

Trustees' Annual Report for the period



From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	02	May	2024		01	May	2025

Section A Reference and administration

Charity name	Berks County Football Club
Other names charity is known by	Berks County FC
Registered charity number (if any)	1159139
Charity's principal address	2 Truss Hill Road Sunninghill Ascot SL5 9AL

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	Ellis Woods	Trustee	From 02/05/2024 to 08/02/2025	Members
2	Trevor Offord	Trustee	From 02/05/2024 to 08/02/2025	Members
3	Darren Littleboy	Trustee	From 02/05/2024 to 08/02/2025	Members
4	Johanna McCloskey	Trustee	From 02/05/2024 to 08/02/2025	Members
5	Stuart Miller	Trustee	Whole Year	Members
6	Stephen Kay	Trustee	From 01/04/2025	Members
7	Adrian Mather	Trustee	From 08/02/2025	Members
8	Clare O'Donnell	Trustee	From 08/02/2025	Members
9	Matthew Newman	Trustee	From 08/02/2025	Members

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Examiner of Accounts	Steve Lowe	27 Elizabeth Gardens, Ascot SL5 9BJ

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	CIO Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by other Trustees – confirmed at AGM by members

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.

- Football related matters primarily managed by Club Chairman, General Manager and Club Secretary.
- Club Rules cover football related matters.
- Elite Performance Centre (EPC) continued to run Club pre-team sessions for U6 players plus midweek training for some teams. All payments for sessions were direct from parents to EPC.
- Some teams used paid coaches other than EPC. Again, parents paid coaches direct.
- As well as to referees, basic payments were made to some coaches or assistants who were not parents/guardians to members.
- Key fund-raising events – Annual Awards Day and Christmas Raffle

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The promotion of community participation in healthy recreation in particular by the provision of facilities for the playing of association football

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)

- Having had due regard to the Commission's public benefit guidance, the Charity has continued to promote community participation by the provision of facilities for the playing of football.
- In this year, the charity operated with 3 fewer girls teams – 2 x U7 team were added and 1x U18 finished at junior level (some players moved to adult teams). There was one new Sunday adult mens team.
- Our primary locations are in East Berkshire but we had a U10 team and U14 team playing in West Berkshire (Newbury)
- Charters School (Sunningdale) is the main focus for juniors training and matches. Bracknell Leisure Centre, Ryeish Green (Shinfield) and Royal Holloway University were also used for some training and matches.
- The Men's First Team continued to ground share at Ascot United. This gives us better proximity to the junior teams along with improved facilities for First Team players
- We are named by Berks and Bucks FA/Wokingham Council as a potential tenant at a new sports hub facility at Grays Farm, Wokingham. Development date still not announced.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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

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

- The Club is run by volunteers as above
- The majority of volunteers are parents of children playing at the Club, but we have several youth and adult volunteers without this link, who coach at both junior and senior level.
- Sponsorship and support is given by local businesses through team sponsorship agreements or the donation of prizes/services for annual raffle/auction

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

- Participation of 415 children and 180 adults. Junior players across 3 counties.
- Usage of a diverse range of facilities across several locations.
- We continue to train and develop referees – young and old
- Player Fees held at £279 basic and £149/£199 volunteers/siblings
- 6 male adult teams (including veterans). 30 junior teams. 1 adult female team.
- Men's First Team played at Step 5 of the National League System but were relegated back to Step 6
- Increase in social media presence:

Twitter 2400 followers

Facebook – 720

Instagram – 1736

Linkedin – 90

Website – 46000 page views

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We aim to maintain a reserve of c.£30K for:

- hiring or contributing to the development of new or existing facilities while schools and local authorities continue to invest less in facilities and their maintenance.
- supporting the senior men's team to grow beyond Step 6 of NLS.
- supporting the senior women's team to grow beyond development level.
- contingency for unforeseen events eg. Pandemic.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not applicable

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.

