

Report of the Trustees and  
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30th June 2025  
for  
Northumberland Football Association  
Limited

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for the Year Ended 30th June 2025

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Report of the Trustees  
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The Trustees (who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006), present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30th June 2025.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and 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) (effective 1st January 2015).

Prior to its registration as a charitable company, Northumberland Football Association Limited, was a not-for-profit organisation, established to promote and administer the game of association football in the county of Northumberland. The company was formally registered as a charity with the Charity Commission on 30th April 2018, with a charitable purpose which continues its work to promote and administer football in the county of Northumberland in its pursuit of advancing amateur sport, health and education.

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

### **Objectives and aims**

These are for the public benefit generally but with particular reference to the inhabitants of the County and its surrounding areas.

- 1) to promote, develop and support community participation in healthy recreation by providing or assisting in the provision of facilities for the playing of the game and such other sports or physical activities which improve fitness and health;
- 2) to advance amateur sport by promoting the amateur playing of the game and such other sports or games which promote health by involving physical or mental skill or exertion and which are undertaken on an amateur basis;
- 3) to advance education (including academic and physical education) by such means as the Trustees think fit including helping and educating children and young people by providing facilities for the playing of the game and other sports as to develop their physical, mental and social capacities that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of the community.
- 4) helping and educating persons involved in the coaching and/or refereeing of the game by providing relevant tuition and/or resources; and
- 5) to relieve people with disabilities, learning difficulties or ill-health by the provision of facilities for the playing of the game and other sport, recreation or leisure time occupation in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the conditions of life of such people.

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## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

### **Significant activities**

I am pleased to present the Chief Executive's Summary for the financial year ending 30th June 2025. This year has been one of both consolidation and growth, as we continued to strengthen our governance, invest in grassroots football, and support our clubs, volunteers, referees, and players across the county.

### **Corporate Governance**

Over the past fourteen months, Northumberland FA has been working through an agreed Chair succession plan to appoint its first ever independent Chair. In April 2025, after a robust recruitment process, Steve Swinyard, was appointed to this role. Steve has a proud history of participation in the grassroots game and national league system, as well as serving on the current Board of Directors since 2020. This means that after eight years as Chair of Northumberland FA, Steve Ord will retire from his position at the Annual General Meeting for which this report has been prepared. No one should underestimate the time, passion, and commitment that Steve Ord has given to the position of Chair. We thank you for your service and support.

At the same time as Steve Ord leaves the organisation, Lauri Chandler will also retire from her role as Finance Director of Northumberland FA. Lauri has worked tirelessly since joining the County FA, completely redesigning our financial provision, putting in place almost every financial process the County FA currently leans on and giving us comprehensive financial security. At the time of writing, we are currently recruiting a new Finance Director with an appointment due to be made by September 2025.

Both Steve and Lauri leave an incredible legacy which has laid the foundations for the County FA to thrive as both a business and as the governing body of football in this county.

### **Executive Workforce**

Over the past 12 months we have looked to expand the workforce to provide an outstanding service at St Peters Sports Hub. Headed up by Helen Beales (moving into a Head of Operations role) and our General Manager, Andrew Coatesworth, we believe we have the right staffing structure to allow the site to thrive.

There were two key departures from the organisation over the past twelve months. Dean Buckle (Head of Compliance and Inclusion) left the organisation to take a senior position with Newcastle United F.C. Adam Williamson left the company to take a similar position within The FA. Although the loss of both Dean and Adam's skills and knowledge will be felt by the County FA, it is incredibly pleasing to see them leave for roles within the sector, as they continue to progress their careers. These changes led to the appointment of Kylla Sjoman as Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Officer at Northumberland and also the County FA making the strategic decision to join a centralised FA discipline service provision to continue our excellent work in both areas of the business.

I would like to thank the entire staff group for their work over the past 12 months. There has been considerable upheaval as we paved the way for moving into our new HQ, however, the group has remained resolute and continued to perform to deliver year one of our business plan. Thank you.

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### **St Peters Sports Hub**

On 18th March 2025, Northumberland FA officially opened St Peters Sports Hub in Wallsend, our new £4.5m home took four years from the point of inception to officially opening. Northumberland FA is proud to offer a first-class sports facility to a patchwork of partner clubs, giving more people the opportunity to experience the very best in facilities, both now and in the future. We thank our partners at North Tyneside Council, The Football Foundation and The FA for unwavering support in bringing the facility to life.

An agreed vision in opening the site was for Northumberland FA to be able to provide the game to participants. Since opening the site we have been able to provide the following opportunities to the game:

Ring fenced key Saturday morning usage and dedicated it to our Ability Counts league to provide playing opportunities to open-age pan-disability players.

Provided recreational playing opportunities for open aged players in the female pathway.

Provided first-class learning opportunities via our Coach The Coach programme including delivery from a current England national team coach.

Operated summer transition leagues for players in both the male/mixed and female pathway to help them prepare for their changing formats.

Welcomed key volunteers from clubs through our newly created club development workshop programme.

Hosted 21 County Cup finals across April and May 2025.

Offered our first ever formalised Walking Football Leagues for players aged over 55.

We are committed to developing the site in the coming years to ensure we can offer even more outstanding opportunities to the grassroots game.

