

Charity Registration Number: 1168772
Company Number: 08351180 (England and Wales)

**DEARNE VALLEY BULLDOGS ARLFC
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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DEARNE VALLEY BULLDOGS ARLFC COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Full Name: Dearne Valley Bulldogs ARLFC Community Association

Registered Charity Number: 1168772

Registered Company Number: 08351180

Date of Incorporation: 08 January 2013

Registered office: 28 Gileswood Crescent
Brampton Bierlow
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Trustees: Dean Cook
Danielle Gill (Resigned December 24)
Duncan Henderson
Nicholas Gill (Resigned December 24)
Edina Wilkinson
Matthew Thompson
Alan Lee (Resigned September 25)

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DEARNE VALLEY BULLDOGS ARLFC COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

TRUSTEES' REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the period 01/04/2024 to 31/03/2025.

Structure, governance and management

Dearne Valley Bulldogs ARLFC Community Association is a registered charity with the Charity Commission and a company limited by guarantee. The charity is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association, dated January 2013 and most recently amended March 2015. The company has no share capital and the liability of each member in the event of winding up is limited to a sum not exceeding £1. The organisation was registered as a charity on 15 August 2016.

The charity is affiliated to the Rugby Football League (RFL), Yorkshire Juniors League, Pennine League and the British Amateur Rugby League Association (BARLA).

Membership of the charity is open to any person interested in furthering the objects and approved by the trustees. The trustees may establish different classes of membership and subscriptions, on a non-discriminatory and fair basis. The trustees will keep subscriptions at a level that will not pose significant obstacle to the people participating.

The charity is managed on a day-to-day basis by the trustees who have control of the charity, its property and funds.

Appointment of trustees

The trustees are also directors of the company for the purpose of company law. The trustees are elected by the members at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). The trustees may co-opt any individual who is eligible to act as a trustee to fill a vacancy in number but the co-opted trustee holds office only until the next AGM.

Trustees have all been recruited in line with the governing document policies and all have voluntarily donated time towards the charity's objectives. The trustees who served during the year, to the date of signing this report, are listed on page 3.

Organisational Management

Management comprises of President, Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary and Treasury roles along with a Welfare Officer role. Frequent committee meetings are held and all points raised are noted and minutes published to committee members.

Related parties

The trustees consider that there are no related parties to the charity.

Risk Management

Risk is managed continuously by all trustees and committee members on an ongoing basis, through regular face to face meetings. We have done this by implementing a rigid financial structure that allows us to monitor our financial risk continuously.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT continued

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Charitable Aims and Objectives

The objects of the charity, as set out in the Articles of Association, are:

- The promotion of community participation in healthy recreation for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Dearne and the neighbourhood, by the provision of facilities for playing amateur rugby league football.
- To further or benefit the residents of the Dearne and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions, by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents.

We are also keen to ensure that everyone is given equal opportunity to participate in amateur rugby league football.

Public Benefit

In shaping the objectives for the year, the trustees have paid due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Our club has public benefit at the core of its objectives. We work constantly to engage with the local community and beyond in order to provide facilities for playing amateur rugby league football. We also provide all of our volunteers with the necessary training, in respect of coaching, safeguarding of children, first aid and other applicable training to ensure we provide a safe and happy environment for everyone involved with the organisation.

Review of Achievements and Performance for the Year

Operational Performance

There was a restructure towards the end of 2017 which has now been further embedded during 2024/25 and has enabled the club to streamline the operations of the charity to allow trustees and committee members to concentrate their efforts to the progression and growth of the charity. We currently have active teams at Men's Open age (first and second teams), under 18's, under 16's, under 12's, under 9's and a pup's section (3-6 age group). We are looking to add additional youth teams in the next season.

On the field we still continue to see huge developments of our Youth Players. Recent notable mentions are Jamie Gill and Conlan Mawson at Bradford Bulls, Andrew Gill and Luke Breedon at Huddersfield Giants and Jack Easton at Wakefield Trinity, all these boys have played for Dearne Valley Bulldogs from our under 6's all the way through our system which is testament to the club and coaches and is a great example of what talent we have in the Dearne Valley area if given the opportunity. In addition, Jamie Gill has signed on to be a professional player for Bradford Bulls with loans at Championship clubs.

We wish all the boys every success for their futures.

We will continue to strive for quality coaching in the hope of more players progressing within the game. We have demonstrated we have high coaching standards in place which helps our players to develop and provides a platform to progress further in the game.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT continued

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

It's good to see our pups section growing and loving their rugby. It's good to nurture them and see them progress. After all, they are the future for our club and we look forward to seeing them grow into well rounded, respectful and happy young individuals.