- Reserve currently c.£30K
- The Club pays for coaching courses/accreditations and 50% of referee courses.
- Membership fees accounted for c.55% of the £188k income.
- Gift aid is significant contributor for non-personal use part of membership fee
- 175 junior team players at 2013-14;
- 215 registered in 2014-15;
- 245 registered in 2015-16;
- 290 registered in 2016-17;
- 360 registered in 2017-18;
- 424 registered in 2018-19;
- 414 registered in 2019-20;
- 435 registered in 2020-21
- 435 registered in 2021-22
- 444 registered in 2022-23
- 453 registered in 2023-24
- 415 juniors registered in 2024-25 (including U6 soccer school)

Section F

Other optional information

Future Objectives:

- Continue to grow female football
- Introduce 2 new U7 boys/mixed teams each year.
- Maintain existing facilities in a decent state.
- Work to find permanent home for Senior First Teams (Men and Women).
- Support the ambitions of the First Teams where possible.
- Continue to train and develop our own Club referees where possible.

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Stephen Kay

Matthew Newman

Position:

Trustee and Club Chairman

Trustee

Date:

25th February 2026

25th February 2026



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Berks County

On accounts for the year
ended

1st May 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1159139

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 01/05/2025.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

18 FEB 2026

Name:

Steve Lowe

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

ACMA

Address:

27 Elizabeth Gardens, Ascot, Berkshire, SL5 9BJ




Berks County Football Club		1159139		CC16a
Receipts and Payments Accounts				
For the period from	Period start date 2/5/2024	To	Period end date 1/5/2025	

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Previous year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership subs or fines	104,234	-	-	£104,234	£100,045
Business Donations	8,790	-	-	£8,790	£23,531
Soccer Camps	-	-	-	£0	-
Prize money	2,926	-	-	£2,926	£1,461
Fund raising - Awards day	10,915	-	-	£10,915	£10,716
Fund raising - Other	4,749	-	-	£4,749	£247
Personal Donations	6,585	-	-	£6,585	£850
Gift Aid	19,191	-	-	£19,191	£14,600
Bank interest	-	-	-	£0	-
Grants	7,917	-	-	£7,917	£14,909
Club Trip	-	-	-	£0	-
Various Refunds	1,265	-	-	£1,265	£137
Kit Purchase	150	-	-	£150	£50
Gate and Sales receipts (not incl. cash)	6,573	-	-	£6,573	£5,087
Misc cost recoveries	7,997	-	-	£7,997	£3,522
Course Payments	-	-	-	£0	-
Pitch Hire	6,433	-	-	£6,433	£7,514
Clothing refund	22	-	-	£22	£31
Equipment refund	231	-	-	£231	£292
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	187,978	-	-	£187,978	£182,992
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	187,978	-	-	£187,978	£182,992
A3 Payments					
Clothing	10,755	-	-	£10,755	£20,046
Equipment	10,620	-	-	£10,620	£7,180
Pitch hire	98,407	-	-	£98,407	£71,966
Pitch maintenance	12,666	-	-	£12,666	£17,375
League fees / affiliation / fines	10,215	-	-	£10,215	£10,084
Referee fees	12,457	-	-	£12,457	£10,101
Workforce expenses	11,428	-	-	£11,428	£9,226
FA Cup split costs	1,715	-	-	£1,715	£380
Player awards	4,129	-	-	£4,129	£8,219
Fund raising costs	2,528	-	-	£2,528	£3,341
Coaching costs	800	-	-	£800	£2,185
Insurance	-	-	-	£0	-
Coach & referee accreditation	870	-	-	£870	£1,540
Other Misc costs	15	-	-	£15	£323
Charity Donations	655	-	-	£655	£870
Matchday Food	1,069	-	-	£1,069	£1,215
Bank Charges	-	-	-	£0	£172
Marketing	2,259	-	-	£2,259	£2,987
Subs Refunds	-	-	-	£0	£160
Balancing across accounts.	7,975	-	-	£7,975	£4,474
Sub total	188,563	-	-	£188,563	£171,844
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	188,563	-	-	£188,563	£171,844
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 585	-	-	-£585	£11,148
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	2
A6 Cash funds last year end	£31,225	-	-	£31,225	£20,075
IER Cash funds this year end	£30,640	-	-	£30,640	£31,225

