

NEWCASTLE BENFIELD JUNIORS FOOTBALL CLUB CIO
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 May 2025.

Structure, governance and management

The club is a registered charity and operates as a junior football organisation providing opportunities for children and young people to participate in organised sport. The Trustees are responsible for the overall governance, strategic direction, and financial oversight of the club, ensuring that the charity is administered in accordance with its governing document and Charity Commission requirements.

The charity was established under its constitution on 19 April 2017 and registered as a charity with the Charity Commission on that date.

The trustees who served during the period were:

Mr N Evans
Mr M Lumsden
Mr B Faetz

The appointment of trustees is set out in the Constitution.

The recruitment of new trustees is periodically undertaken by the Board, which follows an open and fair recruitment process taking due account of both the skills and needs of the charity and the desire for its membership to reflect the diversity of the local population. The Charity and its property are managed and administered by a board of trustees, which can have between three and fifteen members.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Introduction

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements for the junior football club for the season ended 2024/25.

Objectives and activities

The club's primary objective is to promote participation in grassroots football for children and young people within the local community, supporting physical health, teamwork, discipline, and personal development in a safe and inclusive environment.

During the 2024/25 season, the club operated a total of 51 teams, comprising 6 girls' teams and 45 mixed and boys' teams, supporting approximately 610 registered players across various age groups.

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Achievements

The 2024/25 season was a highly successful one both on and off the pitch. Sporting achievements included:

- 10 League Winners
- 1 League Cup Winner
- 1 County Cup Winner

These achievements reflect the dedication and commitment of players, coaches, volunteers, and parents, as well as the strength of the club's development pathway.

Beyond competitive success, the club continued to focus on improving facilities and infrastructure to support its growing membership and long-term sustainability.

Facilities and Infrastructure Improvements

During the reporting period, the club made several significant investments in its facilities:

- Procurement of a storage container to improve the secure storage of equipment.
- Delivery of a temporary office, improving day-to-day administration, safeguarding record keeping, and volunteer coordination.
- Development of a dedicated storage area for football goals, improving safety, pitch presentation, and operational efficiency.
- Creation of a seating and patio area outside the café, including additional benches, to enhance the matchday experience for families, spectators, and volunteers.

In addition, the club was awarded a grant for pitch and grass maintenance, supporting a four-year improvement and maintenance plan. This investment will enhance player safety, protect playing surfaces, and ensure the long-term quality and availability of pitches.

Future Plans

Looking ahead, the Trustees aim to:

- Sustain and grow participation across both boys' and girls' football.
- Continue the planned pitch improvement program.
- Further enhance facilities to support player welfare, inclusivity, and community engagement.
- Maintain strong governance, safeguarding, and financial controls as the club continues to grow.

Financial review

The charity's total income for the year was £252,991 (2024: £202,107), which included subscriptions, sponsorships, fundraising, and Gift Aid income.

The Trustees confirm that the charity remained financially stable throughout the season. Income was generated through a combination of subscriptions, fundraising activities, and grant funding. Expenditure was carefully managed and focused on coaching, facilities, equipment, affiliation fees, and infrastructure improvements aligned with the club's charitable objectives.

The Trustees believe the charity holds adequate reserves to meet its ongoing commitments while continuing to invest in facilities and development.

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Expenditure

The charity's total expenditure for the year amounted to £230,488 (2024: £143,677). The primary areas of expenditure included capital investment in new equipment, pitch fees, presentation day expenses, and general operational costs such as insurance, coaching, and administrative expenses. This allocation is in alignment with the charity's objectives and the strategic planning undertaken by the trustees.

Surplus/Deficit

The charity generated a surplus of £22,503 (2024: £58,430) for the year.

Reserves

The charity's reserves at the end of the year were £106,997 (2024: £84,494). This includes both unrestricted and restricted funds. The trustees maintain a reserves policy to ensure that adequate funds are available to support the charity's ongoing activities and commitments.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibility for preparing the annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom accounting standards, ensuring that the accounts give a true and fair view of the charity's financial position.

The Trustees confirm that this report has been prepared with due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on Trustees' Annual Reports.

Conclusion

In conclusion, this season has been a remarkable journey for the Benfield Juniors Football Club. We have celebrated numerous successes, overcome challenges, and laid the groundwork for future growth. Our heartfelt thanks go to our trustees, sponsors, parents, volunteers, and, most importantly, our young athletes, whose passion and dedication continue to inspire us all. The charity has reported an increase in cash funds to support ongoing growth and investments into the organization.

