

CHORLEY FC COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CHARITY ARE:(1) THE PROMOTION OF COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN HEALTHY RECREATION FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF CHORLEY AND SURROUNDING AREAS BY THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR PLAYING FOOTBALL.(2) TO PROVIDE AND ASSIST IN PROVIDING FACILITIES FOR SPORT, RECREATION AND OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF SUCH PERSONS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABLEMENT, POVERTY OR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES OR FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC AT LARGE IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE.

Activities: Chorley FC Community Foundation exists to create and promote health and well being projects which are accessible and affordable for the people of Chorley and its surrounding areas.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Lancashire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£84,150	£74,470	-	-
2024-03-31	£52,361	£50,626	-	-
2023-03-31	£29,993	£26,320	-	-
2022-03-31	£11,568	£9,073	-	-
2021-03-31	£9,995	£2,117	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Darren Jenkinson	Chair	2018-12-14
Alistair Leggat		2025-02-10
Carole Ann Turner		2023-03-20
Christopher Gary Andrew Blackburn		2025-02-10
Craig Wilson		2024-08-12
Jamie Vermiglio		2024-08-12
Lindsey Ann Parkinson		2024-08-12
Paul Clarkson		2018-12-14

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UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT

for the year to 31 March 2025

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Report of the Trustees

Introduction

Chorley FC Community Foundation is the charitable community organisation closely linked to Chorley Football Club. We use the power of football and sport to bring people together, improve wellbeing, and create opportunities across Chorley Borough and surrounding areas.

The objects of the charity are:

- 1. The promotion of community participation in healthy recreation for the benefit of the inhabitants of Chorley and surrounding areas by the provision of facilities for playing football.*
- 2. To provide and assist in providing facilities for sport, recreation and other leisure-time occupation of such persons who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, poverty or social and economic circumstances, or for the benefit of the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving their conditions of life.*

In practice, this means that every project we deliver, from Soccer Schools for children, to Blokes United for men's mental health, to our Friendship Group for older residents, is rooted in these objects. We are committed to ensuring that sport and community activity is accessible, inclusive, and meaningful, bringing people together and improving health, confidence, and quality of life.

Objectives and Activities

Our Mission

To engage, inspire, and support people across Chorley through sport, education, and wellbeing activities, ensuring everyone can access positive opportunities regardless of age, background, or ability.

Achievements and Performance

This has been a year of growth and innovation. We directly engaged thousands of people across our programmes, with several projects exceeding participation targets and others evolving in response to community demand.

Headline achievements include:

- Appointment of a full-time Project Manager, building our delivery and oversight capacity.
- Launch of the Chorley FC Business Club, creating a platform for local companies to support community initiatives.
- Hosting our first **Christmas Day at Victory Park**, welcoming anyone who would otherwise be alone. The event received widespread local and national attention, including coverage from Sky Sports, and was embraced by the football family.
- Securing **National Lottery Awards for All funding** to expand activities for over-55s.
- Expansion of girls' engagement through camps and school sessions, **doubling original participation targets**.
- Establishing **Deaf Football sessions** in partnership with Deaf Village Lancashire and Lancashire FA, building towards Chorley FC's first-ever deaf team.

What difference did it make?

These achievements have created new pathways into sport and wellbeing, tackled loneliness, raised awareness of community needs, and given Chorley a leadership role in inclusive football.

Project Overviews

1. Holiday Soccer Schools and Camps

Our Soccer Schools remain one of the most visible and accessible programmes we run. Taking place during school holidays, they give children aged 5–13 a safe, affordable, and fun environment to play, learn, and meet new friends. Delivered with the support of Chorley FC's first-team staff and players, these camps are often a child's first step into football.

Impact: 3,942 attendances this year, with children gaining skills, confidence, and lasting friendships.

2. In-School Coaching

We worked with 1,868 pupils across local primary schools, offering:

- PE delivery in partnership with schools.
- After-school sports clubs, with strong demand across Key Stage 1 and 2.
- Free girls-only taster sessions, breaking down barriers to participation.

Impact: 692 girls engaged (more than double the original target of 300).

3. Matchday Experiences

We gave 460 children the opportunity to enjoy a Chorley FC matchday from behind the scenes, including meeting players, leading out the team, and taking part in half-time games.

Impact: For many, this was their first live football experience, inspiring lifelong connections with their local club.

4. Blokes United (Social Inclusion Football)

Blokes United continues to thrive, often reaching capacity with 50–64 men attending weekly. Sessions combine football with friendship, helping men improve their health and find peer support for mental wellbeing.

Impact: Participants describe it as their "lifeline." The group also now competes in 5-a-side and is a founding member of a new 11-a-side Social Inclusion League.

5. Play & Connect (Mixed-Gender Football)

New this year, Play & Connect grew from the interest of partners of Blokes United members. With Lancashire FA support, it has 22 members and weekly attendance of 14.

Impact: Creates a safe, inclusive space for adults to "get active without pressure."

6. Walking Football

Two sessions weekly, with over 50 active members.

- Tuesdays: rule-focused, mainly older men.
- Fridays: relaxed and inclusive, welcoming women, people with learning difficulties, and those with lower fitness.

Impact: Largely volunteer-led, the sessions provide both fitness and community. A highlight was a 12–12 friendly against Inspire Youth Zone staff!

7. Chorley Community Friendship Group

Formerly Sporting Memories, this group has become a peer-support and companionship space for older adults, including those with dementia or Alzheimer's. Averaging 40 members weekly.

Impact: A vital routine for many, offering conversation, belonging, and light activity.

8. Deaf Football

Launched in partnership with Deaf Village Lancashire and Lancashire FA. Average attendance 7 and growing.

Impact: Provides both sport and cultural inclusion. Long-term aim: Chorley FC's first Deaf Team.

9. Christmas Day at Victory Park

We opened our doors to welcome anyone who would otherwise have been alone. Guests enjoyed food, activities, and company.

Impact: Strong local business support, national press coverage, and Sky Sports feature — a powerful example of football tackling loneliness.

10. Chorley FC Business Club

Launched in 2024 and run by the Foundation, the Business Club brings together local companies to network, learn about community projects, and explore support opportunities.

Impact: Early feedback shows strong appetite for collaboration, providing a new platform for awareness and resources.

Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that we follow the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, as required under section 17 of the Charities Act 2011.