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Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds				
	BCFC Bank account	£30,567	-	-
	BCFC Men's First Bank account	£83	-	-
	Total cash funds	£30,640	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Nil	-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	Nil		-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Nil		-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Nil		-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		S.J. KAY	27/2/20	

Receipts	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	YTD
Membership subs or fines	3,621	2,100	1,053	756	35,465	10,298	7,548	6,781	6,210	8,550	9,532	12,319	104,234
Business Donations	0	0	100	450	8,190	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	8,790
Soccer Camps	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prize money	611	150	265	0	925	725	250	0	0	0	0	0	2,926
Fund raising - Awards day	0	9,755	70	1,091	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10,915
Fund raising - Other	10	8	8	628	8	10	262	3,556	115	4	4	135	4,749
Personal Donations	0	5	0	1,000	0	0	0	2,580	3,000	0	0	0	6,585
Gift Aid	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19,191	0	0	0	19,191
Bank Interest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grants	0	0	0	0	0	237	0	0	0	0	7,680	0	7,917
Club Trip	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Various Refunds	0	77	0	0	332	0	0	0	530	326	0	0	1,265
Kit Purchase	0	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	20	20	0	70	150
Gate and Sales receipts (not incl. cash)	1,148	0	0	819	619	301	664	787	946	282	876	131	6,573
Misc cost recoveries	0	0	0	0	375	0	5,000	0	22	0	1,000	1,600	7,997
Course Payments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pitch Hire	1,137	108	188	410	122	897	0	1,074	581	0	585	1,332	6,433
Clothing refund	0	15	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	22
Equipment refund	0	211	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	231
Total Receipts	6,528	12,429	1,683	5,153	46,037	12,516	13,744	14,778	30,616	9,182	19,676	15,637	187,978

Payments	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	YTD
Clothing	114	897	568	2,297	1,824	4,678	0	262	0	0	109	5	10,755
Equipment	108	412	1,401	4,416	209	302	2,551	85	561	468	107	0	10,620
Pitch hire	1,259	2,266	7,582	401	8,545	3,411	14,233	29,750	2,851	4,637	2,773	20,699	98,407
Pitch maintenance	678	213	0	5,371	5,154	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,250	12,666
League fees / affiliation / fines	242	752	1,303	1,400	198	815	852	570	217	396	220	3,252	10,215
Referee fees	1,666	1,460	517	0	1,968	655	1,214	1,826	892	773	819	667	12,457
Workforce expenses	300	0	0	100	1,235	1,920	1,837	1,370	1,664	808	1,060	1,134	11,428
FA Cup split costs	0	0	0	993	336	385	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,715
Player awards	0	16	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,096	4,129
Fund raising costs	0	0	715	524	0	36	120	224	396	0	0	513	2,528
Coaching costs	0	200	280	0	0	0	120	0	100	0	100	0	800
Insurance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Coach & referee accreditation	220	105	50	210	50	0	40	0	50	80	0	65	870
Other Misc costs	0	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	15
Charity Donations	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	500	100	0	31	0	655
Matchday Food	15	0	0	198	398	7	0	0	223	227	0	0	1,069
Bank Charges	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marketing	0	252	400	329	1,089	0	0	0	0	0	6	183	2,259
Subs Refunds	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Balancing across accounts	0	0	0	0	375	0	5,000	0	0	0	1,000	1,600	7,975
Total Payments	4,603	6,572	12,817	16,256	21,393	12,210	25,990	34,587	7,054	7,388	6,225	33,465	188,561

Summary	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	YTD
Total Receipts	6,528	12,429	1,683	5,153	46,037	12,516	13,744	14,778	30,616	9,182	19,676	15,637	187,978
Total Payments	4,603	6,572	12,817	16,256	21,393	12,210	25,990	34,587	7,054	7,388	6,225	33,465	188,561
Net cash movement (+/-)	1,925	5,857	(11,134)	(11,103)	24,644	306	(12,246)	(19,809)	23,562	1,794	13,451	(17,828)	(583)