### **Business Development - provided by Helen Beales (Head of Business Development)**

With the full opening of St Peters Sports Hub in January 2025, we have had an unprecedented opportunity to reach new stakeholders. With up to 100,000 people expected to use the site annually, the hub allows us to connect with an ever growing number of people - not only players, spectators and volunteers but also businesses, community organisations and residents. We have made great strides already in maximising the opportunities this new facility brings, and look forward to continuing this work in the 2025/26 season.

### **Marketing and Communications**

Spreading the message about the work that we do and the support that we make available to people through the game is essential and we have continued to further develop the ways we communicate with our stakeholders.

Our social media channels continue to develop and grow, with 32,000 followers across all our social media channels and 1.3m impressions. This has allowed us to both inform and importantly to start conversations about some of the biggest issues facing the game.

We continue to develop new and innovative ways to engage with people across our area, and over the past season have launched WhatsApp communities and increased our communications via email, giving our stakeholders the ability to sign up for information about the areas of the game they're interested in.

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We have relaunched our club secretary bulletin this season, which is sent out around twice a month and aims to include specific and relevant information that will help them administer the game and grow their clubs, develop their coaches and support their players.

Customer service is a major focus for us and the opening of St Peters Sports Hub has offered us an unparalleled opportunity to engage further with our community. We continue to strive to put customers at the heart of our organisation and have started to implement new customer service standards to help us manage enquiries in a timely manner.

### **Events**

Our annual grassroots awards were held in September 2024 at the Crowne Plaza in Newcastle, sponsored by subscription management software provider Club Supporter, who helped us welcome over 200 guests to celebrate the very best of the game, and reward our volunteers. We have exciting plans in place to grow the awards so we are able to accommodate an ever growing number of attendees, with up to 400 guests expected at this year's event.

This season's County Cup finals saw us welcome over 7,000 spectators to the 22 events in April and May - up from 6,000 in the previous season. In our first season at St Peters this was a learning experience for us and we have listened to the feedback from participants and spectators, which will help us to continue to improve our delivery of these events in the coming season. As ever we are grateful to the sponsors of these cup competitions - Newcastle Flooring, GMS, Collingwood, and the Football Safety Officers Association for their valuable support.

Our Newcastle Flooring Senior Cup welcomed an amazing 3,841 spectators at St James' Park, where we saw Heaton Stannington lift the silverware after battling it out with Morpeth Town. Once again we offered free tickets to children from both clubs, giving some of these youngsters their first opportunity to visit Newcastle's home ground.

### **Business Development**

Developing commercial opportunities continues to be a priority for us. We are fortunate to have several partnerships in place with companies such as Newcastle Flooring who support our Senior Cup; Collingwood who support our referee pathway and GMS who partner with us on our women and girls' pathway and their continued commitment to grassroots football is very much appreciated.

We have continued to explore opportunities to connect with business and organisations locally and nationally, in order to explore ways we can all work together and create sustainable, mutually beneficial relationships. St Peters Sports Hub has brought us additional ways in which we can do this; via advertising and networking opportunities and we will continue to build on this over the coming season.

We're delighted to have welcomed several new partners who have taken pitchboards at St Peters - giving them an opportunity to showcase their organisations to the many thousands of players, spectators, parents and coaches who will visit the site each year and highlighting their commitment to supporting football locally.

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### **Facilities**

We have worked closely with our colleagues at the Football Foundation over the past season to maximise funding opportunities for grassroots football facilities, with £932,000 contributed towards local football facility projects in 2024/25 across 51 applications.

In total 59 sites have benefited from grass pitch maintenance funding, with £2.83m committed towards grass pitch improvement over the six-year funding programme. The FA set a target of 161 pitches to be rated good or advanced by the end of season 2024/25 (assessed via PitchPower- The Football Foundation's pitch inspection tool) - we greatly exceeded this with an end of season total of 256 pitches rated 'good' or above. Working alongside The Grounds Management Association & our neighbouring County FA's, we hosted several grass pitch workshops, including an excellently attended machinery workshop at Gateshead Redheugh. We intend to build on these events in the coming 12 months to improve education across the groundskeeping community.

Significant club-led projects this year have included securing an investment of £91,000 from the Football Foundation for Newcastle Benfield Juniors (2\* England Accredited club), allowing them to conduct additional grass pitch maintenance on 9 grass pitches at Benfield Sports Centre. North Shields Juniors AFC (3\* England Accredited club) have also managed to secure significant investment across both John Spence Community High School and Collingwood Playing Fields, which will see grass pitch improvements to 10 pitches. Both clubs were also successful with applications to The FA's Howden's GameChanger programme, providing new refreshment facilities for both clubs to diversify their income streams.

Phase one of the Playzone programme is now well underway in Northumberland and Newcastle which will see small-sided recreational spaces, designed for community use, provided in the areas that need them the most. Playzones have been completed in Alnwick, Amble, Ashington, Bedlington & West Wylam, with several sites set to open during the 2025/26 season.

In the National League System, Blyth Spartans AFC successfully applied for £55,000 towards their conversion to LED floodlights through Premier League Stadium Fund, which will significantly reduce their matchday operating costs and ensure the club are sustainable for future seasons. Heaton Stannington AFC were also successful with applications to the fund totalling £48,000, to support the installation of new spectator WC's, provide new spectator accommodation and provide upgrades to their medical room and PA system.