Our public benefit is demonstrated through:

- **Accessibility:** Free or subsidised sessions so cost is not a barrier.
- **Inclusion:** Programmes designed for those often excluded — older adults, disabled people, families on low incomes, and those at risk of loneliness.
- **Reach:** Thousands of children, young people, and adults took part this year.
- **Impact:** Participant surveys show improved wellbeing, confidence, and belonging. Adults reported a 97% likelihood of continuing and an average recommendation score of 9.76/10.
- **Partnerships:** Collaborations with Chorley Council, NHS, Inspire Youth Zone, Lancashire FA, Deaf Village Lancashire, and local schools help us reach those most in need.

In short, our activities clearly benefit the public by promoting health, inclusion, skills, and community cohesion across Chorley. Our programmes make Chorley a healthier, fairer, and more connected place to live.

Safeguarding

The Trustees of Chorley FC Community Foundation place the highest priority on safeguarding all those who engage with our programmes. We recognise our duty of care not only to children and young people, but also to adults at risk and anyone who may be vulnerable.

We operate under clear safeguarding policies, aligned with both the Football Association's safeguarding standards and Charity Commission guidance. All staff and volunteers undertake safeguarding training relevant to their roles, with enhanced DBS checks carried out where appropriate. The Foundation has a Designated Safeguarding Officer, supported by safeguarding leads within our trustees, ensuring clear reporting lines and accountability. Safeguarding is embedded in every aspect of our work. From holiday camps and school sessions to adult wellbeing programmes, our team ensures safe environments where

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participants feel welcome and protected. We also work closely with Chorley Council, Lancashire FA, and other community partners to share good practice and respond to concerns appropriately.

Trustees review safeguarding practice regularly, receiving updates from staff and ensuring that lessons learned inform future delivery. We are committed to fostering a culture where safeguarding is understood by all, acted upon without delay, and seen as everyone's responsibility.

Volunteers

We are deeply grateful to our dedicated volunteers, whose commitment underpins the success of our programmes.

Special thanks go to those who support our Community Friendship Group, Walking Football, and Blokes United each week. Their compassion, patience, and generosity create safe and welcoming spaces where participants can thrive socially and physically.

Quite simply, we could not do what we do without them. Their work embodies the spirit of Chorley and makes a lasting difference in the lives of those they support.

Future Plans

For 2025–26 our aspirations include:

- Rolling out our new over-55s programme with National Lottery support.
- Recruiting a part-time Veterans and Older Person's Officer.
- Establishing a formal Chorley FC Deaf Team and expanding disability football offers.
- Growing girls' football pathways, with more female-led delivery.
- Strengthening the Chorley FC Business Club as a platform for volunteering and sponsorship.
- Launching new parent-and-toddler sessions to address child health concerns in the borough and help families build healthy habits from the earliest years.
- Continuing to position Victory Park as a community hub open and welcoming for all.

Looking ahead: we will continue to listen to our community and grow our programmes so that everyone in Chorley, from children to older adults, has access to the benefits of sport, friendship, and wellbeing.

Financial Review

The Foundation had income of £84,150 (2024 - £52,361) and expenses of £74,470 (2024 - £50,626), leaving a surplus of £9,680 (2024 - £1,735). The Foundation's overheads and support costs are minimal and the majority of the expenses are on charitable activities.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have a policy of carrying minimum free reserves of £12,000 to cover two months' overheads and any unexpected costs. Free reserves at 31 March 2025 were £13,802 (2024 - £15,068), but as explained above, the activities of the foundation have increased in the year and going forward.

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Structure, Governance and Management

The appointment of trustees is set out in our constitution. Chorley FC Community Foundation is a CIO with nine trustees and is actively seeking to expand the Board by inviting local people who share our vision.

This year saw several trustees step down due to relocations or other commitments. Despite this, we remain committed to a strong and engaged Board that guides the Foundation, oversees quality, and ensures our programmes meet community needs.

The Board makes key decisions on budgets, marketing, and the strategic direction of the charity. Their leadership and commitment underpin our success and community impact.

Administrative Information

Chorley FC Community Foundation is based at Victory Park, Chorley, home of Chorley Football Club.

Correspondence address: Chorley FC Community Foundation, Victory Park, Duke Street, Chorley, PR7 3DU.

Chorley FC Community Foundation is a **Charitable Incorporated Organisation** registered with the Charity Commission under number **1183529**.

Trustees who served during the year

Darren Jenkinson – Chair

Paul Clarkson – Trustee

Carole Ann Turner – Trustee

David James Murphy – Trustee

Craig Wilson – Trustee (appointed 12 August 2024)

Jamie Vermiglio – Trustee (appointed 12 August 2024)

Lindsey Ann Parkinson – Trustee (appointed 12 August 2024)

Christopher Gary Andrew Blackburn – Trustee (appointed 10 February 2025)

Alistair Leggat – Trustee (appointed 10 February 2025)

Trustees who stepped down during the year

Simon Denham – (resigned 27th March 2025)

Wayne Richard Beck – (resigned 27th March 2025)

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Darren Jenkinson

Signed:

Name: Darren Jenkinson, Chair

Dated: 10 Oct 2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Chorley FC Community Foundation

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended (date) which are set out on pages 9 to 11.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed: 

Name: Christine Harwood ACMA
Chartered Institute of Management Accountants

Dated: *13.10.25*

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Receipts and Payments Accounts

	Unrestricted 2025	Restricted 2025	Total 2025	2024
Receipts				
Charitable Activities	40,912		40,912	24,749
Donations and Gifts	3,915		3,915	7,493
Fundraising income	569		569	
Other grants	2,586	15,715	18,301	17,190
National League Grant		19,195	19,195	
Sporting Memories	935		935	2,929
Youth Zone	324		324	
Total Receipts	49,240	34,910	84,150	52,361
Payments				
Advertising & Marketing	4,126		4,126	2,170
Audit & Accountancy fees	569		569	621
Bank Fees	408		408	323
Coaches	19,522	2,085	21,606	11,922
Consulting	3,862		3,862	576
Community Engagement				1,335
Donations	1,125		1,125	
General Expenses	1,457		1,457	
Insurance	386		386	369
Legal Expenses	274		274	
Pension	58		58	
Project sundries - bibs, trophies, tickets	3,794		3,794	1,616
Repairs & Maintenance	212		212	
Room/Pitch Hire		18,504	18,504	23,195
Staff Training	360		360	
Travel - National	269		269	306
Season tickets				468
Schools engagement officer	4,308		4,308	6,975
Sporting Memories Officer				750
Wages - Project Manager	9,776	3,375	13,151	
Total Payments	50,506	23,964	74,470	50,626
Net of Receipts and Payments	(1,266)	10,946	9,680	1,735

