



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1	April	2024		31	March	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Fernheath Community Sports Association

Other names charity is known by

FCSA

Registered charity number (if any)

1168156

Charity's principal address

6 Leedam Rd

Bournemouth

Dorset

Postcode

BH10 6HP

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	Steve Mowlem	Chairman		
2	Maura Mowlem	Secretary		
3	Dave Pritchard	Groundsman		
4	Barbara Pritchard	Treasurer		
5	Lisa King			
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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 July 2016
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Association consisting of 250 members
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Trustees appointed for 4 year terms, elected by the committee and reviewed annually at AGM in May

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.

We have a Child Protection policy in place together with a Safeguarding Policy. DBS checks are carried out every three years.

FCSA is associated with Dorset FA and the teams using the site play in the Dorset Football League and the Wessex Churches league. Close working with Dorset FA is vital as they arrange the fixtures for the whole of that league. They advise us on a weekly basis which teams are allocated to our pitches.

Fernheath Play is a neighbouring association working with children, with and without special needs. They offer play work and child care. We work with this group by putting on activities when requested.

AFC Bournemouth provide coaches for activities on the site and the youth teams especially enjoy meeting anyone who has access to our Local Premiership League team!

The land is owned by Bournemouth Borough Council and is leased to us at a peppercorn rent. In return we maintain the site. We have a close working relationship with the Parks department at strategic and operational levels.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration except for eligible reimbursement of expenses. The only exception to this is that one trustee is paid on a weekly basis to clean the changing rooms.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

We provide a facility for Bournemouth residents to enjoy sport and leisure on Fernheath Playing Field.
It is our aim to increase the fitness level of all our members and that of other groups in the area. We also reduce anti-social behaviour in an area that has been well known for its problems, by engaging with young people in sport.

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)

We keep in mind the Charity Commission’s guidance on public benefit. Our facilities are open to the public, with the aim of improving health, welfare and conditions life.
Our activities mainly revolve around us providing and maintaining facilities for football and where possible, other sports to the public. We openly recruit from the public our players, trustees and committee members, including local residents and dog walkers. We develop new activities with the public, extending beyond our current reach. We encourage socialising to avoid loneliness and exclusion and build a sense of belonging to a community.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

All work at the site is carried out by volunteers, who receive no remuneration for their skills and hard work. Without them the site would not be maintained to its current high standard.

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

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

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

We have continued this year to maintain the pitches to as high a standard as we are able. This involved re-seeding worn areas and re laying the pitches ready for friendly games which started at the beginning of August.

We now have two Churches league teams playing on Saturday mornings together with a girls team from Poole and Sunday mornings are for 3 adult teams in the morning and a variety of youth teams some of who spill into Sunday afternoons. These matches are, of course our main source of income. This year we have hosted 3 youth teams from Rossmore.

Our Café in the new pavilion is thriving and some local people drop by for a coffee and snack when the football is on. This building has been welcomed by the local community and is very well used at the weekends when games are being played

We have been plagued this year by groups riding quad bikes, scooters and the like have being ridden across the field doing considerable damage. It means that the damage has to be repaired costing money for soil and grass seed. This seems to be a common fight at all football pitches and despite being reported to the police, they have been unable to stop it.

We also had a problem at the beginning of this season because the wrong soil was put down. This all had to be removed and corrected before the pitches could be used.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We keep a small amount of about £2000 for running expenses such as grass seed and utility bills etc.

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.

Our main income continues to be from the hire of pitches to football clubs.

Income from the small café is also helpful.

We run a local lottery to try and boost funds but this needs more supporters

Section F Other optional information

The coming year will be dedicated to continuing our normal business and looking for ways to maximise use of the facilities.

We continue to strive towards getting the local community fit and active through sport and getting together with one another to combat loneliness and exclusion.

We must combine this with trying to encourage more sponsors and more funds being donated

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)

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Date

Maura Mowlem	
Secretary	

23rd January 2026



Accounts 2024 - 2025

Fernheath Community Sports Association

Brought forward from 2023/24

11305.83

INCOME	
Income from pitches	7165.50
other	90.35
In Kind Income	170.00
Donations	3005.00
Players Subs	1569.00
Funding Grant Lottery	0.00
Funding Grant Bournemouth 2026	0.00
Café	7982.74
Registrations	0.00
	19982.59

EXPENDITURE	
Cleaning	0.00
Council Bills	0.00
FA Fees	1415.00
Feasability Study	0.00
Gas & Electric	4868.72
Insurance	2925.66
In Kind Expenditure	129.84
Kit & Equip	90.66
Lawn Mower	0.00
Maintenance & Repairs	5940.61
Paint	2150.64
Pitch Fees	623.75
Planning Application	0.00
Tree Survey	0.00
Funding Grant Bournemouth 2026	0.00
Water & Fire	461.63
Registrations	0.00
Income from pitches	0.00
Players Subs	416.00
Setting up Nets	0.00
other	9941.22
	28963.73

Account as at	2324.69 cr
statement balance	main 1526.75
	interest 797.94
	difference 0.00

Treasurer: B. Pritchard Date: 22/01/2025

Auditor: D .Jackson Date: 23/01/2025