We look forward to another successful season ahead, filled with new opportunities and achievements. Thank you for your unwavering support.

Signed

Nicky Evans

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Trustee – Newcastle Benfield Juniors FC

On behalf of the board of trustees

Nicky Evans

Trustee

Dated 30 April 2026

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF NEWCASTLE BENFIELD JUNIORS FOOTBALL CLUB CIO

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 May 2025 which are set out on pages 4 to 6.

Introduction

As the appointed Independent Examiner for Newcastle Benfield Juniors Football Club. I have undertaken an examination of the charity's accounts for the year ended 31 May 2025. The purpose of this report is to provide an independent assessment of the charity's financial statements and to ensure that they comply with the relevant accounting standards and regulations.

Responsibilities of Trustees

The trustees of Newcastle Benfield Juniors Football Club are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for ensuring that the charity maintains adequate accounting records and safeguarding its assets.

Scope of Examination

My examination was carried out in accordance with the directions and guidance set by the Charities Act 2011 and the relevant regulations. It included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. Additionally, it involved an evaluation of the financial controls in place and an assessment of the accounting policies adopted by the trustees.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

The examination has been prepared on the basis of no audit being required by the charity in accordance with section 114(2) of the Charities Act 2011. The accounts are examined, but no audit opinion is expressed. The responsibilities of the trustees, and my responsibilities as independent examiner, remain distinct.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention which give me cause to believe that:

- Accounting records have not been kept in accordance with the requirements of section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.
- The financial statements do not accord with those records.
- The financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was based on the following principles:

- The financial statements were prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the applicable accounting standards and the Charities Act 2011.
- The accounting policies adopted by the trustees were consistently applied in the preparation of the financial statements.
- The examination included a review of the accounting records maintained by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements to those records.
- I assessed the financial controls in place within the charity and evaluated whether these controls were adequate and effective.
- My examination was conducted with due regard to the materiality and significance of the items under review, ensuring that all relevant information was considered.

Conclusion

Based on my examination of the accounts and the information provided by the trustees, I am satisfied that Newcastle Benfield Juniors Football Club has maintained proper accounting records and that the financial statements provide a true and fair view of the charity's financial position for the year ended 31 May 2025. There are no matters which require further attention or disclosure.

Zoe Lawson
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Date: 30 April 2026

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 MAY 2025

	Unrestricted Funds		Total	Total
	General	Designated	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Cash Funds				
Current Account	71,142	-	71,142	73,113
Team Account	-	35,855	35,855	11,381
Total cash funds	<u>71,142</u>	<u>35,855</u>	<u>106,997</u>	<u>84,494</u>

The accounts were approved by the trustees on 30 April 2026

Trustee Nicky Evans

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025

		Unrestricted Funds		Total	Total
		General	Designated	2025	2024
		£	£	£	£
Receipts					
	Sponsors	750	18,218	18,968	19,308
	Donations	-	743	743	1,263
	Subscriptions	122,187	-	122,187	117,683
	Fundraising	520	14,868	15,388	18,742
	Gift Aid Income	22,249	-	22,249	17,539
	Miscellaneous Income	8,080	858	8,938	5,387
	Internal transfers	2,476	32,253	34,729	6,713
	Grant income	24,249	-	24,249	861
	Presentations	5,540	-	5,540	14,611
Total receipts		186,051	66,940	252,991	202,107
Payments					
	Kit	20,071	26,738	46,809	31,629
	Equipment	7,325	1,704	9,029	5,764
	Tournaments	240	3,800	4,040	9,442
	Referee Fees	8,225	-	8,225	5,716
	Courses	2,732	-	2,732	1,680
	Fines	748	140	888	990
	Pitch fees	22,845	978	23,823	25,657
	Presentation & fun days	28,616	5,262	33,878	20,986
	League fees	11,085	-	11,085	11,970
	Coaching	1,732	-	1,732	-
	Software	3,823	-	3,823	-
	Capital expenditure	27,959	-	27,959	-
	Affiliation & insurance	3,004	-	3,004	-
	Internal transfer	32,253	2,476	34,729	6,713
	Miscellaneous expenses	17,365	1,368	18,733	23,130
Total payments		188,022	42,466	230,488	143,677
Net receipts (payments)		-	1,971	22,503	58,430
Funds from last year end		73,113	11,381	84,494	26,064
Funds this period end		71,142	35,855	106,997	84,494