safe and enjoyable way. We will also need to rely on members, parents, carers and guardians to support us with this challenging work.

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Achievements and performance continued

We also continue to identify opportunities for members to be involved in the running of the club. This includes members being encouraged to use the Members Committee to have their say on issues. A great example of this was that members designed the new club kit for 2024/2025. Also, members Brooke and McKenzie are now involved in the writing of our monthly Newsletter.

The club continues to be proud of our charitable status, we operate professionally and provide members with the opportunity to train in first class facilities despite ongoing challenges with revenue generation. We must therefore continue to thank all of those who help to keep the club financially stable which includes our funders which include The National Lottery, The Postcode Neighbourhood Trust, The Wharfedale Foundation and Sovereign Health Care. All trustees support with club funding and cost management but special thanks should go to Jayne Winn who very successfully coordinates all club sponsorship and grant applications.

I am pleased to report that the flexible method of paying subs, introduced last year has continued to be successful whilst also rewarding regular attendance.

Once again, we hosted our very successful annual tournament in September 2024 with teams taking part from across the country, we believe this is one of the largest and best organised disability football tournaments in the county.

Finally, on behalf of the Trustees we would like to thank members, carers, parents, guardians and volunteers for all their support throughout the past year as we look forward to another successful year in 2025.

Financial review

The net receipts for the year were £20,318, including net receipts of £11,414 on unrestricted funds and net receipts of £8,904 on restricted funds.

Reserves policy

The charity's free reserves, at the year end were £47,697.

The trustees review the reserves level in conjunction with the annual events and expected income and expenditure for the year to ascertain that there is sufficient unrestricted funds to ensure continuity of service to the members, six months running costs are retained in reserve as a minimum.

Approved by the board of trustees on 29/10/25

Ken Knights (Trustee)

Bradford Disability Football Club

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Bradford Disability Football Club

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 6 to 9.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity 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 charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Charities Act;
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Katy Sargeant ACA

29/10/25

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Receipts and payments account
for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025	2025	2025	2024
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		funds	funds	funds	funds
		£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Grants and donations	(2)	12,317	27,300	39,617	11,770
Fundraising and sponsorship		3,892	-	3,892	5,730
Memberships and subscriptions		17,652	-	17,652	7,941
Clothing and kit sales		2,398	-	2,398	1,287
Trips and events		9,982	-	9,982	21,395
Bank interest		120	-	120	57
Total receipts		46,361	27,300	73,661	48,180
Payments					
Clothing and kit costs		6,196	550	6,746	3,546
Coaching costs		1,932	8,801	10,733	10,561
Equipment		55	-	55	145
Marketing		350	75	425	548
Match fees		1,175	-	1,175	969
Independent examination		660	-	660	594
Social events		5,228	-	5,228	8,430
Administration and office costs		332	-	332	440
Trip costs		17,030	600	17,630	17,298
Training		10	-	10	115
Venue hire		50	7,070	7,120	4,145
Tournament costs		1,731	1,000	2,731	2,323
Volunteer expenses		-	-	-	252
Bank charges		27	-	27	68
Fundraising costs		107	-	107	187
Insurance		64	300	364	-
Total payments		34,947	18,396	53,343	49,621
Net receipts / (payments)		11,414	8,904	20,318	(1,441)
Fund balances brought forward		36,283	4,202	40,485	41,926
Fund balances carried forward	(3)	47,697	13,106	60,803	40,485

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Statement of assets and liabilities
as at 31 March 2025

	2025	2025	2025	2024
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cash funds				
Cash at bank	47,697	13,106	60,803	40,415
Cash in hand	-	-	-	70
Total cash funds	<u>47,697</u>	<u>13,106</u>	<u>60,803</u>	<u>40,485</u>

Liabilities	2025
	£
Accruals	660
	<u>660</u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 29/10/25

Ken Knights (Trustee)

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Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 March 2025

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The trustees have taken advantage of section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and have prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.

No changes have been made to the accounts for previous years.

Taxation

As a charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

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Notes to the accounts continued
for the year ended 31 March 2025

2 Grants and donations	2025 Unrestricted funds £	2025 Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
The National Lottery	-	19,800	19,800	-
Postcode Neighbourhood Trust	10,000	-	10,000	-
The Wharfedale Foundation	-	5,000	5,000	-
Sovereign Healthcare	-	2,500	2,500	-
Co-op Foundation	-	-	-	2,787
Give Bradford	-	-	-	6,690
Other donations	2,317	-	2,317	2,293
	<u>12,317</u>	<u>27,300</u>	<u>39,617</u>	<u>11,770</u>

3 Restricted funds	Balance b/f £	Incoming £	Outgoing £	Transfers £	Balance c/f £
Bradford Youth Fund	3,290	-	3,290	-	-
Co-op Local Community Fund	912	-	912	-	-
Sovereign Healthcare	-	2,500	2,500	-	-
The National Lottery	-	19,800	9,128	-	10,672
The Wharfedale Foundation	-	5,000	2,566	-	2,434
	<u>4,202</u>	<u>27,300</u>	<u>18,396</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,106</u>

Fund name	Purpose of restriction
Bradford Youth Fund	Towards core costs.
Co-op Local Community Fund	Towards cost of hiring venue for delivering weekly football sessions.
Sovereign Healthcare	Towards venue hire.
The National Lottery	Towards venue hire & sessional workers.
The Wharfedale Foundation	Towards venue hire & sessional workers.

4 Related party transactions

Trustee expenses

No trustee received any expenses during this year or the previous year.

Trustee remuneration and benefits

No trustee received any remuneration or benefit during this or the previous year.