We work closely with all stakeholders in the grassroots game to ensure there are enough artificial grass pitches to meet both current and future demand. We are currently working on potential projects across our area - in Newcastle, North Tyneside and Northumberland - with a robust pipeline of new 3G pitches planned, increasing both training and matchday capacity for clubs across our area. This is evidenced in the recent refreshes of the Local Football Facility Plans, which identify priority sites for potential investment.

### **Safeguarding & Discipline - provided by Andrew Cook (Chief Executive Officer & Senior Safeguarding Lead)**

The number one priority for Northumberland FA continues to be safeguarding, and this work is led, shaped and monitored by the compliance team. Northumberland FA's safeguarding work is underpinned by The FA's Safeguarding Operating Standard for County FA's and the work we do in this area is externally audited by the NSPCC.

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### **Discipline**

We have been able to provide an efficient but thorough Discipline service that has remained victim/complainant centred and has worked to achieve a high degree of sporting justice whilst working to support and educate those Participants and Teams where behaviour has been an issue.

This season we have:

Investigated 289 individual concerns, dealing with cases in an average time period of 21 days

Raised and administered the hearing of 162 charges of Misconduct

Administered 4,106 cautions

Administered 512 red cards.

Where it pertains to Misconduct charges, of the 162 we have raised, 156 have been found to be Proven by an Independent Discipline Commission on the civil standard of the balance of probability, meaning the County FA has achieved a 96% rate of charges raised being found to be Proven (a rise of 6% from last Season). Once again this is excellent and demonstrates that Northumberland FA works tirelessly to challenge reported poor behaviour and to achieve a positive outcome for any victim of Misconduct.

This Season we have also worked to emphasise education and to support those that require more resources to look to improve their own behaviour. We have:

Identified 56 Teams where they have accumulated 25 or more Penalty Points and have written to them to provide them with learning resources.

We have issued fines to 8 Teams who have accumulated 50 Penalty Points. No Team accumulated 100 or more Penalty Points.

Enrolled 15 teams onto an FA Behaviour Improvement Programme where they have been provided with excellent resources in order to improve their behaviour internally. No teams required further action plans.

### **Positive Football Ambassadors**

Following a successful pilot that was run in the second half of the 2023-24 Season, Northumberland FA recruited and deployed 12 Positive Football Ambassadors (PFAs) over the full course of the 2024-25 Season.

PFAs were sent to matches chosen at random or targeted (where there had been previous issues between the competing Teams or where Teams and their personnel had caused previous concerns for the County FA around their behaviour).

Northumberland FA's PFAs completed 230 matchday observations, therefore assessing 460 Team matchdays over the course of the Season. Internally, a KPI of between 200 and 300 matches was set prior to the Season, therefore this is a fantastic number and unprecedented for the County FA in terms of the number of matches observed over a Season.

The remit of PFAs was to independently observe matches incognito (although credentials were supplied should their attendance be challenged) and report back with their observations via completion of a Smartsheet form following the matches they observe in a shift.



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PFAs were asked to observe the following:

The conduct of the Team coaches

The conduct of the Team players

The conduct of the spectators

The behaviour (not performance/ability) of the Referee

The standard of the facilities that the match was taking place in.

It is a pleasure to report that the overwhelming majority of the above observed over the course of 230 matches was positive with:

96.7% of coaches behaving respectfully towards the Referee, and 94.1% behaving positively towards other Participants

Approximately 95% of players behaving positively

96% of spectators respecting the Referee and just under 90% showing support and behaving positively towards the playing Participants.

**Safeguarding case work**

Safeguarding case work continues to be a key priority of the County FA. This ranges from low level concerns through to higher level concerns and an array of cases in which multi-agency work is required, including LADOs (Local Authority Designated Officer), the Police and FA case management.

The list below illustrates the type of cases of abuse that the County FA has worked on in season 2024/25:

7 cases of sexual abuse including contact

5 cases of inappropriate sexual communications

3 cases of inappropriate non-sexual communications

2 cases of physical abuse

2 cases of peer-on-peer abuse

The serious cases listed above are demonstrative of the scope and breadth of Northumberland FA's work to ensure the safety of participants in the game. Reports are categorised as per 'best fit' and in the majority of serious cases, it's important to note that the alleged offence has happened outside of football.

Northumberland FA ensure each case is dealt with professionalism, diligence and care taken by the team on every single case. Safeguarding will continue to be our number one priority and moving forward, we have ambitious plans in place which will ensure the game in our area is safer than ever before.

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### **Football Development - provided by David Jones (Head of Football Development)**

The grassroots game continues to grow within Northumberland FA's region. There are more players, teams, coaches, referees, volunteers, 3G Pitches, and quality grass pitches, than ever before. In theory, all this growth is very positive, however those involved in the game will know it brings additional challenges with various stakeholders in the game still requiring more pitches, more referees, more volunteers, more coaches, and more playing opportunities, to facilitate a thriving local grassroots game. Achieving this, while also supporting and developing the growing numbers already involved in the game, requires Northumberland FA to continue to increase its football development output year on year. The NFA staff team continue to show creativity and commitment to maximise resources to provide various development opportunities and initiatives. This can only occur alongside the excellent local grassroots football community of Leagues, Clubs, Officials, Volunteers, Supporters, Facility Providers, Coaches, and Players, that all do so much for grassroots football.

