

**REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 09364586 (England and Wales)**  
**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1160277**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023  
FOR  
THE JEFF ASTLE FOUNDATION**

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# **THE JEFF ASTLE FOUNDATION**

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Objectives and aims**

The charity's objects are for the benefit of the public generally in the United Kingdom:

- To promote and protect health, including (but not restricted to) by:
  - The provision of support, assistance and information to people affected, whether directly or indirectly, by head injuries in sport or dementia;
  - The promotion of research into the nature, causes, diagnosis and treatment of head injuries in sport and dementia; and
  - The publication of the useful results of such research.
- To relieve in cases of need, hardship or distress, the suffering of persons (including the families and dependents of such persons) affected by head injuries in sport and debilitating, life-threatening or terminal illnesses (including, without limitation, dementia) through the provision of financial assistance and such other support as the trustees think fit.

**Significant activities**

The charity endeavours to achieve these aims by:

- Maintaining and continually developing a website with information for sufferers of brain injury in sport.
- Hosting events, conducting interviews of professional sportspeople, and working with sports authorities in order to raise awareness of the impact of brain injuries in sport, in particular the long-term effects of "heading" in football.
- Being available to those sufferers or potential sufferers of sporting head injuries who contact the charity with the aim of offering assistance if this is required.

**Public benefit**

The trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives of the charity and enable it to meet its charitable purposes for the public benefit.

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**ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

**Charitable activities**

The charity has focussed on two main charitable areas during the year:

- raising awareness of brain injury in sport across the UK. The below is not an exhaustive list but includes many of the activities undertaken during the year by the charity:

- University of Cumbria - Presentation to students
- Attended Round Table meeting at Parliament re ABI Strategy.
- Presentation to Dorset Healthcare professionals
- Sponsorship of and attendance at Marcus Stewart Charity Match at Bristol Rovers FC for MND
- Speaking at Sheffield United by Tony Currie
- Interview with Gethin Thomas for BBC Morning Live tv programme
- BBC Radio Derby interview
- Sky News re further research between football and NDD
- Community Shield Agreement meetings with FA
- Interview for Polish Sports Newspaper
- Concussion Sleep Research and working with Concussion Legacy Foundation UK
- Delivering media training on concussion
- Updates to website during the year
- Inclusion in working group regarding Concussion in Sport (Grass roots)
- Ongoing discussions to recognise dementia in football as an Industrial Injury
- Development of BresBet Football Quiz Book
- Correspondence with researchers regarding the result of a study into DBD in Rugby players
- Charity partner of the 2023 Community Shield final
- Attendance at Falkland Care Home, Newbury for celebratory event
- Video made for the Admiral Nurse, Dementia UK conference
- Judge for the carer category of the BBC Radio Derby 'Make a difference awards'
- Presentation at the Society of Neurological Surgeons UK conference at Twickenham

A huge achievement for the charity this year is the work with the PFA to develop the Football Brain Health Fund, allowing former players and their families who have been impacted by dementia (and other neurodegenerative diseases) to have access to funds. The charity is proud to have been a contributing factor to this.

The charity also became the named charity for West Bromwich Albion for the 23/24 football season, further promoting the charity, its objectives and making more people aware of dementia in football (and sport).

- provision of funds to individuals who have evidence of brain injuries acquired through playing sport - families of ex-footballers can contact the charity seeking assistance for specialised equipment to help with living with dementia (and other brain injuries). The trustees, at their discretion, can make donations towards the cost of this equipment.

During the year, the following grants were made:

- Grant to the family of a former footballer who required additional funding for a specialised piece of medical equipment
- Grant to the family of a former footballer who were struggling financially. The grant was used towards the funeral of the deceased player

The charity also continues to spend significant time talking with and supporting families and relatives of ex-footballers who are suffering from brain injuries and dementia.

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**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Financial position**

The trustees are pleased with the funds raised during the year, and hope that this will provide a good springboard for the charitable activities in the future.

All of the funds received are from money raised through donations, and the trustees thank everyone for having given so generously during the year.

**Reserves policy**

It is the initial policy of the Jeff Astle Foundation to maintain as much cash reserves as fundraising allows, as it builds reserves in order to fund future projects.

The reserves policy and the current level of reserves is kept under constant review by the trustees.

The amount of reserves held at the end of the year was £108,548.

**FUTURE PLANS**

The charity continues to receive donation income from the public and is extremely grateful for these. The charity currently has a healthy bank balance which is to be used, at the trustee's discretion, to help ex-players with brain injuries. The charity will continue to offer assistance to those who require it.

The charity continues to raise awareness of brain injury in sport through a variety of mediums. It works alongside the PFA to ensure that the issues facing current and former footballers are correctly addressed. There are continual meetings and discussions, and changes to guidelines, and the intention is to continue to push for these throughout the sporting world.

The charity has commitments to present to the University of Leicester and at the Society of Neurological Surgeons World Conference in 2024.

The charity also continues to support the research into the links between dementia and football.

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The charity is controlled by its governing document, its articles of association and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 each.

**Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

The trustees are also directors of the company for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006. The trustees as at 31 December 2023 are named below. The appointment of new trustees is governed by the articles of association. The board is authorised to appoint new trustees to fill any vacancies when they identify a need to do so.

