

Trustees' Annual Report for the period	From		Period start date		To		Period end date	

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Upton Junior Football Club (Chester)
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Other names charity is known by	N/A
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Registered charity number (if any)	1172690
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Charity's principal address	30 Appleton Road
	Upton
	Chester
	Postcode CH2 1JJ

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)
Chris Disley	Treasurer	N/A	
Susan Terry	Chartered Standard & Compliance Officer	N/A	
Eleanor Rowlands	Secretary	N/A	

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)		

Section B Structure, governance and management	
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Description of the charity's trusts			
Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	
Constitution	Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation whose only voting members are its charity trustees.	10. Appointment of charity trustees (1) Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of 3 years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. (2) In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.	

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 policies are reviewed annually and published on the Club website. In addition to the Constitution the Club has policies that cover welfare, training and match day protocols, volunteer onboarding and financial governance. These policies are reviewed annually and published on the Club website. The Club is governed by an Executive Committee (the committee) whose members are elected in accordance with the Constitution at the Club's Annual General Meeting. The committee meets as required, usually bi-monthly and minutes are recorded. The Club has close ties with local football pitch providers including the Upton Parish Council, the Dale Barracks and a number of local schools and leisure facilities.	risks and the system and procedures to manage them. • trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them. • relationship with any related parties; • the charity works; • the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which policies are reviewed annually and published on the Club website.

Section C	
Objectives and activities	Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document
1. To provide a safe, inclusive environment for all its players to enjoy football and football related activities. 2. To provide coaching that is appropriate for, and of benefit to, all players regardless of their ability. 3. To support the Club's volunteers and ensure that they all receive the training and equipment that they need to perform their duties on behalf of the Club. 4. To provide strong financial governance thus ensuring that all the Club's financial responsibilities can be met. 5. To work closely with the FA at all levels and to uphold the values and principles of the Respect campaign	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) The Club is registered with, and affiliated to, the Cheshire County FA as Upton Junior Football Club (Chester). The Club is Accredited by the Football Association (FA) and in 2023/24 was awarded 2 stars; a reflection of the diversity within the Club with the inclusion of female and adult football in addition to junior football, which is predominantly boys. Purpose - The Club's purpose is to provide weekly football training and matches for Girls and Juniors aged 5-18 and Adults (18+), regardless of ability or financial status. With over 600 members, the club has established itself as the largest grassroots football club in Chester. As well as a recreational Vets team, the Club has teams that play in the following Leagues: • Chester & District Junior Football League (U18 mixed teams) • Mid-Cheshire Girls League • Chester Girls League • Cheshire & Wirral Football League (male adult league) • Cheshire League (recreational women's league) • Cheshire Football League (male adult league) Benefit - It is the Trustees' aim to encourage children and adults of all abilities to play football to improve their skill and understanding of the game, but also to provide them with an inclusive environment where they can make friends, gain confidence and nurture their physical and mental health. It is therefore the policy

