

**LUTON UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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**Trustees**

M Zahir - Chairman  
A D Burgess - Secretary  
Z Kausar - Treasurer  
K Rehman  
M N Khan (appointed 20 January 2024)

**Company Secretary [if applicable]**

A D Burgess

**Company Name**

Luton United Football Club

**Principal and Registered Office**

169 SOUTHWOOD ROAD  
DUNSTABLE  
LU5 4EL

**Company Registered Number**

1167750 (Registered in England)

**Bankers**

HSBC  
63 George Street  
Luton  
Bedfordshire  
LU1 2AR

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Below sets out details of the Charities Annual Report for the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024. The Accounts and Report are approved by the Trustees and provide a reflection of the Charities performance and activities for the year.

#### **Objectives and Activities:**

The Charity inception was on the 21st June 2016 and had a long-standing presence in the community as an Association Football Club providing football to the local community as its primary objective. The Club has sought to widen its appeal therefore its current operation is to ensure association football as the means to meet the current objectives for the charity:

- To provide quality assured, safe and healthy opportunities, recreation and exercise for children, young people and adults of all ages in the community.
- To provide a safe and positive environment for young people and others as an alternative to them embarking on anti-social and risk threatening behaviour.
- To help people realise their potential, develop lifelong skills through teamwork, coaching, education, training and volunteering.
- To introduce people to sport regardless of age, ability, sex, religion or other protected characteristics.
- To improve the public amenities and sports facilities in Blundell Road Recreation Ground.

The charity has sought to ensure that its aims and objectives have been underpinned by the following values:

- Promote community health and well-being amongst all age groups through participation in sports, education, leisure and exercise.
- Helping others to become involved and empowered by listening to and understanding what local people want.
- Engaging young people in team approaches and in devising positive futures for themselves whilst diverting them from anti-social behaviour and providing positive pro social modelling.
- Providing full mutual support and seeking community participation and involvement.
- Inclusive and open to all, considering gender, age, race, ethnicity, faith, sexuality, disability, health and income.
- Providing affordable, and accessible facilities for all.

#### **Structure, Governance and Management:**

The organisation is set up as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and the day to day running and management is done by the trustees of the organisation. The charity intends to move towards developing an executive structure to support greater transparency in decision making. When trustee vacancies arise, we aim to advertise more widely in the wider community to create a more inclusive group of trustees.

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#### Chairman's Report:

To start with, one of the key principles of the club is that it is a grass roots football club, run by the community, for the community. Therefore, first and foremost, I must thank the coaches and volunteers at the club. Every year these key individuals give up their personal time to help facilitate sport in our community and without them, this club would not function. We continue to build and grow our club in an upward trajectory and they are the foundations for that. I would also like to thank our members and sponsors for their continued support which allows us to operate the club on a day-to-day basis.

#### On the Field

Season 2023/2024 finished with several successes. Our under 18s finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in division one and also reached the cup final in their final season of youth football with Luton United. Our under 15's finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in division 3 which is marked improvement from the year before. The under 14' had a difficult year in division 1 having been promoted the year before. They can still be proud of their achievements having played against some of the best teams and players from around the county. The under 13's having a good season in division 3. The under 12's being the only age group with 2 teams this year is fantastic. The phantoms also won the midseason cup. The under 11's and under 9's continues to grow with the under 9's already preparing for a split into 2 teams for season 2024/25.

One major success was we had our first ever formal female under 15's match. A 3-3 draw against Barton to whom we are very grateful in setting up. It was a real sense of achievement as we all know what went into making this happen within our community. The season finished with hope of this continuing a legacy but there was disappointment in the coach not being available to continue in 2024/25. A lesson learned is to work on finding female coaches in our community to really help push this as the demand is there.

For season 2024/25 we have 9 participating teams in the local leagues. Under 9, Under 10, Under 12, Under 13P, Under 13T, Under 14, Under 15, Under 16 and to our newly created an adult team. The season has started well for all the teams

#### Off the field

One of the biggest changes we will have this season is the investment in portable lighting. This will allow us have winter training at Blundell Recreation ground. It is going to be a new concept for us and we are hopeful that it will be successful.

Regarding the clubhouse we have a dire need to improve the clubhouse, to make it a fully-fledged clubhouse serving the needs of the club and the community. This is crucial for the future growth of the club. We will work diligently to try and raise the necessary funds for this to happen during 2025.

The pitches are also a concern as over the last few years the grass coverage and quality has deteriorated. We will work with the council and the FA to see what we can do to improve and also find alternated means as the growth of the club is dependent on quality pitches.