**Organisational structure**

The charity is governed and run entirely by its trustees, who receive no remuneration. The trustees make all decisions relating to the operation of the charity.

**Induction and training of new trustees**

New trustees are given training appropriate to their role and position as soon as possible upon their appointment.

**Risk management**

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. The trustees confirm that the major risks to which the charity is exposed have been reviewed and systems have been considered and, where appropriate, established in order to mitigate those risks which can reasonably be mitigated.

**THE JEFF ASTLE FOUNDATION (REGISTERED NUMBER: 09364586)**

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Company number**

09364586 (England and Wales)

**Registered Charity number**

1160277

**Registered office**

Tattersall House  
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**Trustees**

L J Astle  
D L Astle  
C E Wheeler  
D M Rogers  
M A Ralphs  
D I Porter (resigned 26/9/2023)  
M Keim  
R E Walden

**Independent Examiner**

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 25 September 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

D L Astle - Trustee

# **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE JEFF ASTLE FOUNDATION**

## **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Jeff Astle Foundation ('the Company')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2023.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.

John Garbutt FCA  
The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

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25 September 2024

**THE JEFF ASTLE FOUNDATION**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

		2023 Unrestricted fund £	2022 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>	Notes		
Donations and legacies		30,351	9,808
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
Raising funds	2	11,963	1,190
<b>Charitable activities</b>	3		
Assistance and support for those with disabilities as a result of sport		3,449	97
Other		1,517	1,093
<b>Total</b>		16,929	2,380
<b>NET INCOME</b>		13,422	7,428
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward		95,126	87,698
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		108,548	95,126

The notes form part of these financial statements



**BALANCE SHEET  
31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Notes	2023 Unrestricted fund £	2022 Total funds £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash at bank		109,988	96,566
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(1,440)	(1,440)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>108,548</u>	<u>95,126</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		108,548	95,126
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u><u>108,548</u></u>	<u><u>95,126</u></u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	9		
Unrestricted funds		<u>108,548</u>	<u>95,126</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u><u>108,548</u></u>	<u><u>95,126</u></u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2023.

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

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 25 September 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

D L Astle - Trustee

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

**Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

**Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

**Governance costs**

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include accountancy fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Where applicable, further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

#### 2. RAISING FUNDS

##### Raising donations and legacies

	2023	2022
	£	£
Travel	1,771	966
Office costs	673	224
Promotions & advertising	9,519	-
	<u>11,963</u>	<u>1,190</u>

Promotions and advertising includes:

Sponsorship of Marcus Stewart charity match for MND £6,000

Website development £1,962

Promotional items (key rings, pens, notebooks etc) £1,557

#### 3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Grant funding of activities £
Assistance and support for those with disabilities as a result of sport	<u>3,449</u>

During the year, the charity made two grants. Details of these can be found in the Report of the Trustees.

The remaining activity of the current year was focused on raising funds and further promotion of the objectives of the charity, as detailed in the Report of the Trustees.

#### 4. SUPPORT COSTS

	Governance costs £
Other resources expended	<u>1,517</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
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**4. SUPPORT COSTS - continued**

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

	2023 Other resources expended £	2022 Total activities £
Sundries	64	-
Accountancy and legal fees	1,453	1,093
	<u>1,517</u>	<u>1,093</u>

**5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

**Trustees' expenses**

During the year 3 (2022: 2) trustees were reimbursed a total of £2,087 (2022: £966). This was for expenditure on the travelling to various events to raise funds and awareness of the charity, as well as phone and computer costs incurred doing charity work.

**6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted fund £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>	
Donations and legacies	9,808
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>	
Raising funds	1,190
<b>Charitable activities</b>	
Assistance and support for those with disabilities as a result of sport	97
Other	1,093
<b>Total</b>	<u>2,380</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	7,428
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>	
Total funds brought forward	87,698
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>95,126</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
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**7. INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REMUNERATION**

The amount receivable by the charity's independent examiner was as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Independent examination	400	-
Accountancy	1,053	1,093
	<u>1,453</u>	<u>1,093</u>

**8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	1,440	1,440
	<u>1,440</u>	<u>1,440</u>

**9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.1.23	Net movement in funds	At 31.12.23
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	95,126	13,422	108,548
	<u>95,126</u>	<u>13,422</u>	<u>108,548</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>95,126</u>	<u>13,422</u>	<u>108,548</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	30,351	(16,929)	13,422
	<u>30,351</u>	<u>(16,929)</u>	<u>13,422</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>30,351</u>	<u>(16,929)</u>	<u>13,422</u>

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.1.22	Net movement in funds	At 31.12.22
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	87,698	7,428	95,126
	<u>87,698</u>	<u>7,428</u>	<u>95,126</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>87,698</u>	<u>7,428</u>	<u>95,126</u>

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9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	9,808	(2,380)	7,428
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>9,808</u>	<u>(2,380)</u>	<u>7,428</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	87,698	20,850	108,548
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>87,698</u>	<u>20,850</u>	<u>108,548</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	40,159	(19,309)	20,850
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>40,159</u>	<u>(19,309)</u>	<u>20,850</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
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**10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2023 except those already disclosed elsewhere in the accounts.