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**Trustees' Annual Report
for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023**



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Objectives and Activities

The Foundation was formed in 2018, consolidating some of the already established Community programmes at Sutton United Football Club to ensure that further activities could be provided to the Community through a shared passion, vision and expertise.

Our main objectives continue to aim to provide public benefit to the Community (Sutton and its adjoining boroughs) through Community participation in healthy recreational activities, but also to advance the education of children, young people and the public at large by the use of educational programmes, courses and facilities.

To achieve these objectives, we continue our focus on providing the necessary facilities and support, primarily centred at Sutton United FC, but also by direct engagement with the Community where they live.

The Foundation has always strived to provide a safe and secure environment and we continue to ensure we have an open policy on participation.

There are no barriers to entry by reason of age, ethnicity, gender or ability, nor are the local community prevented from joining due to difficult financial or social circumstances; everyone is welcome to come along and be part of their Community and hopefully improve their wellbeing.

In their ongoing operation of the Foundation the Trustees continue to have regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and are committed to ensuring this is upheld.



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Achievements and Performance

We have continued to provide those activities which were the bedrock of the first steps taken since 2018 under an agreed framework.

The trustees' skills and expertise continue to be utilised to develop a more cohesive and established range of community activities. The trustees continue to look at all avenues and ways of reaching out further into the Community.

Walking Football for the over 55's

We continue to provide a Wednesday morning session for attendees and the community at the local Goals Football Centre. These are provided all year round.

With an established group of well over 20 participants taking part, with all ages over 55, including 3 females, being represented up to and including those in their 80's, strong bonds and friendships have been made, as well as the obvious health benefits being achieved through participation.

We continue to engage with the football community at large and in particular we attempt to engage with our fellow EFL community teams to arrange friendly matches for the participants to establish and engage with fellow like-minded individuals.

We are also trying to involve those participants on first-team match days to widen and promote the sessions so that we can attempt to grow this offering further over the coming years.



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Pan-Disability Football

This area continues to be one where there remains huge interest and, under the inspiring leadership of Steve King, we now have three teams who train weekly on Saturday mornings with varying levels of learning disabilities and mild physical disabilities.

There are currently 50 players participating, with regular games and tournaments for all teams.

During the year all teams withdrew from the Surrey Football for All League. With player welfare and safeguarding a high priority, Steve and his team felt these issues were not being addressed, and decided that in the interests of the players, this was the best move.

Steve felt that the players needed a much safer environment and decided instead on formulating a new league with fellow disillusioned teams, this intervention and initiative allowing the formation of the Friendship League, with Sutton being at the fulcrum of this fledgling league.

The overwhelming aim of the section is to ensure that attendees' welfare is key, by improving their self-esteem, confidence, general health and social interaction through the provision of a safe environment.

We have several volunteers who help run this programme, one of whom works as our Special Educational Needs Schools Liaison Officer, with a remit to forge relationships with schools in the borough and encourage pupils to come and play at Sutton United.

The section continues to inspire and engage and remain a flag bearer for Pan-Disability Football and inclusion.



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Special Needs Schools Outreach Programme

We continued to provide our Special Needs Schools Outreach Programme for the Carew Manor Academy in Wallington.

These enrichment sessions are held at the school on Thursdays throughout the academic year, with 12 boys and 2 girls attending. The sessions are not solely devoted to football. The children can choose from a variety of activities offered, though most choose football as that seems to resonate best with them.

The participants found that the sessions, well delivered and organised, improved their self-esteem, confidence, social interaction and, above all, their fitness.

Our longer-term plans continue to look at the expansion of this offering to other Special Needs Schools in the Community, with the hope that ultimately, we will be able to develop a Children's Disability squad with a view to linking younger members of the Community with our successful Pan-Disability offering.

Girls Development Football

This is an area in which we believe that we can really grow Community participation and help school-age girls from Under 8 to Under 16 have a healthy lifestyle.