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	Unrestricted 2025	Restricted 2025	2025	2024 Notes
Current Assets				
Cash funds				
Current Account	13,802	12,340	26,142	16,462
Total Cash funds	13,802	12,340	26,142	16,462
Total Current Assets	13,802	12,340	26,142	16,462
Net Current Assets	13,802	12,340	26,142	16,462
Total Assets	13,802	12,340	26,142	16,462
Net Assets	13,802	12,340	26,142	16,462
Charity funds				
Current Year surplus	(1,266)	10,946	9,680	1,735
Funds brought forward	15,068	1,394	16,462	14,727
Total Charity funds	13,802	12,340	26,142	16,462

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**Approved by Chorley FC Community Foundation Trustees and signed on their behalf
by Darren Jenkinson (Chair).**

Darren Jenkinson

_____ **Signed**

10 Oct 2025

_____ **Dated**

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Notes to the Financial Statements

1 Restricted Funds

RESTRICTED FUND MOVEMENT YEAR TO 31ST MARCH 2025

	Balance 01/04/2024	Received During year	Paid in year	Balance 31/03/2025
National League	1,394.00	19,195.00	20,589.00	-
Miller		500.00		500.00
National Lottery		15,215.00	3,375.00	11,840.00
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	<u>1,394.00</u>	<u>34,910.00</u>	<u>23,964.00</u>	<u>12,340.00</u>



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Report of the Trustees

Objectives, Activities, and Achievements

The Trustees of Chorley FC Community Foundation are pleased to present the annual report for the year ending March 31, 2024. The Foundation's key objectives remain rooted in promoting community participation in sports, fostering social inclusion, and supporting physical and mental health. Through the power of football, the Foundation seeks to inspire individuals across Chorley and surrounding areas to lead healthier, more connected lives.

Key Objectives:

The principal activities of the organisation ('the charity's objectives') and Objectives of the Foundation are: "to benefit the inhabitants of Chorley and surrounding areas":

(1) The promotion of community participation in healthy recreation, for the benefit of the inhabitants of Chorley and surrounding areas, by the provision of facilities for playing football.

(2) To provide and assist in providing facilities for sport, recreation and other leisure time occupation of such persons who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, poverty or social and economic circumstances or for the benefit of the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving their conditions of life.

Our range of programmes, including Walking Football, Social Inclusion Football, and Soccer Schools, aims to increase physical activity for all ages, especially targeting those facing barriers to participation. The Foundation's collaboration with local schools through PE supplements, after-school clubs, and educational activities instills life skills such as teamwork, leadership, and discipline, helping children and young people develop holistically.

Through inclusive programmes such as Sporting Memories and Blokes United, the Foundation ensures that those experiencing social isolation, mental health challenges, or physical limitations have opportunities to engage in community sports.

Key Achievements

During 2023-2024, Chorley FC Community Foundation saw remarkable growth across all areas of its work, expanding its reach and impact on the local community.

Walking Football: Averaging 35 participants per week, the Walking Football programme catered to individuals over 50, offering them a structured yet low-impact form of exercise. Participants noted improvements in physical fitness and reported feeling more socially connected. One attendee shared, "This is the highlight of my week. I look forward to it because it's my main social interaction."

Social Inclusion Football (Blokes United): With three active strands, including Turn Up and Play sessions, a 5-a-side team, and 11-a-side matches, Blokes United continues to grow in popularity, averaging 50 participants weekly. The programme provides a crucial support network for men, promoting both physical health and mental well-being. A participant reflected, "Being part of Blokes United is the highlight of my week. Without it, I'd probably be at home feeling down."

Sporting Memories: With between 35-45 regular participants, this programme brought together older adults to share their love of sports, reminisce, and engage in light physical activity. Sporting Memories has proven effective in combating loneliness and enhancing mental well-being for those at risk of social isolation.

Youth Engagement: Through its school-based programmes and Holiday Soccer Schools, the Foundation reached over 600 children, providing opportunities for personal development, fitness, and inspiration. Feedback from both students and teachers was overwhelmingly positive, with many schools continuing to request after-school and PE supplement sessions.

Public Benefit

In accordance with the Charities Act 2011, Chorley FC Community Foundation ensures that all of its activities provide demonstrable public benefit. The programmes are designed to address key social challenges in the Chorley area, including social isolation, lack of physical activity, and limited access to recreational facilities for disadvantaged groups.

Through the Walking Football initiative, the Foundation successfully combats loneliness and supports older individuals in maintaining their physical health. Similarly, Blokes United provides men in the community with a crucial space for both physical exercise and emotional support, helping to alleviate mental health challenges.

The Foundation's work with schools through PE supplements and after-school programmes fosters inclusivity and engagement, giving children from all backgrounds opportunities to develop their physical and social skills. This year, the Foundation saw a notable increase in participation from girls in football, with more mixed and girls-only teams involved in tournaments.

These projects highlight the Foundation's commitment to providing public benefit by supporting the health, well-being, and inclusion of all members of the Chorley community.

Achievement and Performance

Chorley FC Community Foundation has made significant strides over the past year, achieving outstanding results across multiple areas of its work. This section details the Foundation's achievements, the performance of key programmes, and the tangible impact these initiatives have had on the local community.

Sports Participation and Physical Activity

The Foundation continues to prioritise sports participation and physical activity as tools for promoting physical and mental health. Key initiatives such as Walking Football, Blokes United, and the Youth Soccer Schools saw considerable growth in participation and outcomes.

Walking Football: This programme has expanded significantly, with two weekly sessions now attracting an average of 35 participants, many of whom are over the age of 50. The programme offers structured physical activity and opportunities for social engagement. A participant shared, *"This is the highlight of my week. I look forward to it because it's my main social interaction."* Given its popularity, the Foundation is exploring the introduction of a competitive strand, which could include league training and inter-club competitions.

Blokes United: This social inclusion football initiative has seen consistent growth, with an average of 50 men attending weekly. The programme offers both recreational and competitive football, as well as emotional support and community-building activities. Many participants have commented on the positive impact the sessions have had on their mental health, with one participant noting, *"Honestly, just being there tonight has helped me mentally. I was nervous as anything, but the benefits are going to be huge for me in the coming months."* The programme's success has led to Chorley FC's involvement in a pilot 11-a-side Social Inclusion league, which will expand into a full league in the 2024/25 season.

Holiday Soccer Schools and After-School Clubs: These programmes reached over 600 children during the year, with participation steadily increasing due to high demand from local schools. The Foundation introduced multi-sport PE sessions to complement football coaching, providing broader access to physical activities. Feedback from schools has been overwhelmingly positive, with many praising the quality of coaching and its positive influence on student engagement and teamwork.

Community Engagement

The Foundation has successfully strengthened its relationship with the local community by offering diverse programmes that cater to different demographic groups.