The Open age men's team continue to see participation increase. A programme is now well established to facilitate a smooth transition from youth to men's rugby which is key to maintaining player development and player retention.

The new building facilities has been completed and is now operational. Thanks goes out to all our volunteers, along with some fantastic sponsors and donors which have helped so much to make this happen. As a club we are so thrilled in having our own facilities both for our players and volunteers as well as for the wider community which we intend to develop our relationships further into the coming seasons.

In 2018/19 we introduced a player registration fee which was agreed at our Trustee and Committee meetings and approved at our Annual General Meeting on the 4th June 2017 and it was agreed to maintain the same level of fees for the 2024/25 season with a review to take place for the 2025/26 season.

Fundraising Performance

The current year's fundraising performance is once again highly satisfactory, an amazing achievement by our volunteers, especially in these economically constrained times. We are committed to the maintenance of the finances of the charity whilst putting plans in place for larger future projects.

Plans for the future

- To increase the number of teams participating in structured games.
- To continue the growth of our youngest participants (3-6 years old) which ensures future participation.
- To oversee a successful transition from our under 17/18's players to an open age team.
- To continue to work collaboratively with the newly formed Dearne Valley Bulldogs Men's Rugby Union side, with many of our players playing for them during the Winter.
- To play a greater role in the Community.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT continued

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The charity's policy on reserves

The trustees adopt a strict reserves policy whereby any funding received is specifically ring fenced for charitable activities. The Trustees and Committee members review our policy on reserves annually. It has been agreed that we should aim to maintain approximately £7,000 in general reserves which ensures that the charity can operate as a going concern.

At the year end, the actual level of the general reserve was £12,486 which is in line with the reserves policy.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company at the end of the year and of the surplus or deficiency for the year then ended.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to: select suitable accounting policies and then apply them on a consistent basis, making judgements and estimates that are prudent and reasonable. The trustees must also prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the company, and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006 and the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2019). The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities.

Exemptions

The directors have taken advantage of the exemptions available to small companies, including the audit exemption.

Financial Position

The financial statements are set out in pages 9 to 16. The Income and Expenditure Account shows a deficit for the year of £229 (2024: surplus of £33,089). Total funds at the year-end stand at £181,481 (2024: £181,710).


Total funds are made up of Fixed Assets to the value of £168,995 and a general reserve of £12,486.

Small company provisions:

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees declare that they have approved the report above.

Signed on behalf of the company's directors:

Signed: 

Date: 18th December 2025

Matthew Thompson, Trustee/Director

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER TO THE TRUSTEES OF
DEARNE VALLEY BULLDOGS ARLFC COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

I report on the accounts of the charity, which are set out on pages 9 to 16.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

I have no concerns and I 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.

Signed _____



Date: 18th December 2025

Steph Tolson
Community Accountant
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DEARNE VALLEY BULLDOGS ARLFC COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(Incorporating an Income & Expenditure Account)**

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

| | Note | Unrestricted Funds £ | Designated Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total 2025 £ | Total 2024 £ |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Income | | | | | | |
| Donations | | 3,732 | - | - | 3,732 | 654 |
| Sponsorship | | 7,125 | - | - | 7,125 | - |
| Player subs | | 950 | - | - | 950 | 1,283 |
| Fundraising & events | | 1,955 | - | - | 1,955 | 7,250 |
| Coaching Income | | - | - | - | - | 450 |
| Bar takings and Refreshments | | 76,766 | - | - | 76,766 | 27,048 |
| Grants received | | - | - | 9,200 | 9,200 | 41,279 |
| Other income | | - | - | - | - | 32 |
| Total income | | 90,528 | - | 9,200 | 99,728 | 77,996 |
| Expenditure | | | | | | |
| Ground maintenance | | 1,295 | - | - | 1,295 | 1,700 |
| Utilities & Internet | | 7,917 | - | - | 7,917 | 4,546 |
| Rent & Rates | | 345 | - | - | 345 | - |
| Bar stock | | 65,588 | - | - | 65,588 | 21,315 |
| Registration fees | | 349 | - | - | 349 | - |
| Sports kit & equipment | | 3,972 | - | - | 3,972 | - |
| Fines | | - | - | - | - | 195 |
| Insurance | | 739 | - | - | 739 | 739 |
| Licences | | 170 | - | - | 170 | 159 |
| Training & volunteer development | | 52 | - | - | 52 | 210 |
| Accountancy fee | | 850 | - | - | 850 | 750 |
| Cost of fundraising | | - | - | - | - | 177 |
| Trips, events & presentations | | 2,175 | - | - | 2,175 | 1,677 |
| Donations | | 900 | - | - | 900 | - |
| Depreciation | | - | 15,486 | - | 15,486 | 13,025 |
| Other | | 119 | - | - | 119 | 414 |
| Total expenditure | | 84,471 | 15,486 | - | 99,957 | 44,907 |
| Net income(expenditure) | | 6,057 | (15,486) | 9,200 | (229) | 33,089 |
| Total funds brought forward | | 11,788 | 169,922 | - | 181,710 | 148,621 |
| Transfers between funds | 11 | (5,359) | 14,559 | (9,200) | - | - |
| Total funds carried forward | | 12,486 | 168,995 | - | 181,481 | 181,710 |