### **Player Pathways**

As context, season 2021/22 was the first season online player registration was compulsory for all leagues and their teams. This has given us a more accurate picture of how many people are playing football, in addition to those taking part in FA Programmes such as FA Wildcats, Squad Girls, and FA Just Play. Prior to 2021/22 'Proxy measures' were used based on affiliated teams.

Because of this, player numbers pre-21/22 aren't comparable, so Table 1.0 shows player numbers across Male, Female, and Disability pathways since 21/22, and against Northumberland FA's target set by The FA. To provide further historical comparison, Table 2.0 shows the number of affiliated teams across the County since 2014/15. Table 2.0 doesn't include programmes such as FA Wildcats.

Table 3.0 shows the growth of Women's & Girls' teams specifically.

PATHWAY	MALE/MIXED	FEMALE	DISABILITY	TOTAL
PLAYERS 2021/22	19,026	3,609	311	22,946
PLAYERS 2022/23	21,351	4,246	282	25,879
PLAYERS 2023/24	23,325	4,476	266	28,058
PLAYERS 2024/25	24,554	4,936	335	29,825
2024/25 FA TARGET	22,538	4,891	286	27,715

Table 1.0 Player numbers by pathway against FA targets

SEASON	YOUTH (U5-U11)	YOUTH (U12-U16)
2014/15	555	468
2015/16	544	461
2016/17	588	470
2017/18	634	477
2018/19	638	471
2019/20	784	526
2020/21	756	544
2021/22	827	607
2022/23	837	593
2023/24	900	752
2024/25	952	744

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SEASON	TRANSITION (U17-U23)	OPEN-AGE/SENIOR	TOTAL
2014/15	83	380	1,486
2015/16	78	369	1,452
2016/17	76	379	1,513
2017/18	81	360	1,552
2018/19	79	319	1,507
2019/20	92	383	1,785
2020/21	111	408	1,819
2021/22	126	415	1,975
2022/23	88	432	1,950
2023/24	82	466	2,200
2024/25	92	575	2,363

Table 2.0 Team numbers by age category per season

**SEASON WOMEN'S & GIRLS TEAMS**

2014/15	132
2015/16	125
2016/17	152
2017/18	152
2018/19	164
2019/20	196
2020/21	209
2021/22	244
2022/23	270
2023/24	305
2024/25	365

Table 3.0 Women's & Girls Team numbers per season

Some highlights from NFA direct delivery of increasing participation opportunities are:

Launching the NFA Ability Counts League open-age divisions. Over 100 adults with disabilities are participating in a bi-weekly league, now hosted at St Peters Sports Hub.

Continued growth of the NFA Women's Recreational League. Over 200 women have participated in the league during 2024/25.

NFA Format Transition Leagues held once again during summer 2025, with both a mixed youth team and female youth team league supporting teams transitioning from 7v7 to 9v9.

Delivery of 22 NFA County Cup competitions.

**England Football Accreditation & FA Thriving Community Clubs**

England Football Accreditation is a driving force to creating a sustainable network of grassroots clubs able to develop and grow the game. Accredited Clubs are required to go through a renewal process each season. 100% of Northumberland FA's Accredited Club's retained their accreditation in 2024/25.

100% of Youth Teams are part of an Accredited Club.

80% of Adult Teams are part of an Accredited Club.

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Both Youth and Adult Accreditation levels are the highest the County has ever had. Data nationally shows more player/team growth occurs within Accredited Clubs. This suggests a potential link between the continued growth in participation and the work completed to continue to grow Club Accreditation within the County.

Northumberland FA have also been an early adopter of The FA's Thriving Community Club 'Club Programme'. This has provided some of our 2 and 3-Star Accredited Clubs with Club Consultants to help with 'off-pitch' support on matters such as Legal Structure and Governance, Community Engagement, Gift Aid, and Facility Development. This work will continue with all 2 & 3-Star Accredited Clubs completing a new online Club Development Plan to identify areas of need, with the goal of increasing the sustainability of Grassroots Clubs.

### **Coach Development**

Coaches are central to many of NFA's strategic objectives. Coaches are key to improving player experience, so people stay in the game longer; setting standards of behaviour on and off the pitch, making the game a better place for players, officials, other coaches, and spectators alike; developing players as both footballers and people, supporting people be the best they can be on and off the pitch; and inspiring the next generation of coaches to continue to grow the grassroots workforce to meet the future needs of the game.

To support Coaches, NFA continue to deliver one of the Country's leading Coach Development programmes. 'Coach the Coach' continues to offer a range of support to coaches helping develop a pivotal workforce beyond formal FA coaching qualifications.

In 2024/25 Coach the Coach included 26 face-to-face Coach Development events. Three of the events were delivered in partnership with Newcastle United FC's Academy, in addition to events delivered by FA Coach Developers, Northumberland FA staff, and guest deliverers, including coaches from Bolton Wanderers. This provides local coaches with high quality opportunities to experience and learn from the best as well as network with other grassroots coaches. Part of the Coach the Coach delivery programme was also two workshops delivered in four geographical sub-regions of the County to increase accessibility for all coaches.