Sporting Memories: This programme continues to be a flagship initiative for the Foundation, attracting 35-45 participants weekly. Sporting Memories provides a welcoming environment where participants can reminisce about sports, engage in light exercises, and share stories. These sessions have been instrumental in combating loneliness, particularly for those dealing with dementia or Alzheimer's. One participant noted, *"If we lost this group, there would be a great void in our lives."* The programme has become a model for other similar groups across Lancashire, and its popularity continues to grow.

Matchday Experiences and School Engagement: The Foundation has worked closely with Chorley FC to offer free matchday experiences for school children, inspiring a new generation of football fans. The initiative allowed children to attend matches, interact with players, and feel more connected to their local team. Feedback from both students and teachers has highlighted the positive impact this has had on school engagement and students' connection to sport.

Mental Health and Well-being

A core aim of the Foundation's work is improving the mental health and well-being of its participants. The programmes offered are designed not only to provide physical exercise but also to foster community, reduce social isolation, and support those struggling with mental health challenges.

Blokes United: This programme has been a cornerstone of the Foundation's efforts to address male mental health. Through football, the initiative creates a safe space for men to engage in physical activity and share their experiences. The strong sense of community fostered by Blokes United has been transformative for many participants, with numerous testimonials highlighting the programme's impact on improving mental health.

Walking Football and Sporting Memories: Both of these programmes have shown clear evidence of improving participants' well-being, providing opportunities for social interaction, physical activity, and community support. Feedback from participants has consistently indicated that these sessions are crucial in helping them maintain positive mental health and stay connected to their community.

Education and Skills Development

The Foundation places a strong emphasis on using football as a medium for education, particularly in schools. The PE supplements and after-school clubs have become integral parts of the curriculum in several Chorley primary schools, with sessions focusing on teamwork, communication, and leadership.

Primary School Engagement: During the 2023/24 season, the Foundation expanded its focus to include Key Stage 1 students, offering free sessions and appearances by Chorley FC players who shared their personal journeys from school to professional football. This initiative has enhanced the Foundation's reach and strengthened its connection with local schools, ensuring that football and physical education remain accessible to all students.

Skill Development through Football: The Foundation's work with younger participants has demonstrated tangible improvements in both technical football skills and essential life skills such as resilience, leadership, and teamwork. Feedback from teachers and parents has been overwhelmingly positive, with many highlighting the programme's role in developing students' confidence and discipline.

Summary of Key Metrics and Outcomes:

Walking Football: Average weekly attendance of 35 participants, with potential expansion into competitive play.

Blokes United: 50 men attending weekly, with ongoing expansion into a social inclusion league.

Sporting Memories: Consistent attendance of 35-45 participants, providing vital social and mental health support.

Youth Programmes: Over 600 children engaged through Soccer Schools and school-based initiatives.

Supporting the Wider Community

In partnership with Chorley FC and The Magpies Trust, the Foundation has been committed to raising awareness of important causes within the local community. This year, we supported two major awareness days at Victory Park. The "Helping Hannah" campaign raised awareness of cancer, following the diagnosis of one of our player's wives, and highlighted the impact of the illness on families. Through this initiative, we were able to generate vital support for Hannah and her family, with funds raised making a meaningful impact on their journey.

Additionally, we marked World Down Syndrome Day by collaborating with local organisations to promote inclusivity and celebrate the lives of those with Down syndrome, raising awareness both on matchday and through community activities. Looking ahead, the Foundation is committed to trebling the number of awareness days held at the club and within the community over the next year, further enhancing our role in supporting those facing life-changing challenges.

Andy's Man Club at Victory Park

We're proud to support the establishment of an Andy's Man Club at Victory Park, offering men a safe space to openly discuss their mental health. While the group runs independently, the Foundation provides volunteer support for setting up and, through our relationship with Chorley FC, ensures they have free use of the Social Club for their meetings. This year, we hosted an Andy's Man Club football tournament at Victory Park, with 8 teams and over 60 participants taking part in 6-a-side matches. The day was a huge success, bringing people together to enjoy football and raise awareness about men's mental health, while strengthening the sense of community across the North West.

Future Plans

Looking ahead, Chorley FC Community Foundation is committed to expanding its reach and deepening the impact of its programmes on the Chorley community. The Foundation has identified several key areas for growth, which will enable it to provide even greater support to individuals from diverse backgrounds and those facing specific barriers to participation.

One of our most exciting future developments is the potential expansion into disability football. We are currently awaiting a funding decision that, if successful, will allow us to significantly increase our provision by launching Chorley FC's first-ever deaf football team. This initiative is aligned with our mission to make football and physical activity accessible to everyone, regardless of ability. Additionally, we plan to broaden our focus on girls' football, building on the growing interest and participation from girls in our current programmes and tournaments.

In order to achieve these ambitious goals, the Foundation plans to increase staff capacity. By expanding staff hours, we will be able to accommodate more beneficiaries across our various initiatives, including Walking Football, Social Inclusion Football, and Sporting Memories, all of which have seen significant demand and impact over the past year. Increasing our staff resources will allow us to deliver more sessions, expand to new venues, and engage with a larger number of participants in both schools and community programmes.

In addition to expanding our staff and programme offerings, the Foundation aims to continue developing key partnerships with local schools, community groups, and statutory organisations such as Chorley Council and Lancashire FA. These relationships will be essential in ensuring that we can reach the widest possible audience and make a lasting impact on the health, well-being, and social cohesion of the Chorley community.

Overall, Chorley FC Community Foundation is dedicated to building on the success of its existing programmes while exploring new opportunities to serve the community. With the right support and funding, the Foundation looks forward to a future where it can provide even more inclusive, engaging, and life-changing programmes for all residents of Chorley and the surrounding areas.

Financial Review

The Foundation had income of £52,361 (2023 - £29,993) and expenses of £50,626 (2023 - £26,320), leaving a surplus of £1,735 (2023 - £3,673). The Foundation's overheads and support costs are minimal and the majority of the expenses are on charitable activities.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have a policy of carrying minimum free reserves of £12,000 to cover two months' overheads and any unexpected costs. Free reserves at 31 March 2024 were £15,068 (2023 - £11,066), but as explained above, the activities of the foundation have increased in the year and going forward.

Volunteers

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the many dedicated volunteers who tirelessly support Chorley FC Community Foundation. Their unwavering commitment plays a crucial role in the success of our projects and in improving the lives of the individuals who benefit from our services.

In particular, we would like to highlight the invaluable contributions of those who work on a weekly basis with our Sporting Memories, Walking Football, and Blokes United programmes. These volunteers go above and beyond to ensure that participants not only have a thoroughly enjoyable experience, but also feel supported every step of the way. Their compassion, patience, and willingness to give their time help foster a welcoming and inclusive environment where individuals can thrive, both socially and physically.