Prior year income includes restricted grants of £41,279, restricted donations of £522 and restricted fundraising of £475.

Prior year expenditure includes restricted expenditure of £61 (other), and £13,025 depreciation allocated to designated funds.

All other prior year income and expenditure is unrestricted.

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BALANCE SHEET AS @ 31 MARCH 2025

| | Note | 2025 | 2024 |
|--------------------------------------|------|----------------|----------------|
| | | £ | £ |
| Fixed Assets | | | |
| Tangible Fixed Assets | 2 | 168,995 | 169,922 |
| Current assets | | | |
| Debtors | 3 | - | - |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 13,336 | 12,538 |
| Total current assets | | 13,336 | 12,538 |
| Liabilities | | | |
| Creditors : | | | |
| amounts falling due within one year: | 4 | (850) | (750) |
| Net current assets | | 12,486 | 11,788 |
| Net assets | | 181,481 | 181,710 |
| The funds of the company | 10 | | |
| Unrestricted funds | | 12,486 | 11,788 |
| Designated funds (Fixed Assets) | | 168,995 | 169,922 |
| Restricted funds | | - | - |
| Total funds | | 181,481 | 181,710 |

Exemption from audit


For the period ending 31 March 2025 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476;*
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.*

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small company's regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:


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Date: 18th December 2025

Matthew Thompson, Trustee/Director

DEARNE VALLEY BULLDOGS ARLFC COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1. Accounting policies

Basis of the preparation of the accounts

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 (FRS102) – (Charities SORP (FRS102)) and the Companies Act 2006. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value, unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Income and expenditure have been analysed in the accounts using natural classification, in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.6, SORP 2019 (smaller charities). The charity also meets the requirements for exemption from preparing a statement of cash flows.

Going Concern Note

After reviewing the charity's forecasts and projections and its reserves, the trustees have reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operation for the foreseeable future. No material uncertainties exist in the 12 month period following the signing of these accounts. The trustees therefore continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Incoming resources

All material incoming resources have been included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to the income, when any performance conditions attached are met, when it is probable that the income will be received and when the amount can be measured reliably.

Donated goods and services

Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts, at the amount the charity would pay in the open market for a service equivalent to that being donated, when the charity would otherwise have purchased them and the value can be measured reliably.

Donated goods for the charity's own use are recognised as income, at their fair value.

The contribution of general volunteers is not recognised as income in the charity accounts.

Resources Expended

All expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognised as a liability is incurred.

The charity is not registered for VAT and accordingly resources expended are shown gross of irrecoverable VAT.

Taxation

As a registered charity, Dearne Valley Bulldogs ARLFC Community Association is exempt from UK corporation tax on income from its charitable activities.

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Tangible Fixed Assets

Tangible Fixed Assets with a cost exceeding £1,000 are capitalised and depreciated over their expected useful lives. The rates applicable are:

- Computer Equipment - 33.3333% on a straight line basis
- Fixture, Fittings & Equipment - 20% on a straight line basis
- Property Improvements - 5 % on a straight line basis

In the year of acquisition, assets are depreciated for the full year.

Funds Structure

The charity maintains a general unrestricted fund which represents funds which are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity.

Restricted funds have been provided to the charity for particular purposes and may only be spent for the purposes for which they were given. Any balance remaining outstanding on a restricted fund at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on the fund, unless permission has been given by the funder to remove the restriction on the balance outstanding.