In 2024/25 NFA were set the ambitious target of engaging with over 10% of the total coaching workforce, which includes anyone listed in The FA Club Portal with any type of coaching role. This was surpassed, however NFA will continue to strive towards engaging with more coaches from the grassroots game.

In addition to Coach the Coach events, the programme has also continued its podcast series 'From the Sidelines' and an online Hub.

The Lionesses Coach the Coach project also continued, providing a series of workshops for female coaches.

Coach the Coach also continued the Coach the Coach Academy into its 2nd season, specifically supporting coaches aged 16-24.

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### **Referee Development**

Referee coverage across affiliated league games is vital to support the growth of teams. In previous seasons the growth of team numbers far outweighed the growth in referee numbers, resulting in demand being greater than supply to service the game. For the 5th consecutive season, NFA have trained more new referees than ever before, with 180 trained in 2024/25. Table 4.0 shows how referee numbers compare with the growth of team numbers, and why, despite more referee recruitment than ever before, servicing the game remains a challenge. Table 5.0 shows total Referee Registrations, Recruitment, and Retention.

With year-on-year increases in recruitment, retention of referees (Referees re-registering for the following season) becomes a larger area of work. With more new referees completing the course and then not entering active refereeing, NFA need to implement interventions to help ensure those who qualify have the intention to referee and support them in doing so. A first step has been a new Expression of Interest process people must complete before being able to sign-up to a Referee Course. The impact of this will be seen in seasons to come.

Northumberland FA's Centre of Referee Excellence (CORE) continues to grow. In 2024/25, 23 referees successfully achieved a promotion in their referee level. NFA have increased their resources to support more referees work towards a promotion in 2025/26.

Northumberland FA's Respect & Reward scheme ran for its third season. The scheme enabled referees to give Respect Marks to teams' players, coaches, and spectators giving the fullest possible picture of behaviour in grassroots football. 2024/25 results remained consistent, with the data demonstrating how the vast majority of football is played in a positive environment. The average Match Respect Score being 9.1 out of 10, and 90% of matches having an average Respect Score of 8-10, compared to 1.2% of matches with a Respect Score of 5 or less. The scheme also allowed NFA to provide rewards and recognition to the best scoring teams, to promote positive behaviour, and reward match officials who had engaged with the scheme.

SEASON	TEAMS	REFEREES	REFEREES PER TEAM
2016/17	1,513	359	0.24
2017/18	1,552	411	0.26
2018/19	1,507	406	0.27
2019/20	1,785	372	0.21
2020/21	1,819	375	0.20
2021/22	1,975	437	0.22
2022/23	1,950	553	0.28
2023/24	2,200	632	0.29
2024/25	2,363	722	0.31

Table 4.0 Total team and referee numbers per season

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	TOTAL NO (INCLUDING TRAINEES)	TOTAL NO AT L7 OR HIGHER	RECRUITED	RETAINED (%)
Jan-22	429	283	113	239 (64%)
End of 21/22	388	367	N/A	275 (74%)
Jan-23	500	388	110	336 (75%)
End of 22/23	553	423	153	342 (76%)
Jan-24	620	473	150	388 (80%)
End of 23/24	632	630	153	393 (82%)
Jan-25	663	518	116	433 (60%)
End of 24/25	722	597	180	439 (70%)

Table 5.0 Referee Registrations, Recruitment, and Retention 21/22 - 24/25

**Youth Engagement**

Voice FC, NFA's equivalent of a Youth Council, completed its first full season. Voice FC provides a direct route for the views of young people to be represented within NFA's Governance structure.

The group are continuing to work on projects to support spectator behaviour in youth football and help more people aged under 25 get into coaching within a grassroots club.

The group are also provided with personal and professional development workshops to support them as aspiring leaders. Two members of Voice FC have successfully become employees at St Peters Sports Hub, with a further member successfully applying to join The FA's National Youth Council.

**Summary**

Despite the ongoing challenges facing grassroots sport, Northumberland FA ends the 2024/25 financial year in a strong position. This has been made possible by the dedication of our staff, Board, Council members, referees, coaches, volunteers, and the wider football community. Together, we remain committed to ensuring that football in Northumberland continues to thrive and inspire future generations.

**Public benefit**

The charity has read the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and is satisfied that the activities outlined above clearly demonstrates that the charity is providing a benefit to the public.

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## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

### **Financial position**

The results for the 12 months ending 30th June 2025 show a surplus of £44,975 compared to the surplus of £11,204 for the 12 months ending 30th June 2024. The surplus in the year represents 6.6% of total income compared to 1.8% in the previous year.

The County FA cash holding was £276,126 at the end of June 2025 compared to £297,557 at 30th June 2024. As of 30th June 2025, £51,615 of club insurances had been collected by the county compared to £30,246 at the end of June 2024. All funds will be paid to the insurance company at the end of the affiliation period.

During this financial year there have been several events that will have a positive long term financial effect on the County FA, no more so than the establishment of the Community HUB. Due to events beyond the County's control the opening of the Community HUB was delayed until the start of 2025 but even with this delay the combined organisations delivered a breakeven position and a positive cashflow.

The financial management of the County FA consistently maintains a cash balance representing at least 6 months of operating cost which is consistent with the FA guidelines for the size of the operation.