Simply put, we could not do what we do without them. These sessions depend on the dedication of our volunteers, who are integral to their smooth running. Their hard work and generosity are at the heart of what makes Chorley FC Community Foundation the fantastic organisation it is today.

We are immensely proud of the community spirit they embody, and their efforts make a lasting difference in the lives of everyone they help.

Structure, Governance and Management

The process for appointing trustees to the Chorley FC Community Foundation board is outlined in our constitution. At present, the Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) has six trustees, but we are actively seeking to expand our board by encouraging members of the Chorley community to get involved. We welcome individuals who share our vision and feel they can make a valuable contribution towards supporting our mission and objectives.

This year, we saw several trustees step down due to personal relocations or to focus on other commitments. Despite these changes, we remain committed to maintaining a strong and engaged board that can continue to guide the Foundation in its development and ensure that we meet the needs of the community.

Our board plays a pivotal role in making key decisions regarding the Foundation's budget, marketing strategies, and the overall direction of our projects. They are also responsible for overseeing the quality and effectiveness of our programmes, ensuring we continue to meet the high standards required of a CIO. We are grateful for the dedication of our trustees, whose leadership helps to drive the success of the Foundation and its continued positive impact on the community.

Administrative Information

Chorley FC Community Foundation is based at Victory Park in Chorley, home of Chorley Football Club. The Correspondence address is Chorley FC Community Foundation, Victory Park, Duke St, Chorley PR7 3DU.

Chorley FC Community Foundation is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and can be found under Charitable number 1183529 with the Charity Commission.

Chorley FC Community Foundation trustees who have served during this year are:

Darren Jenkinson	Chairman
Paul Clarkson	Vice Chair and Secretary
Simon Denham	
Wayne Richard Beck	
David James Murphy	
Carole Ann Turner	

Approved by ChorleyFC Community Foundation Trustees and signed on their behalf by Darren Jenkinson (Chair).

Darren Jenkinson

13 Sep 2024

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Year Ended 31 March 2024**

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Chorley FC Community Foundation

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended (date) which are set out on pages 12 to 14.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed: 

Name: Christine Harwood ACMA
Chartered Institute of Management Accountants

Dated: 14/9/24

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Receipts and Payments Accounts

	Unrestricted 2024	Restricted 2024	Total 2024	2023
Receipts				
Charitable Activities	24,749		24,749	4,229
Donations and Gifts	7,493		7,493	250
Fundraising income				364
National League Grant		17,190	17,190	22,500
Sporting Memories	2,929		2,929	350
Youth Zone				2,300
Total Receipts	35,171	17,190	52,361	29,993
Payments				
Advertising & Marketing	2,170		2,170	480
Accountancy fees	621		621	1,044
Bank Fees	323		323	287
Coaches		11,922	11,922	4,474
Consulting	576		576	528
Community Engagement	1,335		1,335	-
Insurance	369		369	358
IT Software and Consumables				200
Legal Expenses				87
Printing & Stationery				75
Project sundries - bibs, trophies, tickets	1,616		1,616	3,326
Room/Pitch Hire	23,195		23,195	9,916
Staff Training				330
Travel - National	306		306	175
Season tickets	468		468	660
Schools Engagement Officer		6,975	6,975	4,380
Sporting Memories Officer	750		750	
Total Payments	31,729	18,897	50,626	26,320
Net of Receipts and Payments	3,442	(1,707)	1,735	3,673

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	Unrestricted 2024	Restricted 2024	2024	2023	Notes
Current Assets					
Cash funds					
Current Account	15,068	1,394	16,462	14,727	
Total Cash funds	15,068	1,394	16,462	14,727	
Total Current Assets	15,068	1,394	16,462	14,727	
Net Current Assets (Liabilities)	15,068	1,394	14,462	14,727	
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	15,068	1,394	14,462	14,727	
Net Assets	15,068	1,394	14,462	14,727	
Charity funds					
Current Year surplus	3,442	(1,707)	1,735	3,673	
Funds brought forward	11,626	3,101	14,727	11,055	
Total Charity funds	15,068	1,394	16,462	14,727	

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**Approved by Chorley FC Community Foundation Trustees and signed on their behalf
by Darren Jenkinson (Chair).**

Darren Jenkinson

13 Sep 2024

_____ **Signed**

_____ **Dated**

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Notes to the Financial Statements

1 Restricted Funds

RESTRICTED FUND MOVEMENT YEAR TO 31ST MARCH 2024

	Balance 31/03/2023	Received in year	Paid in year	Balance 31/03/2024
National League	3,101	17,190		
Coaches			11,922	
Schools engagement officer			6,975	
	<hr/> 3,101	<hr/> 17,190	<hr/> 18,897	<hr/> 1,394
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	<hr/> 3,101	<hr/> 17,190	<hr/> 18,897	<hr/> 1,394

CHORLEY FC COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1183529

Accounts



Chorley FC Community Foundation

A Charitable Incorporated Organisation

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT

for the year to 31 March 2023

Registered Charity Number 1183529

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Administration Details

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Aims and Purposes

Incorporated in 2019, the ChorleyFC Community Foundation utilises football and wider sports as a powerful tool to engage and inspire Individuals within the local community. Collaborating closely with local partners, the Foundation offers a diverse range of programmes designed to enhance the lives of those who reside, work, and play in Chorley.

The Foundation's initiatives encompass several core areas; including health, education, sports participation, social inclusion, and economic development. Each programme targets specific issues within the community, and embodies the values of teamwork, respect, honesty, and resilience.

The Foundation takes pride in its ability to positively impact the lives of thousands of Chorley residents, and remains dedicated to expanding its efforts to make an even greater difference in the future.

Objectives and Activities

The principal activities of the organisation ('the charity's objectives') and Objectives of the Foundation are, for the public benefit: "to benefit the inhabitants of Chorley and surrounding areas":

- (1) The promotion of community participation in healthy recreation, for the benefit of the inhabitants of Chorley and surrounding areas, by the provision of facilities for playing football.
- (2) To provide and assist in providing facilities for sport, recreation and other leisure time occupation of such persons who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, poverty or social and economic circumstances or for the benefit of the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving their conditions of life.

The trustees have had regard to the CC's guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and Purpose

During this year we took significant strides forward as a Foundation, by creating two engagement roles within the foundation. One focussed on developing our relationship with schools and wider education, the other with Community groups and enhancing the name of the Foundation throughout the Borough.

These roles were pivotal in allowing the Foundation to grow, both in terms of income and reputation, by creating capacity for the trustees to focus on the development of the organisation, whilst delivery was facilitated by the two team members.