We also must improve the club's social media representation to help increase awareness of the club and increased player profile. A monthly club newsletter went live in Q1 2024 to some success. We must look to how we can continue both the newsletter and social media awareness/promotion of the club.

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In summary we continue to work on growing the club both on and off the pitch. We are limited with volunteers, but we will continue to try and recruit more volunteers to help drive us further. The club moves forward and continues to provide football to around 200 children in our community on a weekly basis. For this I thank each and every person associated with the club. Whether it is a player, coach, volunteer, sponsor or parent. It takes all of us to make this club successful.

Thank you all for your commitment to our club.

Yours Sincerely  
Mohammed Zahir  
Chairperson  
Luton united Football Club



**Luton United Football Club**  
**Receipts and Payments Account**  
**For the Period 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024**

**Receipts and payments**

	Year to 31st March 24 Unrestricted funds £	Year to 31st March 23 Unrestricted funds £
<b>Receipts</b>		
Donations, legacies and similar income		
Membership subscriptions	18,025	16,276
Sponsorship	12,352	-
Trips/ outings	-	221
Donations	75	1,469
Gift Aid	-	-
Other similar income	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>30,452</b>	<b>17,965</b>
<b>Grants</b>		
Grow the Game	194	3,000
Other grants	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>3,000</b>
<b>Other Income</b>		
Fundraising	-	342
Fines Reimbursement	181	67
Other fundraising activities	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>409</b>
<b>Investment income</b>		
Bank interest	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Gross Income</b>	<b>30,827</b>	<b>21,375</b>
Asset and investment sales, etc.	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>30,827</b>	<b>21,375</b>

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	Year to 31st March 24 Unrestricted funds £	Year to 31st March 23 Unrestricted funds £
<b>Payments</b>		
<b>Charitable Payments</b>		
Pitch Fees	2,578	1,303
Referee Payments	1,884	2,112
League Subscriptions	-	1,400
Affiliation Fees	85	610
Mini Football signing on	-	75
Clubhouse Maintenance	659	-
League & FA Fines	2,114	534
Presentation/ Trophies	1,812	2,000
Kit	4,355	1,986
Equipment	6,612	4,208
Course Costs	270	-
Venue Hire	2,214	2,200
Denbigh Training	420	588
Adult training	-	380
Website	316	29
Meeting Costs	95	100
Trip	-	237
Consumables	145	894
Donation	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>23,557</b>	<b>18,656</b>
<b>Other</b>		
Trip Refunds	-	-
	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Gross Expenditure</b>	<b>23,557</b>	<b>18,656</b>
<b>Asset and investment purchases, etc.</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>23557</b>	<b>18656</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>7270</b>	<b>2719</b>
<b>Cash funds as at 31st March 2023</b>	<b>17052</b>	<b>14,333</b>
<b>Cash funds as at 31st March 2024</b>	<b>24322</b>	<b>17052</b>

# Luton United Football Club Receipts and Payments Account

## Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	Year to 31st March 24 Unrestricted funds £	Year to 31st March 23 Unrestricted funds £
<b>Cash funds</b>		
Bank current account	24,322	17,052
Bank fundraising account	-	-
Building society account	-	-
Cash/Floats	-	-
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>24,322</b>	<b>17,052</b>
<b>Other monetary assets</b>		
Tax claim	-	-
Insurance claim	-	-
Creditors	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Investment assets</b>		
Investment property - detail	-	-
Quoted Investments	-	-
Other Investments - detail	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Non monetary assets for charity's own use</b>		
Shop stock	-	-
Other stock	-	-
Land and buildings	-	-
Motor vehicles	-	-
Equipment, furniture etc.	-	-
Other	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts not yet paid	-	-
Expenses Incurred but not invoiced	-	-
Subscriptions not yet paid	-	-
Loan - detail	-	-
Other liabilities - Refund for trips	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

### Contingent liabilities and future obligations

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the Trustees on 30/01/25  
(the date of the Executive Committee meeting that approved the accounts) and signed on their behalf by

Signature



Chair

Treasurer

Print Name

MOHAMMED ZAHIR  
ZARINA KAHIR





Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
Luton United Football Club

On accounts for the year  
ended

31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

Charity no  
(if any)

1167750

Set out on pages

(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 31/03/2024

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: 30/01/2025

Name: Maivish Mehmood

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

BSc Economics

Address:

25 Waller Avenue

Luton

LU4 9RP

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**