The programme runs on a Monday night throughout the academic year for girls from six years old up to 11. These extra sessions led to an increased take-up, with some 30 to 40 girls regularly participating, with over 50% of them also representing our teams on a Sunday.

The Monday sessions are based on healthy participation and having fun and those attending enjoy the coaching and urge their friends to come along too. We also now have open sessions for those aged 11-16 being carried out and are currently looking to grow these sessions through promotion and engagement with local secondary schools.



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Girls Football

We have now fully integrated the girls' youth section within the Foundation.

This is an area of significant growth and Sutton as a borough has a strong academic offering with many schools also continuing to promote Girls football which has continued to provide the club with a steady stream of participants and interest.

We promoted the section fully within the community including engagement with local primary and secondary schools to show what we can offer and how this can help those looking to improve health and wellbeing and the development of new friendship groups within the community.

Other Initiatives and Sessions Held

The Foundation, under the dedicated direction of the Head of Foundation, continued to engage with educators, partners and local groups to provide sessions for the community.

A number of key sessions were held, including:

- Show Racism the Red Card – a session attended by 120 pupils in September 2022.
- Super Dad's Project – sessions provided by ex-Sutton Player Damien Scammell aimed at Dad's looking to improve fitness and wellbeing.
- Sutton Community Farm – the Foundation has been working with the local enterprise to help the community with the cost-of-living crisis, making a donation of £2,000 to help them and promoting their activities, including horticultural courses for children with learning difficulties, within the community.



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Other Initiatives and Sessions Held (Continued)

- Sutton Community Works – The Foundation has been working with this group of churches to help with food donations and to promote their activities such as a shop. in a high street shopping centre that provides £25 of fruit and vegetables for just £4.
- Coffee Mornings and warm spaces – these are provided, at the club, as a drop in for anyone in the community and are supported by the Foundation staff.
- A number of literacy projects with local schools, including;
 - Little Box of Books – We worked closely with Leo Academy in Sutton and we co-hosted an afternoon with 4 schools at the club.
 - We added a Football and Maths Day to complement the existing literacy day.
 - Club Author Day took place in April 2023 at the club with 90 children attending and was an enormous success and the schools attending are looking to do more with the Foundation.

Financial Review

We are currently operating with minimal funding and donations, but continue to grow by looking at all avenues of funding available.

We have managed to control money and use it effectively to run our Community offering and programmes. With just one full-time and one part-time employee, we continued to rely heavily on our dedicated team of unpaid volunteers and helpers.

Our financial information, with details of how and where we have spent our money, is contained within the annual accounts on the Charity Commission's website.

We had £57,068 (2022: £45,799) left in the bank to continue our work at the year end and this amount is sufficient to meet our financial commitments presently, with £15,723 of that money earmarked for our community pavilion development.



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Structure, Governance and Management

The Foundation, which is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, is based on the objectives contained in our Constitution and on the people involved, their passion, willingness, knowledge and expertise.

New strategies and programmes are considered by the board of trustees.

We have also continued to make significant structural changes to our operations and board of trustees' responsibilities and we are in constant dialogue with the EFL Trust in that respect.

Most of the changes have been procedural in nature and we do not anticipate stopping any existing activities or programmes. We hope that we will be able to gain new funding to build and expand on our existing offerings.

We are governed by a group of trustees , who are vetted prior to appointment and new trustees are elected at regular meetings of the Foundation. The current list can be found on the Charity Commission website, those in office at the date of this report being:

Phillip Hedger – Chairman

Lee Daley – Treasurer

Russell Boots-Taylor

Kaylisha Archer

Martin Copus

Michael Joyce

Stephen Hyde

Sophie Sargeant

Paul Shiu

Trish Fivey



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We are assisted in these roles by:

Head of Foundation – Bobby Childs

Foundation Admin – Harry Dunne

Secretary – Nigel Griffiths

We also have a number of Volunteers who help us on a day-to-day basis with the various community programmes - without their help and dedication a lot of our work would simply not happen.

Reference and Administrative details

Please refer to the information above.