Every one of our projects and initiatives grew throughout this financial year, as did our relationship with community and statutory organisations. This progress is outlined in the sections which follow.

Sporting Memories

A Year of Growth and Positive Impact

This past year, Sporting Memories has continued to bring people together through the love of sport, while also growing in size and recognition in Chorley and across Lancashire.

Building Connections and Community Spirit

Our weekly Sporting Memories group creates a welcoming and inclusive environment for people of all ages to share and celebrate their sporting memories. Through discussions, showing sports memorabilia, and inviting guest speakers, Sporting Memories uses the power of shared sports memories to combat loneliness, improve mental health, and strengthen community bonds in Chorley.

Many of our members have a strong background in sports, participating in local clubs and teams. Sharing stories about favourite players, memorable matches, and legendary sporting events helps reignite their love for sports and creates a sense of belonging and friendship among fellow enthusiasts. The positive and supportive atmosphere during our meetings inspires everyone involved to play a part.

Recognising the benefits of reminiscing about sports, especially for those dealing with challenges like Dementia, Alzheimer's, or loneliness, Sporting Memories provides a vital service. It helps keep people's minds active, brings back memories, and helps them make new friends, significantly enhancing their quality of life and contributing to Chorley's community well-being.

"A mate asked me to help build a garage. I told him I could do any day except Wednesday because that's Sporting Memories and I'm not missing that, it's the highlight of my week"

"Sporting memories benefits both our physical and mental wellbeing. We look forward to the short walk each week to participate in a game of botcha or curling. The music sessions lift the spirits as does the friendly banter and laughter that traverse the room. Neither of us are good at quizzes but we have a lending library if in doubt. The volunteers and others were especially kind and supportive when we lost two dear friends. If we lost this group there would be a great void in our lives."

Over the last year, our weekly attendance has stayed consistent at between 35 and 45 members per week, including a number of new members joining the group in that time. Unfortunately a group of this nature will lose members, but for the time they are with us, it provides an invaluable source of support and friendship valued by all involved. Over the last 12 months, we have seen the appetite for non-sports sessions grow further. With the incorporation of history sessions, sing-a-longs and quizzes, the appeal has extended with many couples now attending, as a way to get out of the house together and meet new people.

A Model of Support and Activity in Lancashire

Sporting Memories has kept up its highly popular weekly sessions, focusing on sharing memories, doing light physical exercises, listening to guest speakers, and enjoying good conversations. We are lucky to have a volunteer team, with extensive knowledge and experience, which has made the group a leading example for similar initiatives across Lancashire. Sporting Memories is a shining example in Lancashire of how peer support can offer vital light activity and social interaction for individuals who love sports and value social connections and memories.

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With between 35 and 45 participants every week, including couples and family members, it has become a "go-to" place for those looking for additional companionship and belonging. Looking forward, we are excited about the possibility of further growth and the chance to impact more lives through the unique combination of sports, memories, and community involvement that Sporting Memories offers.

Social Inclusion Football

Blokes United Chorley stands as a testament to the power of community and sport, in enhancing mental well-being among men in the Chorley area. This initiative has been based at the Westway Sports Pitches throughout the year, becoming a weekly highlight where physical activity and emotional support go hand in hand.

Leadership and Volunteering: The Heart of the Community

The backbone of Blokes United Chorley's success lies in the volunteers and leaders who have stepped forward from within the group. These individuals have taken charge of organising matches against local teams, ensuring that the project's ethos of inclusion and support is ever-present. Their commitment goes beyond facilitating games; they foster an environment where teamwork, leadership, and mutual respect flourish, strengthening the community bond.

This proactive involvement has extended to supporting members through personal challenges, including mental health issues and relationship difficulties. Through pastoral care and open dialogue, the project offers a confidential avenue for men to share their experiences and find support, ensuring that no one is alone in their struggles.

Beyond the Pitch: A Supportive Network

Blokes United Chorley's reach extends far beyond the physical confines of the football pitch. It has established a robust support network for its members, addressing not just physical health through sport, but also providing a lifeline for those facing mental health challenges and relationship issues. This holistic approach to well-being has created an atmosphere of understanding and encouragement, allowing men to navigate their struggles within a supportive community.

The project's unwavering commitment to inclusivity and mental health awareness, has played a crucial role in breaking down stigmas and promoting resilience among participants. It has created a nurturing environment where personal victories are celebrated, and challenges are met with empathy and support.

As a couple of recent participants put it...

"Honestly just being there tonight has helped me mentally, I was nervous as anything, but the benefits are going to be huge to me over the coming months. Thanks again for putting this on and I can't wait to come back"

"Thanks for your help and encouragement tonight, I've got home and I'm buzzing at being able to join in with something I'd never have thought was possible up to 4 months ago... I'm not the most vocal or confident but in time both will improve... thanks again for your help I felt very comfortable and welcome".

Blokes United Chorley's has an average attendance of 39 men per week, and its impact on the lives of its members and the broader community, remains profound. The dedication of its volunteers and the strength of its support network have laid a foundation of trust and respect, proving the enduring value of community and the transformative power of coming together for a common cause.

Walking Football

Walking football has redefined the traditional game to cater to the needs and preferences of older participants, offering them the chance to stay active and engaged with a sport they love, at a pace that suits them. This modified version preserves the essence of football but adapts the intensity to create an inclusive environment. By eliminating running and encouraging walking or as we often find, "brisk walking", walking football opens the door for individuals with physical limitations or those who prefer a less strenuous form of the game, ensuring everyone can partake without the worry of injury or undue strain.

The Heart and Soul of Walking Football

The introduction of walking football has brought forth significant benefits for its older participants, ranging from physical to emotional well-being. On the physical front, the game acts as a regular, structured activity that enhances cardiovascular health, boosts flexibility, and maintains overall fitness. Beyond the physical benefits, walking football thrives on the sense of community it fosters among its players. The friendships and support networks that emerge from these walking football sessions are invaluable, creating a tight-knit group bound by a shared passion for the game.

This camaraderie is a cornerstone of the walking football experience, providing not just a social outlet but also a supportive space that counters the isolation often felt in older age. The group's small size enhances its inclusivity, ensuring that each member feels valued, and gets game time, contributing to a warm and welcoming atmosphere where the enjoyment can be shared by all.

The strong bonds and sense of togetherness among participants underscore the fulfilling nature of the sport, making every session more than just a game—it's an opportunity to connect, share laughs, and support one another. This environment of inclusivity ensures that everyone, regardless of skill level or physical capability, can enjoy the benefits of walking football in a setting that prioritises enjoyment and mutual respect over competition.

