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**THE BOROUGH SPORTS GROUND**

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**SUTTON SURREY SM1 2EY**

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**Trustees' Annual Report  
for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024**



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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 continue 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 twice-weekly session on Wednesday mornings at Goals Soccer Centre in North Cheam. The session is for both men and women.

With an established group of over 30 men taking part, with all ages over 55 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.

Almost all the players said they thought their personal fitness had improved since attending the sessions and all stated that their general health and social interaction continues to improve.

In general, the sessions have greatly improved their fitness, made them happier in their retirement and helped them remember how much they enjoyed playing football when they were younger.

We have additionally involved the Walking Football attendees on our Foundation days, held periodically during the season, and these days have involved those attendees interacting with other teams for other clubs and building relationships.



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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 40 plus players participating, with regular games and tournaments for all teams.

All teams played in the Friendship League, a league which promotes the highest levels of players' welfare and safeguarding.

Additionally in June 2024, the section continued its legacy of being invited to the George Best Community Cup in Belfast, an event attended by some of the leading pan disability teams in the United Kingdom.

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 continue to maintain our links with the Special Needs Schools Outreach Programme for the Carew Manor Academy in Wallington, through our engagement with our associated coaching teams and providers.

These enrichment sessions are held at the school on Thursdays throughout the academic year, with boys and 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.

Longer-term, we want to expand this offering to other Special Needs Schools in the Community, with the hope we could 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 eleven. 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' Youth Development Football – Ages 10-18

We have now fully integrated the girls' youth development 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 Girl's 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 and with the additional resources of the community engagement lead, continued to interact and develop relationships with educators, partners and local groups to provide sessions for the community.

#### Local Schools

- Literacy projects with author Dan Freedman with local schools
- A math's project at the stadium with local schools and academies
- An AI project with author Nick Nurcock of STEM with local schools
- World Book Day including distributing books and having players involved from the main club side
- We hosted an HAF Supreme Education programme for five weeks
- A disability programme on behalf of London Borough of Sutton
- Provision of coaching to year 7-9 girls in three local high schools
- Attending local SEN schools to provide advice and information on careers etc.



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### Other Initiatives and Sessions Held (Continued)

#### Local Community

- Street Soccer Foundation 5-a-side on Saturday mornings for teams
- Free sports session in local community halls to engage children and parents alike, numbers here grew to well over one hundred different attendees in less than 6 months
- Sutton Community Food Banks – delivering and collection donations
- Smart Energy with the EFL, helping those manage the cost-of-living crisis and providing advice
- Engagement and provision of football coaching to Sutton's new Hong Kong Community
- 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.

#### Foundation Days

We ran a number of dedicated days at home league games, to promote and engage the wider community into who we are, what we do and to listen to ideas to help us understand better the local community needs and how we can address and improve that.

These days involved all areas of the foundation putting on events and promoting the foundation to its local community, additionally local dignitaries and key community leaders were brought along to ensure we can all work together to provide much more to the wider local community as a whole.

The days were very successful and allowed greater community engagement and off the back of these ideas and activities have been highlighted and are now taking place in the current year or are planned to start.





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### 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. We have 2 full time employees co-ordinating our deliverable activities, but we continue 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 £99,090 (2023: £57,068) left in cash and 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 longer-term community pavilion development.

### 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 were 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.





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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

Kaylisha Archer

Martin Copus

Michael Joyce

Stephen Hyde

Sophie Sargeant

Paul Shiu

Trish Fivey

We are assisted in these roles by:

Head of Foundation – Bobby Childs

Community Engagement Lead – Harry Dunne

Secretary – Becky Watson

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.



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### **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](mailto: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 22 April 2025**

**Chairman – Phillip Hedger**

**Treasurer – Lee Daley**

## Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period  
from

01/07/2023

To

30/06/2024

### 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Grant Income - NLT	12,500	-	-	12,500	15,000
Grant Income - EFL Core Funding	35,000	-	-	35,000	49,013
Grant Income - Other Funding	55,200	-	-	55,200	15,100
Sponsorship/Donations	8,710	-	-	8,710	13,221
Walking Football Session	6,535	-	-	6,535	5,850
Other Contributions	7,787	-	-	7,787	19,191
Girls & Women's Development Football	45,931	-	-	45,931	42,390
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>171,663</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>171,663</b>	<b>159,765</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>171,663</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>171,663</b>	<b>159,765</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Part Time Posts	-	-	-	-	-
Full Time Posts	51,350	-	-	51,350	52,548
Sessional Workers	1,887	-	-	1,887	5,215
Facility Hire	44,221	-	-	44,221	27,265
Travelling Costs	1,499	-	-	1,499	2,197
Officials Fees	2,916	-	-	2,916	2,900
Coaching/Courses	190	-	-	190	220
Advertising	1,959	-	-	1,959	2,735
Trophies & Equipment	18,096	-	-	18,096	22,926
Other Costs/Grants Made	7,274	-	-	7,274	32,246
Insurance	249	-	-	249	244
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>129,641</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>129,641</b>	<b>148,496</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>129,641</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>129,641</b>	<b>148,496</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>42,022</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>42,022</b>	<b>11,269</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>41,345</b>	<b>15,723</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>57,068</b>	<b>45,799</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>83,367</b>	<b>15,723</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>99,090</b>	<b>57,068</b>



## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Community Bank Account	82,865	15,723	-
	Floats Held	502	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>83,367</b>	<b>15,723</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK


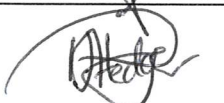
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

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

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Suppliers	Unrestricted	6,259	
	Nest Pensions	Unrestricted	739	
	HMRC	Unrestricted	802	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Lee Daley - Treasurer	22/04/2025
	Phillip Hedger - Chairman	22/04/2025



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

**SUTTON UNITED FOUNDATION**

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

**30 JUNE 2024**

**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 30/06/2024.

**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:**

**22/04/2025**

**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.**