Funds relating to capital expenditure are transferred to a designated fund against which depreciation is charged. Other designated funds are established by the trustees, as appropriate, for specific projects.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS continued

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2. Tangible Fixed Assets

| | Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment | Leasehold and Property improvements | Total |
|-----------------------|---|--|----------------|
| Cost | £ | £ | £ |
| as @ 01-April-2024 | 21,078 | 190,690 | 211,768 |
| Additions | 11,559 | 3,000 | 14,559 |
| Disposals | (1,349) | - | (1,349) |
| as @ 31-March-2025 | 31,288 | 193,690 | 224,978 |
| Depreciation | | | |
| as @ 01-April-2024 | 7,118 | 34,728 | 41,846 |
| Charge this period | 5,802 | 9,684 | 15,486 |
| Disposals | (1,349) | - | (1,349) |
| as @ 31-March-2025 | 11,571 | 44,412 | 55,983 |
| Net book value | | | |
| as @ 31-March-2025 | 19,717 | 149,278 | 168,995 |
| as @ 31-March-2024 | 13,960 | 155,962 | 169,922 |

3. Debtors

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Debtors | - | - |
| Total | - | - |

4. Creditors

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Accruals | 850 | 750 |
| Total | 850 | 750 |

5. Independent examination and accountancy services

During the period, the cost of accountancy services was £850 (2024: £750)

6. Trustees' remuneration, benefits & expenses

Other than reimbursement of items purchased on behalf of the charity, there were no payments, remuneration or benefits made to trustees during the accounting period.

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7. Land & Buildings

A fifty-year lease exists between Dearne Valley Bulldogs ARLFC Community Association and Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council for the use, maintenance & upkeep of Ings Lane playing fields. Due to the restrictive nature of the land, no value has been assigned to the asset in the accounts. The Charity has built a clubhouse on the land.

8. Income from Bar takings

Income includes bar takings that arise from the sale of food and drink to members of the club during training and matches. The bar is not open for business at any other time, or to members of the general public, the trading is therefore ancillary to primary charitable purposes and is exempt from tax.

9. Analysis of Assets by fund

| | Unrestricted funds £ | Designated funds £ | Restricted funds £ | Total funds £ |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 2025 | | | | |
| Fixed assets | - | 168,995 | - | 168,995 |
| Current assets | 13,336 | - | - | 13,336 |
| Current liabilities | (850) | - | - | (850) |
| | <u>12,486</u> | <u>168,995</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>181,481</u> |
| 2024 | | | | |
| Fixed assets | - | 169,922 | - | 169,922 |
| Current assets | 12,538 | - | - | 12,538 |
| Current liabilities | (750) | - | - | (750) |
| | <u>11,788</u> | <u>169,922</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>181,710</u> |

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10. Movement in Funds

| | Opening balance £ | Income £ | (Expenditure) £ | Fund Transfers £ | Closing balance £ |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Restricted Funds | | | | | |
| BMBC s106 Solar Panels | - | 5,200 | - | (5,200) | - |
| BMBC WA Viewing Platform | - | 4,000 | - | (4,000) | - |
| Total | - | 9,200 | - | (9,200) | - |
| Unrestricted Funds | | | | | |
| General Reserve | 11,788 | 90,528 | (84,471) | (5,359) | 12,486 |
| Total | 11,788 | 90,528 | (84,471) | (5,359) | 12,486 |
| Designated Funds | | | | | |
| Fixed Assets | 169,922 | - | (15,486) | 14,559 | 168,995 |
| Total | 169,922 | - | (15,486) | 14,559 | 168,995 |
| TOTAL FUNDS | 181,710 | 99,728 | (99,957) | - | 181,481 |

11. Fund Transfers

| | General Fund £ | BMBC s106 Fund £ | BMBC WA Fund £ | Fixed Asset Fund £ |
|------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Fixed Assets purchases | (5,359) | (5,200) | (4,000) | 14,559 |
| Total | (5,359) | (5,200) | (4,000) | 14,559 |

£14,559 was transferred to the designated Fixed Asset fund to cover capital costs in respect of the building improvements and other assets, details as follows:

| | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| Lawnmower | £3,660 |
| VEO Camera for new viewing platform | £1,899 |
| Solar Panels | £6,000 |
| Building of new viewing platform | £3,000 |
| Total | £14,559 |

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12. Restricted Funds

- i. BMBC s106 fund – a grant of £5,200 received in 2024 to fund Solar Panels.
- ii. BMBC Ward Alliance fund – a grant of £4000 received in 2024 to build a viewing platform and purchase VEO Cameras to record matches.