



Liverpool Schools FA (est. 1887)

Report and Financial Statements

Year ending 30 June 2023

Charity number 1174748

Liverpool Schools FA (LSFA)

Report of the trustees for the year ending 30 June 2023. The trustees are pleased to present their annual trustees report together with the consolidated financial statements of the charity and its subsidiary for the year ending 30 June 2023. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 & the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice ("Charities SORP") (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland; FRS 102) issued in October 2019.

Our Trustees

Mr C. Giles (Chair)

Mr A. Reidel

Mr S Price

Our Committee

Mr A. Reidel (Chairman)

Mr S. Price (Treasurer)

Mr S. Gow (Secretary)

Our purposes and activities

The purposes of the charity are:-

- To increase participation in schools football across the city of Liverpool
- To run schools football competitions for all primary and secondary schools in Liverpool
- To run representative squad to represent their city at a national level
- To provide valuable life experiences to the boys and girls representing their schools/city through football

The vision that shapes our annual activities remains the promotion and fostering of an appreciation of the benefits of football for the education and recreation of the school children participating. The charity also has the general aim of contributing to the quality of life of the school children of Liverpool by expanding their horizons through the provision of exciting, challenging and accessible sport.

In shaping our objectives for the year and planning our activities, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance 'public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

LSFA relies on sponsorship & income from fees and parental charges to cover its operating costs. Affordability and access to our competitions is important to us and is reflected in our pricing policy set out in detail later in this report. We endeavour to encourage all primary & secondary schools in Liverpool to take part in our competitions

The strategies employed to achieve the charity's aims and objectives are to:

- To provide regular schools competition events at the Liverpool Sports Hubs

- To fully organise officials / facilities for the schools competitions
- To manage the competitions / leagues on behalf of the schools
- To run 11 representative squads for boys and girls from u10 to u15s
- To enter English Schools FA competitions at all ages

Putting these strategies into action we have two major areas of activity which are: Schools Football & Representative Football. Our programme of activities in each area is described below.

The Government Coronavirus control measures put in place from March 2020 and which were still in place at year end meant that for a significant proportion of the year the schools football season was curtailed.

Schools Football

We sought to increase participation in schools football for a second successive year at both primary and secondary age groups. Focus was given to contacting all schools in Liverpool and providing them with information regarding the over 100yr history of LSFA, the importance of schools football within the city, the relatively small cost involved and the programme of events available to them.

Representative Football

We aimed to run as many representative teams across the age groups as possible. With all squads to be supported by volunteer qualified coaches, all of whom would have a valid DBS and be qualified in first aid and child safeguarding. Each squad would train together on a weekly basis & represent the city both in local district leagues and national ESFA competitions. We would also endeavour to take squads on tours either with the UK or abroad to provide invaluable life experiences for the girls and boys involved.

Our volunteers

The charity is very involved in the community and relies on voluntary help. We currently have 23 volunteers assist with facilitating the schools competitions and working with the representative squad. All volunteers are CRC/DBS checked & Child Safeguarding qualified and many are level 1 / Level 2 – UEFA level coaches. LSFA also has ‘Life Members’ – volunteers who worked with the Association over the last 50 years.

Achievements & Performance

Schools Competitions

Primary school competition increased again this season with 94 school teams participating in y5 & y6 football tournaments organised by LSFA. The schools are split by size to participate in Leagues (Small / Intermediate / Large) with six leagues organised at yr6 age groups and four cup competitions:-

Y6 Boys Small School League

Y6 Boys Intermediate School League

Y6 Boys Large School League

Y6 Girls Small School League

Y6 Girls Intermediate School League

Y6 Girls Large School League

With Cup competitions being run for as follows :-

Y5 Boys Cup

Y6 Boys Cup

Y5 Girls Cup

Y6 Girls Cup

The feedback from the schools, parents & children participating in these competitions was extremely positive.

Secondary school competition increased again this season with 64 school teams participating in y7 – y11 football tournaments organised by LSFA. The schools are split by size to participate in five boys & four girls cup competitions :-

Y7 Boys Cup

Y8 Boys Cup

Y9 Boys Cup

Y10 Boys Cup

Y11 Boys Cup

Y7 Girls Cup

Y8 Girls Cup

Y9 Girls Cup

Again the feedback from the schools, parents & children participating in these competitions was extremely positive.

Representative Squads

LSFA ran 7 squads to facilitate the most gifted & talented boys and girls from Liverpool schools representing their city and a local/national & international stage. 96 boys & girls were selected for the following squads :

U10 Boys

U11 Boys

U11 Girls

U13 Boys

U13 Girls

U14 Boys

U15 Boys

All Squads participated in the NW League, with the U11 Boys, U11 Girls, U13 Boys, U13 Girls & U15 Boys all participating in the English Schools FA National Cup.

Financial Review

LSFA continued to make a small profit of £4198 in 2023. We increased our cash reserves in 2023 to £25039 (2022 - £19233) – mainly due to an increase in schools participation and affiliation fees.

Reserves policy

The Trustees have reviewed the reserves of the charity. The agreed policy is to retain enough in reserve to run all schools competitions for the coming season and to retain sufficient funds to pay all competition & affiliations fees for our representative squads.

Principal funding sources

The principal funding sources of LSFA were again sponsorship from local business, affiliation fees from participating schools and monthly subscriptions from parents/guardians.

Investment Policy & Objectives

LSFA has no short or long term investments. Our reserves are held in a Barclays Community bank account.

Plans for Future Period

We expect to incur significant fees in the coming year with the requirement to pay for pitch hire where previously this was provided by the local authority free of charge. Increased schools competition affiliations and a drive to gain additional sponsorship for LSFA should hopefully offset this increase. Also following the success of representative squad tours in yr end 2023 both domestically & abroad we intend to continue such tours in 2024. These tours were covered by sponsorship of individual squads and parental subscriptions.

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Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities
(including consolidated income and expenditure account) for year ending
30 June 2023

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
<u>Income:</u>			2023	2022
Sponsorship	23895	0	23895	10000
Affiliation Fees	14910	0	14910	14610
Parental Subscriptions	53192	0	53192	10772
Income from other activities	0	0	0	0
Total Income	91997	0	91997	35382
 Expenditure:				
Schools Competitions	21379	0	21379	13224
Representative Squads	64812	0	64812	17959
Other Expenditure	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditure	86191	0	86191	31183
 Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds for the year	5806	0	5806	4199
 Reconciliation of funds Total funds brought forward	19233	0	19233	15035
 Total Funds Carried Forward	25039	0	25039	19233

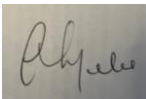
The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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Balance Sheet for year ending 30 June 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Fixed Assets:		
Current Assets:		
Cash at bank & in hand	25039	19234
Total Current Assets:	25039	19234
Liabilities:		
Net Current Assets :	25039	19234
Net Assets :	25039	19234
 The funds of the charity		
Unrestricted Funds	25039	19234
Total Unrestricted Funds	25039	19234
Restricted Funds		
Total Charity Funds	25039	19234

The Trustees have prepared group accounts in accordance with section 398 of the Companies Act 2006 and section 138 of the Charities Act 2011.

Signed : 

CARL GILES - Chair of trustees on behalf of the trustees

Approved by the trustees on 25th July 2023

Declaration by Independent Examiner: I had no access to the charity's books in conducting my examination but can confirm the integrity and credibility of the Trustees and their financial methods.



Audited retrospectively by Independent Examiner, Stuart St V Fitzgerald on 24th September 2024.