The County FA financial controls are aligned to The Football Association's County FA Financial Management Operating Guidance Manual all of which are reviewed, improved, and updated on a regular basis in line with the FA guidance. Each month a full set of Management Accounts are presented to the Board of Directors for review to ensure we are on track to deliver the 2025-2026 budget plan.

The County FA Team have delivered another strong financial year in conjunction with establishing the Community HUB. The combined organisation will generate more income that can be reinvested in the delivery of football across the county.

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Governing document**

Northumberland Football Association Limited ("NFA") is a company limited by guarantee. Incorporated under the Companies Act on 28th October 1999 (registration number 03867559) and registered under the Charities Act 2011 on 30th April 2018 (registration number 1178164).

NFA was formed under a Memorandum of Association (dated 28th October 1999) that established its objects and powers. It is governed under its Articles of Association (amended 28th September 2023) by a board whose members are directors for the purposes of company law and trustees for the purposes of charity law. The names of the members of the board who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 14.

Members of the company guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 to the assets of the company in the event of winding up.

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## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

As set out in the Articles of Association a minimum of three, but maximum of twelve Trustees shall comprise the following; the Chair, the Chief Executive Officer, the Financial Director, the Chair of the Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Committee, Independent Trustees, and any other Trustees appointed or co-opted. Not less than one third of the Board shall be Independent Trustees. New Trustees shall be recommended by the Nominations Committee and appointed by Trustees, following an open advertisement and recruitment process. The Trustees shall decide which suitably qualified person should be appointed as the Financial Director for such term and upon such conditions as they think fit.

The Charity has adopted a target of, and shall take all appropriate actions to encourage a minimum of 30% of each gender on the board and greater diversity by demonstrating a strong and public commitment to progressing towards diversity on the Board, including by adopting diversity targets, which reflect the diversity of the Charity's local area. The Charity shall publish its work to foster diversity on its website.

## **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

### **Registered Company number**

03867559 (England and Wales)

### **Registered Charity number**

1178164

### **Registered office**

St. Peter's Sports Hub  
St. Peter's Road  
Wallsend  
Tyne and Wear  
NE28 7BF

### **Trustees**

S Ord Chair  
A Rose-Cook Chief Executive Officer  
L A Chandler Financial Director  
Z Hingston Chair - Equality, Diversity & Inclusion  
P Cullerton Independent Trustee  
S D Swinyard Independent Trustee  
G Knight Independent Trustee (resigned 23.9.24)  
P Lucherini Independent Trustee  
S L Medcalf Independent Trustee  
S Shiel Independent Trustee  
C Waldron Independent Trustee



**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Independent Examiner**

P.S. Hutchinson BSc FCA  
Harrison Hutchinson Limited  
246 Park View  
Whitley Bay  
Tyne and Wear  
NE26 3QX

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

Approved by order of the board of trustees on .....and signed on its behalf  
by:

.....  
A Rose-Cook - Trustee

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Northumberland Football Association Limited ('the Company')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30th June 2025.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act 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
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

I have no concerns and 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.

P.S. Hutchinson BSc FCA

Harrison Hutchinson Limited  
246 Park View  
Whitley Bay  
Tyne and Wear  
NE26 3QX

Date: .....

Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 30th June 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	30.6.25 Total funds £	30.6.24 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>	4				
Football development		69,100	209,218	278,318	294,142
Football operations		127,204	35,389	162,593	138,522
Other		-	32,332	32,332	-
Other trading activities	2	163,517	-	163,517	159,400
Investment income	3	42,295	-	42,295	23,334
<b>Total</b>		<b>402,116</b>	<b>276,939</b>	<b>679,055</b>	<b>615,398</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Raising funds	5	226,432	-	226,432	230,933
<b>Charitable activities</b>	6				
Football development		89,830	209,218	299,048	301,894
Football operations		40,879	35,389	76,268	71,367
Other		-	32,332	32,332	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>357,141</b>	<b>276,939</b>	<b>634,080</b>	<b>604,194</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>		<b>44,975</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>44,975</b>	<b>11,204</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		320,308	-	320,308	309,104
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>365,283</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>365,283</b>	<b>320,308</b>

**CONTINUING OPERATIONS**

All income and expenditure has arisen from continuing activities.

Statement of Financial Position  
30th June 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	<b>30.6.25 Total funds £</b>	30.6.24 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	12	<b>207,013</b>	-	<b>207,013</b>	215,507
Investments	13	<b>1</b>	-	<b>1</b>	1
		<b>207,014</b>	-	<b>207,014</b>	215,508
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	14	<b>121,693</b>	-	<b>121,693</b>	58,168
Cash at bank and in hand		<b>276,126</b>	-	<b>276,126</b>	297,557
		<b>397,819</b>	-	<b>397,819</b>	355,725
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	15	<b>(151,662)</b>	-	<b>(151,662)</b>	(159,037)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>246,157</b>	-	<b>246,157</b>	196,688
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>453,171</b>	-	<b>453,171</b>	412,196
<b>ACCRUALS AND DEFERRED INCOME</b>	16	<b>(87,888)</b>	-	<b>(87,888)</b>	(91,888)
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>365,283</b>	-	<b>365,283</b>	320,308
<b>FUNDS</b>	17				
Unrestricted funds				<b>365,283</b>	320,308
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<b>365,283</b>	320,308

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 30th June 2025.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30th June 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