Finally, and looking forward

We welcome everyone who would like to be involved and appreciate any ideas for fundraising and opportunities to work with other sectors of the Community. If you have any ideas, please get in touch with the Head of Foundation:

Bobby Childs - 020 8644 4440 or by email to bobby.childs@suttonunited.net

We are "United in the Community".

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the Foundation's Trustees on 05 April 2024

Chairman – Phillip Hedger

Treasurer – Lee Daley

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

01/07/2022

To

30/06/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

| | Unrestricted funds to the nearest £ | Restricted funds to the nearest £ | Endowment funds to the nearest £ | Total funds to the nearest £ | Last year to the nearest £ |
|---|---|---|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| A1 Receipts | | | | | |
| Grant Income - NLT | 15,000 | - | - | 15,000 | - |
| Grant Income - EFL | 49,013 | - | - | 49,013 | 58,840 |
| Grant Income - Other | 15,100 | - | - | 15,100 | 31,550 |
| Grant Income - Covid-19 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sponsorship/Donations | 13,221 | - | - | 13,221 | 20,320 |
| Walking Football Session | 5,850 | - | - | 5,850 | 2,030 |
| Other Contributions | 3,468 | 15,723 | - | 19,191 | 805 |
| Girls & Women's Development Football | 42,390 | - | - | 42,390 | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total (Gross income for AR) | 144,042 | 15,723 | - | 159,765 | 113,545 |
| A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table). | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 144,042 | 15,723 | - | 159,765 | 113,545 |
| A3 Payments | | | | | |
| Part Time Posts | - | - | - | - | 1,260 |
| Full Time Posts | 52,548 | - | - | 52,548 | 36,661 |
| Sessional Workers | 5,215 | - | - | 5,215 | 5,120 |
| Facility Hire | 27,265 | - | - | 27,265 | 8,545 |
| Travelling Costs | 2,197 | - | - | 2,197 | 1,231 |
| Officials Fees | 2,900 | - | - | 2,900 | 680 |
| Coaching/Courses | 220 | - | - | 220 | 280 |
| Advertising | 2,735 | - | - | 2,735 | 4,072 |
| Trophies & Equipment | 22,926 | - | - | 22,926 | 5,728 |
| Other Costs/Grants Made | 7,246 | 25,000 | - | 32,246 | 9,034 |
| Insurance | 244 | - | - | 244 | 179 |
| Sub total | 123,496 | 25,000 | - | 148,496 | 72,790 |
| A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table) | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | 123,496 | 25,000 | - | 148,496 | 72,790 |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | 20,546 | (9,277) | - | 11,269 | 40,755 |
| A5 Transfers between funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | 20,799 | 25,000 | - | 45,799 | 5,044 |
| Cash funds this year end | 41,345 | 15,723 | - | 57,068 | 45,799 |

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

| Categories | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
|---------------|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| B1 Cash funds | Community Bank Account | 40,305 | 15,723 | - |
| | Floats Held | 1,040 | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | Total cash funds | 41,345 | 15,723 | - |
| | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | OK | OK | OK |



| | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
|--------------------------|---------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| B2 Other monetary assets | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |

| | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|----------------------|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| B3 Investment assets | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |

| | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|--|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |

| | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
|----------------|---------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| B5 Liabilities | Suppliers | Restricted | 15,723 | |
| | Nest Pensions | Unrestricted | 600 | |
| | HMRC | Unrestricted | 470 | |
| | | | - | |
| | | | - | |

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

| Signature | Print Name | Date of approval |
|---|---------------------------|------------------|
|  | Lee Daley - Treasurer | 05/04/2024 |
|  | Phillip Hedger - Chairman | 05/04/2024 |



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

SUTTON UNITED FOUNDATION

On accounts for the year
ended

30 JUNE 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1178888

Set out on pages

1 and 2 of CC16a (Receipts and Payments accounts)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30/06/2023.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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 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.

Signed:

Date:

05/04/2024

Name:

DEREK LANE

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

FCA

Address:

30 WILLOWBANK GARDENS

TADWORTH

KT20 5DS

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.