A significant factor contributing to the success and increased attendance of Walking Football sessions, has been the involvement of a Chorley FC first team player as the session leader. This unique collaboration has not only elevated the profile of Walking Football but also fostered a deeper connection between the club and the participants. The presence of a professional player leading the sessions adds an invaluable layer of expertise and inspiration, encouraging more individuals to join and stay active through football. This partnership underscores a mutual commitment to community health and well-being, bridging the gap between Chorley FC and the Community Foundation.

Whilst the group currently remains small, but perfectly formed at 15 players a week, it is our intention over the next year to double this by introducing a second session in a different location, to make it even more accessible to those who want to play.

Youth Engagement

The Community Foundation, in close collaboration with Chorley FC, including the guidance of first-team manager Andy Preece and several first-team players, this year implemented a comprehensive strategy to engage young people in sports and activity as a diversionary and engaging activity. This initiative, was divided into two core segments – Holiday "Soccer Schools" and in-school and after-school football sessions – these sessions were not only designed to create a love for the game but also to instil essential life skills such as teamwork, leadership, and resilience among the young participants. The result has been fantastic, and for us as a Foundation, a remarkable journey of growth, learning, and community building, all underpinned by spirit of Chorley FC.

Holiday "Soccer Schools": Celebrating Engagement and Participation

The Soccer Schools this year drew over 600 enthusiastic participants. Under the guidance of Andy Preece and a selection of Chorley FC's first-team members, these sessions outperformed previous holiday camps, offering a unique blend of personal development, fitness activities and sheer fun. The involvement of Chorley FC's first team players has not just magnified interest but served as a method of inspiration for the youth, encouraging them to embrace an active and health-conscious lifestyle. We have also seen many of the young people involved, attending match days to watch the players they have formed bonds with over the camps, put their theory into action on the pitch.

In-School and After-School Football

Through targeted outreach to school leadership, we have successfully worked with schools to integrate football sessions into the school day and beyond, sparking an interest and working with schools to increase the availability of footballing sessions to their pupils. This initiative has seen a warm reception, with a significant number of schools opting to continue their journey with the foundation through after-school clubs, visits to matches, and participation in tournaments. The demand for these programmes reflects the high regard schools have for the quality and impact of our sessions, with one notable instance being the integration of football into the PE curriculum at the request of a participating school.

Measuring Success: Outcomes and Reflections

The ultimate goal of these initiatives has been to inspire a love for sport that transcends the playing field, encouraging regular physical activity and fostering a sense of belonging and achievement. The feedback from our engagement with over 400 young individuals through various programmes paints a vivid picture of success. From enhancing technical skills and physical fitness to nurturing soft skills like resilience and teamwork, the impact of our sessions is profound and far-reaching. Testimonials from students, teachers, and parents alike celebrate the joy, learning, and personal growth experienced through participation, highlighting the effectiveness of these initiatives in making a meaningful difference in the lives of young individuals.

"Our Year 5 and 6 at Brindle St James' really enjoyed the high-quality coaching, delivered by Connor Hall. Connor is a role-model for some of the children at our school (after watching him play in some of his matches for Chorley FC). It was also great to see the children thrive in the sessions, demonstrating a love for the sport and making progress with technical skills."

"Keep continuing to inspire the young children of the future!"

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"Our Year 6 pupils really engaged in this session. It was a great balance of skills, fun activities and competition that engaged even the most reluctant pupils into football."

"The pupils at Heskin loved their sessions with Connor. He made each session enjoyable and gave each child a real sense of achievement. An outstanding experience for the Children."

"The pupils were very excited to take part in a football coaching session delivered by an actual football player from our local team, Chorley FC. The coach/player engaged the children well and they all had a thoroughly fun and enjoyable session."

Aspiration and Anticipation

Looking ahead, we are filled with anticipation for the future, eager to build on our successes and continue our mission of nurturing young talent and fostering a lifelong passion for football. With the unwavering support of Chorley FC, its players, and the broader community, we are excited to continue the expansion of our reach, deepen our impact, and inspire more young hearts and minds through the beautiful game.

Financial Review

The Foundation had income of £29,993 (2022 - £11,568) and expenses of £26,320 (2022 - £9,073), leaving a surplus of £3,673. The Foundation's overheads and support costs are minimal and the majority of the expenses are on charitable activities.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have a policy of carrying minimum free reserves of £6,000 to cover two months' overheads and any unexpected costs. Free reserves at 31 March 2023 were £14,727 (2022 - £11,055), but as explained above, the activities of the foundation have increased in the year and going forward.

Volunteers

We would like to thank the many volunteers who support ChorleyFC Community Foundation through their tireless work to support those who benefit from our projects. In particular, the volunteers who work on a weekly basis with the Sporting Memories, Walking Football and the Blokes United projects, to ensure that those involved not only have the best possible and enjoyable experience, but feel supported throughout the process. We would not be able to do what we do without them. Volunteers make these sessions happen and make Chorley FC Community Foundation that fantastic organisation that it is.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment onto the ChorleyFC Community Foundation board is set out in our constitution. The CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) currently has six trustees, but we are actively encouraging those involved in the Chorley community, to learn more about our aims and objectives, and to join us if they feel they can make a contribution and support our cause.

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We lost a number of trustees this year through personal relocation or decisions to step down to focus on other projects, but also with a great deal of sadness the passing of David Murgatroyd. David has a long and proud history with Chorley Football Club and was instrumental in establishing the Community Foundation. For many years, he was the driving force behind the Soccer Schools and his presence and influence will be greatly missed.

The board members are responsible for making decisions in terms of budget spend, marketing, overseeing the quality and effectiveness of our projects, and maintaining the standards expected of a CIO.

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Paul Clarkson	Vice Chair and Secretary
Keith Robinson McIntosh	Resigned 11 th April 2023
David Murgatroyd	Resigned 11 th April 2023
Rebecca Stout	Resigned 11 th April 2023
Simon Denham	
Wayne Richard Beck	
David James Murphy	Joined 20 th March 2023
Carole Ann Turner	Joined 20 th March 2023

**Approved by ChorleyFC Community Foundation Trustees and signed on their behalf
by Darren Jenkinson (Chair).**



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Darren Jenkinson'.

Signed on 12/04/24 @ 12:19

_____ Signed

_____ Dated

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Chorley FC Community Foundation

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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.