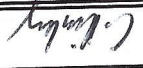
of the Club that players are encouraged to join, regardless of ability or financial status. The Club has a policy of providing financial support to any families who are unable to afford the annual fees. The Club also offers a training option for players not involved in matches. Public Aspect – all suitably qualified members of our local community are welcome to be involved in our Club, whether as a player, coach or volunteer. We liaise with all local schools to ensure a diverse and inclusive programme is maintained. Furthering our purpose – the Club is working closely with local pitch providers to secure adequate and appropriate pitches for all the players, of particular focus this season has been ensuring that girls teams play at pitches where toilet facilities are available. The Club continues to support the Chester league for girls which enables girls teams in Chester and the surrounding areas to play non-competitive matches locally and which has and will continue to promote girls' football, expanding participation and the benefits that brings. As part of the Club's development plan, we are consolidating on the substantial expansion in the past 2/3 years, focussing on training and equipping our volunteers to maintain consistency across all of our teams.	
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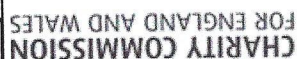
Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information) Volunteers - the majority of Club volunteers are relatives (parents, guardians, grandparents, siblings) of the players, and because of this the Club has a strong community presence and agenda. All volunteers are given the skills, support and qualifications required to fulfil their role, paid for by the Club. Volunteers are provided with Club attire which not only ensures their welfare while pitch side, but also fulfils a critical role in child welfare as coaches can always be identified as being affiliated with the Club. Coaching volunteers contribute on average 3-4 hours per week to training sessions and match supervision as well as pre- and post-training match preparation and administration. Members of the Executive Committee are also connected to the Club and their contribution is usually in addition to coaching. Executive Committee members can contribute anywhere from 3-20 hours per week to Club activities.	You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about: • policy on grantmaking; • policy programme related investment; • contribution made by volunteers.
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Section D Achievements and performance Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year: The 2022/23 season saw a similar year to the prior season. The Club: • Registered over 520 players and over 120 volunteers. • Secured considerable fundraising from local businesses to support our teams with match kit, supporting inclusiveness by ensuring that all players are provided with the same attire. • Secured funding to provide financial support to families facing financial hardship. Teams: • Upton JFC Girls section continued to grow with over 150 girls playing regularly across 9 age groups, 8 playing in the Cheshire Girls League and one training group. • The Upton JFC "Fooly 4 Females" registered 2 teams playing recreational football in the Inspire League. • Both the Open Age team's (over 18's) and the Vets team (over 30/35) competed well in their respective leagues. The Vet team was resurrected after not been able to complete the prior season.	Section E Financial review The Trustees review the accounts and bank position monthly. The policy is to
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Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves The largest threat we have seen to the funding of the club has been inflation with costs increasing in all major spend areas due to this (pitch, kit, resource etc). To enable the club to retain reserves in the coming season a small increase in fees was proposed and accepted by the membership. The Executive committee continue to look at consolidating pitch hire for training where possible to help mitigate the rising costs in this area in particular.		Details of any funds materially in deficit None	Further financial review details (Optional information) The Club's principal source of funds is membership fees, these are reviewed each year and set at a level to ensure the financial security of the Club. In addition, all teams are encouraged to fund raise to provide match kits and attire for their players. Where teams are unable to find these funds, the club assists with central fundraising. The main expenditure for the Club is pitch hire, this is fundamental to the goals of the Club, in providing safe and appropriate facilities for all teams. As mentioned earlier efforts have been made to mitigate this rising cost with sensible consolidation of teams for training as well as looking at more cost effective solutions without reducing the quality of pitches. One area of concern that has been addressed is the funding of the adult teams and the pitches required to play in the Cheshire League. This has been done by approaching local businesses for advertising around the pitch for an annual fee.
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Section F	Other optional information

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)	Chris Disley
			Susan Terry
Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc)		Treasurer	
Chartered Standard & Compliance Officer			
Date	18/04/2024		



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from

Period start date 1/7/22

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30/6/23

Last year

Total funds

Endowment funds to the nearest £

Restricted funds to the nearest £

Unrestricted funds to the nearest \$

A1 Receipts

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A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).

(see table).

Sub total

Total receipts

A3 Payments

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A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)

Sub total

Total payments

Net of receipts/(payments)

A5 Transfers between funds

Cash funds this year end

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

B1 Cash funds

Net Assets

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

Total cash funds

OK

Unrestricted

to nearest E

OK

Restricted funds

to nearest

OK

Endowment

to treat

[illegible]

Current value (optional)	Cost (optional)	Fund to which asset belongs	
0	0		
0	0		
0	0		
0	0		
0	0		

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When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Fund to which liability relates	
	0		
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Signature

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Date of approval

 CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES		Independent examiner's report on the accounts	
Section A Independent Examiner's Report			
Report to the trustees/ members of Upton Junior Football Club Charity Name			
On accounts for the year ended 30/06/2023		Charity no (if any) 1172690	
Set out on pages (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)			
Responsibilities and basis of report I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30 / 06 /2023. 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: 26/4/24	
Name: KEVIN DUTTON			
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): FCCA			
Address: 22 WEL LANE CHESTER CH2 2NL			
Section B Disclosure			
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.			