Statement of Financial Position - continued  
30th June 2025

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

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

.....  
S Ord - Trustee

Northumberland Football Association  
Limited

Statement of Cash Flows  
for the Year Ended 30th June 2025

	Notes	30.6.25 £	30.6.24 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash generated from operations	1	(21,431)	(92,246)
Net cash used in operating activities		<u>(21,431)</u>	<u>(92,246)</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		-	(1,230)
Purchase of fixed asset investments		-	(1)
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		<u>-</u>	<u>(1,231)</u>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>		<u>(21,431)</u>	<u>(93,477)</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period</b>		<u>297,557</u>	<u>391,034</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>		<u><u>276,126</u></u>	<u><u>297,557</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Notes to the Statement of Cash Flows  
for the Year Ended 30th June 2025

**1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

	<b>30.6.25</b>	30.6.24
	£	£
<b>Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)</b>	<b>44,975</b>	11,204
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Depreciation charges	<b>8,494</b>	8,395
Increase in debtors	<b>(63,525)</b>	(14,698)
Decrease in creditors	<b>(11,375)</b>	(97,147)
<b>Net cash used in operations</b>	<b>(21,431)</b>	(92,246)

**2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS**

	At 1.7.24	Cash flow	At 30.6.25
	£	£	£
<b>Net cash</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand	<b>297,557</b>	<b>(21,431)</b>	<b>276,126</b>
	<b>297,557</b>	<b>(21,431)</b>	<b>276,126</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>297,557</b>	<b>(21,431)</b>	<b>276,126</b>



## **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

Northumberland Football Association Limited is a charitable company registered in England and Wales. The registered office is St. Peter's Sports Hub, St. Peter's Road, Wallsend, Tyne and Wear, NE28 7BF. In the event of the charitable company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £10 per member of the charity.

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 Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1st January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Northumberland Football Association Limited meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s). The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

### **Preparation of consolidated financial statements**

The financial statements contain information about Northumberland Football Association Limited as an individual company and do not contain consolidated financial information as the parent of a group. The charity is exempt under Section 399(2A) of the Companies Act 2006 from the requirements to prepare consolidated financial statements.

### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income in respect of restricted and unrestricted funds included all amounts receivable in the period, including members affiliation fees and disciplinary income, coaching course income and grant income received from the Football Association.

### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

### **Allocation and apportionment of costs**

Support costs are allocated by charitable activity in proportion to the budgeted costs for each area.

## 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

### Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- 2% on cost
Plant and machinery	- 25% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% on cost
Computer equipment	- 33% on cost
Trophies	- 25% on cost

### Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

### Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds, which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees at their discretion for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

### Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

### Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

## 2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	30.6.25	30.6.24
	£	£
FA grants released	4,004	4,001
Marketing, communications & PR	42,185	44,411
FA Annual grant	24,372	22,404
Disciplinary income	85,256	81,939
Ground maintenance	7,700	6,645
	<u>163,517</u>	<u>159,400</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 30th June 2025

**3. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	<b>30.6.25</b>	30.6.24
	£	£
Rents received	<b>39,746</b>	20,276
Interest received	<b>2,549</b>	3,058
	<b>42,295</b>	23,334

**4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

		<b>30.6.25</b>	30.6.24
	Activity	£	£
Coaching income	Football development	<b>39,299</b>	30,305
Development income	Football development	<b>10,741</b>	5,115
Refereeing activities	Football development	<b>19,060</b>	27,739
Workforce funding	Football development	<b>209,218</b>	230,983
Members affiliation fees	Football operations	<b>84,937</b>	78,332
County cup competitions	Football operations	<b>32,843</b>	28,301
Refereeing activities	Football operations	<b>9,424</b>	9,350
Workforce funding	Football operations	<b>35,389</b>	22,539
Workforce funding	Other	<b>32,332</b>	-
		<b>473,243</b>	432,664

**5. RAISING FUNDS**

**Other trading activities**

	<b>30.6.25</b>	30.6.24
	£	£
Purchases	<b>38,922</b>	27,149
Staff costs	<b>142,143</b>	165,289
Support costs	<b>45,367</b>	38,495
	<b>226,432</b>	230,933

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 30th June 2025

**6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 7) £	Totals £
Football development	<b>44,467</b>	<b>254,581</b>	<b>299,048</b>
Football operations	<b>1,993</b>	<b>74,275</b>	<b>76,268</b>
Other	-	<b>32,332</b>	<b>32,332</b>
	<b>46,460</b>	<b>361,188</b>	<b>407,648</b>

**7. SUPPORT COSTS**

	Management £	Finance £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Other trading activities	<b>38,310</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>6,661</b>	<b>45,367</b>
Football development	<b>247,525</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>6,660</b>	<b>254,581</b>
Football operations	<b>68,226</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>5,710</b>	<b>74,275</b>
Other	<b>32,332</b>	-	-	<b>32,332</b>
	<b>386,393</b>	<b>1,131</b>	<b>19,031</b>	<b>406,555</b>

Activity	Basis of allocation
Management	Support Costs
Finance	Support Costs
Governance costs	Support Costs

**8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	<b>30.6.25</b>	30.6.24
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Depreciation - owned assets	<b>8,494</b>	8,394
Other operating leases	<b>16,766</b>	17,117

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 30th June 2025

**9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

In accordance with Article 23.2.2 of the Company's Articles of Association, the Chief Executive Officer is required to be a trustee of the charity. As Chief Executive Officer, Andrew Rose-Cook has an employee contract with the Company, and was paid a salary of £54,586 for the year ended 30th June 2025. No payments were for acting as a trustee for which he received no remuneration or benefits.

