

Hatters Heritage (Charity No. 1183061)

50 Half Moon Lane, Dunstable, Beds LU5 4AB

Trustees Report - AGM January 2022

Trustees

Roger Wash - Chairman

David Cain

David Cockfield

Philippe Hucklesby - Secretary

Andy King

John Kingham - Treasurer

Michael McMahon

Brian Webb

Background and History

Hatters Heritage arose as a result of the life-long passion, inspiration and endeavour of the founder and chairman of this Charity – Roger Wash, who over more than fifty years accumulated a vast array of memorabilia, data and stories appertaining to Luton Town FC and covering the whole period since the Club's inception in 1885.

The inaugural annual general meeting of Hatters Heritage as an Unincorporated Association was held on 18th April 2018.

On 23rd April 2019 registration as a CIO Foundation Charity was approved by the Charity Commission and on 10th October 2019 Hatters Heritage adopted that status.

Membership is open to anyone interested in the preservation and appreciation of the heritage and history of Luton Town Football Club. The trustees oversee the day to day running of the Charity and are recruited from the ranks of participating members of the Charity. The trustees seek the views of members, in deciding the activities to be run.

Progress since last AGM

With the help of funding from NHLF, we developed and launched in November 2020 what will become the most detailed and comprehensive football related heritage website in the UK.

Progress towards the achievement of this goal, carried out by a trained team of a dozen volunteers is already impressive: thirty-seven completed 'seasons' of match programmes (home and away); game action photographs, and newspaper reports have already been uploaded together with photos and profiles of every player since 1885. In addition, many videos of match action have been uploaded to the site plus items of memorabilia together with numerous features.

During the first year of operation the site welcomed over 15000 unique visitors.

The project has also been successful in reaching out to different audiences, enabling hundreds of people to engage with the heritage of Luton Town Football Club during the time of the Covid-19 pandemic. Membership of Hatters' Heritage is rising, 5,000 people follow the charity on social media and altogether forty volunteers are active in various roles on its behalf. The 'Family Roadshows' and the online 'Hatters' Tales' project, have demonstrated a commitment to develop participatory activity for the club's supporters in general and the society's members in particular. The trustees are fully committed to engaging with its supporters and audiences into the future when it will be possible to make greater use of the dozen touring exhibition panels, designed as part of the project.

Communication with audiences, volunteers and other stakeholders has been maintained and established through newsletters, e-mail distribution and the local press and media. An excellent working relationship has been established with a number of partners, most notably Luton Town FC. The club has been willing to promote the work of Hatters' Heritage throughout, issuing marketing materials via an e-mail distribution list to almost 30,000 supporters worldwide.

To enable the project to digitise the complete collection of 35,000 items in the next two years, the working practices of the board of trustees and the management of volunteers will be crucial. To this end, during the project, individual board members have taken on discrete roles, sub-committees have been formed and the Chairman has taken on an executive role, the better to oversee and manage the multiplicity of tasks now associated with the future wellbeing of the project. Trustee roles now include – web oversight, social media, safeguarding, financial development and volunteer support.

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Jan 2022

Hatters Heritage - Charity (CIO Foundation)

Receipts & Payments Account for the year

ended 31st March 2021

Period from
to 31-

	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>Bank Balances 1st april 2020</u>			
Current a/c	6,605.74		2,023.51
Deposit a/c	<u>12,453.37</u>	19,059.11	<u>20,412.90</u>
<u>Receipts</u>			
Subscriptions Received	1,576.00		180.00
Oroceeds from Social Event	0		180.50
Grant from Branson Trust	500.00		0
Donation	25.00		176.00
RW Ground Tour Fees	55.00		100.00
Interest on Bank Deposit Account	11.56		40.47
HLF Grant draw-down	<u>9930.00</u>	<u>12097.56</u>	<u>39,720.00</u>
		31,156.67	
<u>Payments</u>			
Membership Badges	0		179.44
Marketing Subscription	369.60		0
Bank charges	120.00		40.00
NLHF Project Expenditure	<u>26,086.96</u>	<u>26,576.56</u>	<u>43,554.83</u>
<u>Bank Account Balances 31st March 2021</u>			
Current a/c	4565.18		6,605.74
Deposit a/c	<u>14.93</u>	<u>£4,580.11</u>	<u>12,453.37</u>

Note

The National Lottery Heritage Fund Grant has now been fully expended, so all the funds now held are 'Unrestricted'.

Independent Examiner's Certificate

I have examined the above Receipts and Payments Account and it is agreement with the underlying Accounting Records

Nicola Abubacker BA(Hons), ACA
December 12 2021

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62,833.38

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