

BLACKBURN UNITED ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB

TRUSTEES REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 15 JULY 2023

CHARITY COMMISSION REFERENCE NO: 1170573

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**BLACKBURN UNITED ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB**  
**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 15 JULY 2023**

**Charity Registration No:** 1170573

**Principal Address:** Room 10  
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**Trustees:** Zubair Desai (Chair)  
Mohammed Mogra  
Altaf Patel  
Iqbal Bhai  
Ashif Patel  
Farhan Bhola  
Ismail Mulla

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**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 15 JULY 2023**

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 15 July 2023.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Charity's Trust Deed, the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", issued in March 2005.

Blackburn United Association Football Club currently have 12 teams that play in the East Lancashire Alliance Youth League and Accrington Junior League, ages from 7 years to 18 years old. We also have two Senior teams playing in the Blackburn Combination League and a girl's team which is open to all ages.

The club also run a Football Academy that engage and coach children/young people of ages 4 years to 14 years in a range of constructive activities. The sessions are open for both sexes and take place at the St. Johns' Primary Astro Turf Ground, St. Marys College & Bangor Street Community Centre on Saturday mornings. Circa 200 children attend regularly engaging in a series of activities/coaching sessions designed to raise awareness in football skills, develop team work ethos and communication.

The club also hold several tournaments and have teams entering from all parts of Lancashire.

The club is solely run by volunteers and every year it finds funding for football kits, training equipment and transport a major challenge. The club is looking to find this funding through sponsorship.

**Structure, governance and management**

The Charity was established by constitution dated on 2 December 2016.

The Trustees who served during the period were:

Zubair Desai (Chair)  
Mohammed Mogra  
Altaf Patel  
Iqbal Bhai  
Ashif Patel  
Farhan Bhola  
Ismail Mulla

Blackburn United Association Football Club is a registered charity in the UK, number 1170573. It was founded in 1995 as a community football club and gained charity status in 2015. The charity is made up of 7 trustees, chaired by Mr. Zubair Desai. The trustees work on a voluntary basis and there is no remuneration for this. New trustees are appointed by the existing trustees. Trustees are required to disclose or register any conflicts of interests with the fellow trustees.

The charity has over 30 volunteers who assist in coaching and running the various teams and also help with the projects carried out by the charity.

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**Objectives, activities and public benefit**

Blackburn United engages with young people aged 4 to adults, predominantly residing from Blackburn, to provide sporting activities. Many of the children have not taken part in sport at this level before. With this in mind, the club in the past couple of years has put in place several initiatives to ensure that young people are able to fulfil their potential and skill in a competitive context and have the opportunity to compete at the elite level of sport. The future development of the club lies firmly with its ability to work at local grass root levels, showing the importance role sport plays in youth development.

We want to create safer, stronger and more respectful community links through development by increasing participation, the playing, organised regular football and providing role models, coaching leaders and officiating opportunities for parents and volunteers.

Getting young people, particularly the Asian youths, into grassroots sport is an overriding aim for Blackburn United. We feel therefore we are encouraging community cohesion between young people and showing that barriers can be broken down.

During financial year 2016/17, the charity held its annual fundraiser, which was an open invitation to all the community in Blackburn and beyond. This was a great success and brought together people from all backgrounds, ages and demographics. The charity hopes this will be an annual event.

All our male teams competed throughout the year in various leagues based on age boundaries. This was successful to engage more young people in competitive sport and bring together children from different backgrounds.

**Financial review**

The charity's main source of income is through voluntary donations and fundraising. The total income for the financial year 2022/23 amounted to £33438. The total expenditure for the financial year was £30892. This expenditure includes match fees, league registrations, equipment, insurance and other general expenses of running a charity sports club.

The charity has a no reserves policy and does not run on a profit-making basis.

**Plans for future periods**

The charity plans to continue with it's current good work, but also develop and expand operations to capture a wider audience and include more people from diverse backgrounds. Currently, we are planning to engage in more activities to include female participants from all ages. This includes organising a women's football and entering them in a competitive league, as well as looking into starting a women's netball team to participate in a local netball league.

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**Statement of Trustees responsibilities**

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity for that period.

In preparing these accounts, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the board of Trustees

**Zubair Desai (Chair)**  
Trustee  
26 April 2024

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 15 July 2023.

**Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner**

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- (i) examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- (ii) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- (iii) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as 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 matter has come to my attention:

- (a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act;have not been met; or
- (b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

IAS Associates Ltd  
Accountants and Business Advisors

Unit 8 Cunningham Court  
Blackburn  
Lancashire  
BB1 2QX

26 April 2024

**BLACKBURN UNITED ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB**  
**CHARITY COMMISSION REFERENCE NO: 1170573**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 15 JULY 2023**

	Notes	<b><u>Unrestricted</u></b> <b><u>funds</u></b> <b><u>2023</u></b> <b><u>£</u></b>	<b><u>Unrestricted</u></b> <b><u>funds</u></b> <b><u>2022</u></b> <b><u>£</u></b>
<b><u>Incoming resources from generated funds</u></b>			
Donations and sponsorships	2	33,438	21,044
		<hr/> 33,438 <hr/>	<hr/> 21,044 <hr/>
<b><u>Resources expended</u></b>			
<b><u>Charitable activities</u></b>			
Charitable activities	3	30,682	25,663
Governance costs	4	210	210
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<hr/> 30,892 <hr/>	<hr/> 25,873 <hr/>
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year</b>		<hr/> 2,546 <hr/>	<hr/> (4,829) <hr/>
<b>Total funds brought forward at 16 July 2021</b>		1,455	6,284
<b>Total funds carried forward at 15 July 2022</b>		<hr/> 4,001 <hr/>	<hr/> 1,455 <hr/>



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**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 15 JULY 2023**

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		4,211	1,665
		<u>4,211</u>	<u>1,665</u>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Other liabilities and accruals	7	210	210
		<u>210</u>	<u>210</u>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		4,001	1,455
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u>4,001</u>	<u>1,455</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>			
<b>Funded by</b>			
Unrestricted funds		4,001	1,455
<b>Total Funds</b>		<u>4,001</u>	<u>1,455</u>

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 26 April 2024

Zubair Desai (Chair)  
**Trustee**

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**1 Accounting policies**

**1.1 Basis of preparation**

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The Charity has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No 1 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is a small

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", issued in March 2005 and the Charities Act 2011.

**1.2 Incoming resources**

Donations and other income are credited to income when received. Any donations received in advance are deferred on the Charity's Balance Sheet, until being released to the SOFA in the year to which they relate.

**1.3 Resources expended**

used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the accounts.

Liabilities are recognised as resources expended as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs relating to that category.

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

**1.4 Accumulated funds**

The Charity's funds consist of unrestricted and, from time to time, restricted amounts. The Charity may use unrestricted amounts at its discretion. Restricted funds represent income contributions that are restricted to a particular purpose, in accordance with the

<b>2 Donations and legacies</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Sponsorships	9,000	5,165
Registrations and subs collection	14,881	12,724
Academy collections	9,420	3,372
Fun day collections	-	-
Presentation Evening	-	-
Merchandise sales	-	-
Donations	137	216
	<u>33,438</u>	<u>21,045</u>

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<b>3</b>	<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>
		<b><u>£</u></b>	<b><u>£</u></b>
	Charitable activities		
	Registration fees	830	845
	Insurance	-	245
	Professional Fees	255	20
	LFA Fees	-	355
	Pitch fees	9,835	7,880
	Tournament fees	1,281	1,602
	Football kits	7,953	7,512
	Venue hire	2,101	3,619
	Presentation Hall Hire	1,700	-
	Trophies	158	-
	LFA Fines	541	320
	Travel and subsistence	-	-
	Website	120	210
	Stationery	-	-
	Coach Hire	5,468	2,255
	Office Rent	-	800
	Sundry Expenses	440	-
	Total charitable activities	<u>30,682</u>	<u>25,663</u>

<b>4</b>	<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>
		<b><u>£</u></b>	<b><u>£</u></b>
	Governance costs	210	210
		<u>210</u>	<u>210</u>

**5 Trustees**  
None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year.

**6 Employees**  
The charity has no employees and is solely run by unpaid volunteers.

<b>7</b>	<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one ye.</b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>
		<b><u>£</u></b>	<b><u>£</u></b>
	Other creditors	210	210
		<u>210</u>	<u>210</u>