No other trustees received remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30th June 2025.

**Trustees' expenses**

	<b>30.6.25</b>	30.6.24
	<b>£</b>	£
Trustees' expenses	<b>1,889</b>	1,538

**10. STAFF COSTS**

	<b>30.6.25</b>	30.6.24
	<b>£</b>	£
Wages and salaries	<b>419,082</b>	418,811
Other pension costs	<b>10,201</b>	10,065
	<b>429,283</b>	428,876

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	<b>30.6.25</b>	30.6.24
	<b>14</b>	14

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

**11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Football development	63,159	230,983	294,142
Football operations	115,983	22,539	138,522
Other trading activities	159,400	-	159,400
Investment income	23,334	-	23,334
<b>Total</b>	<b>361,876</b>	<b>253,522</b>	<b>615,398</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
Raising funds	230,933	-	230,933

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 30th June 2025

**11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued**

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Football development	70,911	230,983	301,894
Football operations	48,828	22,539	71,367
<b>Total</b>	<b>350,672</b>	<b>253,522</b>	<b>604,194</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>11,204</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,204</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	309,104	-	309,104
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>320,308</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>320,308</b>

**12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Freehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £
<b>COST</b>			
At 1st July 2024 and 30th June 2025	<b>380,064</b>	<b>59,573</b>	<b>28,609</b>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1st July 2024	<b>166,686</b>	<b>59,573</b>	<b>28,609</b>
Charge for year	<b>7,585</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
At 30th June 2025	<b>174,271</b>	<b>59,573</b>	<b>28,609</b>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 30th June 2025	<b>205,793</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
At 30th June 2024	<b>213,378</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 30th June 2025

**12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - continued**

	Computer equipment £	Trophies £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>			
At 1st July 2024 and 30th June 2025	<b>42,067</b>	<b>5,161</b>	<b>515,474</b>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1st July 2024	<b>39,938</b>	<b>5,161</b>	<b>299,967</b>
Charge for year	<b>909</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,494</b>
At 30th June 2025	<b>40,847</b>	<b>5,161</b>	<b>308,461</b>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 30th June 2025	<b>1,220</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>207,013</b>
At 30th June 2024	<b>2,129</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>215,507</b>

**13. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS**

	Shares in group undertakings £
<b>MARKET VALUE</b>	
At 1st July 2024 and 30th June 2025	<b>1</b>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 30th June 2025	<b>1</b>
At 30th June 2024	<b>1</b>

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

The company's investments at the balance sheet date in the share capital of companies include the following:

**Northumberland FA Community Hub Limited**  
Registered office: United Kingdom  
Nature of business: Operation of Sports Facilities

Class of share: %  
Ordinary holding **100**

	30.6.25 £	30.6.24 £
Aggregate capital and reserves	<b>(55,506)</b>	(10,145)
Loss for the year	<b>(45,361)</b>	(10,146)

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 30th June 2025

**14. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	30.6.25	30.6.24
	£	£
Trade debtors	21,041	8,373
Amounts owed by group undertakings	88,127	17,284
Prepayments	12,525	32,511
	<u>121,693</u>	<u>58,168</u>

**15. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	30.6.25	30.6.24
	£	£
Trade creditors	15,416	34,736
Social security and other taxes	10,195	9,716
VAT	3,481	9,124
Accrued expenses	122,570	105,461
	<u>151,662</u>	<u>159,037</u>

**16. ACCRUALS AND DEFERRED INCOME**

	30.6.25	30.6.24
	£	£
Deferred FA grants	87,888	91,888

**17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.7.24	Net movement in funds	At
	£	£	30.6.25
			£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	320,308	44,975	365,283
	<u>320,308</u>	<u>44,975</u>	<u>365,283</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>320,308</u>	<u>44,975</u>	<u>365,283</u>



Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 30th June 2025

**17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	<b>402,116</b>	<b>(357,141)</b>	<b>44,975</b>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted Fund	<b>276,939</b>	<b>(276,939)</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>679,055</b>	<b>(634,080)</b>	<b>44,975</b>

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.7.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.6.24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	309,104	11,204	320,308
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>309,104</b>	<b>11,204</b>	<b>320,308</b>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	361,876	(350,672)	11,204
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted Fund	253,522	(253,522)	-
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>615,398</b>	<b>(604,194)</b>	<b>11,204</b>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 30th June 2025

**17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.7.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.6.25 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	309,104	56,179	365,283
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>309,104</u>	<u>56,179</u>	<u>365,283</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	763,992	(707,813)	56,179
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted Fund	530,461	(530,461)	-
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>1,294,453</u>	<u>(1,238,274)</u>	<u>56,179</u>

Restricted funds represent grants made to the charitable company by the Football Association which are to be specifically used as directed by the donor.

**18. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

The charitable company has taken advantage of exemption, under the terms of Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', not to disclose related party transactions with wholly owned subsidiaries within the group.

There were no related party transactions, other than already disclosed in the accounts, for the year ended 30th June 2025.