Signed: *Christine Harwood*

Name: Christine Harwood ACMA
Chartered Institute of Management Accountants

Dated: *15/4/24*

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**Chorley FC Community Foundation
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Receipts and Payments Accounts

	Unrestricted 2023	Restricted 2023	Total 2023	2022
Receipts				
Charitable Activities	4,229	-	4,229	5,754
Donations and Gifts	250	-	250	1,480
Fundraising income	364	-	364	393
Other Grants	-	-	-	1,750
National League Grant	-	22,500	22,500	935
Other Revenue	-	-	-	1,256
Sporting Memories	350	-	350	-
Youth Zone	-	2,300	2,300	-
Total Receipts	5,193	24,800	29,993	11,568
Payments				
Advertising & Marketing	480	-	480	-
Audit & Accountancy fees	1,044	-	1,044	-
Bank Fees	287	-	287	294
Coaches	-	4,474	4,474	3,520
Consulting	528	-	528	-
Defibrillator	-	-	-	489
Insurance	358	-	358	372
IT Software and Consumables	200	-	200	-
Legal Expenses	87	-	87	-
Printing & Stationery	75	-	75	-
Project sundries - bibs, trophies, tickets	47	3,279	3,326	420
Room/Pitch Hire	-	9,916	9,916	3,833
Staff Training	330	-	330	-
Telephone & Internet	-	-	-	145
Travel - National	175	-	175	-
Season tickets	660	-	660	-
Schools engagement officer	-	4,380	4,380	-
Total Payments	4,271	22,049	26,320	9,073
Net of Receipts and Payments	922	2,751	3,673	2,495

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	Unrestricted 2023	Restricted 2023	2023	2022	Notes
Current Assets					
Cash funds					
Current Account	11,626	3,101	14,727	11,055	
Total Cash funds	11,626	3,101	14,727	-	
Total Current Assets	11,626	3,101	14,727	-	
Net Current Assets (Liabilities)					
	11,626	3,101	14,727	-	
Total Assets less Current Liabilities					
	11,626	3,101	14,727	-	
Net Assets					
	11,626	3,101	14,727	-	
Charity funds					
Current Year surplus	922	2,751	3,673	2,495	
Funds brought forward	10,705	350	11,055	8,560	
Total Charity funds	11,627	3,101	14,727	11,055	1

Approved by ChorleyFC Community Foundation Trustees and signed on their behalf by Darren Jenkinson (Chair).



Signature

Signed on 12/04/24 @ 12:19

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Trustees' Report and Financial Statements
Year Ended 31 March 2023**

Notes to the Financial Statements

1 Restricted Funds

RESTRICTED FUND MOVEMENT YEAR TO 31ST MARCH 2023

	Balance 31/03/2022	Received During year	Paid in year	Balance 31/03/2023
National League	-	22,500.00		
Room/pitch hire			9,566.00	
Coaches			2,174.00	
Schools engagement officer			4,380.00	
Project sundries			3,279.00	
	<u>-</u>	<u>22,500.00</u>	<u>19,399.00</u>	<u>3,101.00</u>
Youth Zone		2,300.00		
Coaches			2,300.00	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,300.00</u>	<u>2,300.00</u>	<u>-</u>
Sporting Memories	350.00			
Room hire			350.00	-
	<u>350.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>350.00</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	<u>-</u>	<u>24,800.00</u>	<u>22,049.00</u>	<u>3,101.00</u>

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Chorley FC Community Foundation

A Charitable Incorporated Organisation

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT

for the year to 31 March 2022

Registered Charity Number 1183529

**Chorley FC Community Foundation
Trustees' Report
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Aims and Purposes

Incorporated in 2019, the ChorleyFC Community Foundation utilises football and wider sports as a powerful tool to engage and inspire individuals within the local community. Collaborating closely with local partners, the Foundation offers a diverse range of programs designed to enhance the lives of those who reside, work and play in Chorley.

The Foundation's initiatives encompass several core areas, including health, education, sports participation, social inclusion, and economic development. Each program targets specific issues within the community and embodies the values of teamwork, respect, honesty, and resilience.

The Foundation takes pride in its ability to positively impact the lives of thousands of Chorley residents and remains dedicated to expanding its efforts to make an even greater difference in the future.

Objectives and Activities

The principal activities of the organisation, for the public benefit ('the charity's objectives') and Objectives of the Foundation are : "to benefit of the inhabitants of Chorley and surrounding areas":

- (1) The promotion of community participation in healthy recreation for the benefit of the inhabitants of Chorley and surrounding areas, by the provision of facilities for playing football.
- (2) To provide and assist in providing facilities for sport, recreation and other leisure time occupation of such persons who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, poverty or social and economic circumstances or for the benefit of the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving their conditions of life.

The Trustees confirm that they have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and Purpose

Due to ongoing COVID restrictions during the first half of the year, our charity took a cautious approach to resuming activities while considering the concerns of our more vulnerable participants. Our limited activity over the previous 12 months resulted in a loss of momentum, and some participants found new activities and groups to engage with in our absence.

Nevertheless, we successfully re-launched our Social Inclusion Football and Sporting Memories groups, which experienced significant growth over the course of the year.

Our trustees made the decision to defer the allocation of our grant from The National League trust until April 2022 to ensure we had the necessary infrastructure in place to effectively manage our bid projects. This included hiring two part-time staff members to oversee our relationships with partners and participants across all of our projects.

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Our focus this year was on re-establishing ourselves as a provider of sports and sporting activities to those in the community who would benefit most, and as a charity, maintaining our commitment to supporting those in need.

Sporting Memories

Sporting Memories began the reporting year online, but on 23rd July 2021 returned to face to face meetings after a length consultation with their regular participants.

Our Sporting Memories group is a community dedicated to offering a supportive and inclusive space for people of all ages to come together and reminisce about their favourite sporting moments. Through a combination of group discussions, memorabilia displays, and guest speakers, Sporting Memories aims to harness the power of shared sporting memories to combat loneliness, improve mental well-being, and promote social connections within the community.

For many members of our Sporting Memories group, sports have played a significant role in their lives, some participating in local clubs and teams themselves. By engaging in conversations about their favourite players, matches, and iconic sporting events, participants can reignite their passion for sports and foster a sense of belonging and camaraderie among fellow sports enthusiasts. The positivity and support which exists within the room when this group meets is an inspiration to all who see it.

As a Community Foundation, we recognise the positive impact that reminiscing about sporting memories can have on mental well-being, particularly for those facing challenges such as Dementia, Alzheimer's or social isolation. By creating a supportive environment, Sporting Memories helps individuals maintain cognitive function, stimulate memory recall, and build social connections. Through the shared experience of discussing and reliving sporting moments, the group seeks to enhance the overall quality of life for its members and contribute to the overall well-being of the Chorley community.

Over the past 12 months, our Sporting Memories has experienced remarkable growth, expanding from a core group of 35 weekly members to nearly 50 members on certain weeks. This increase in membership can be attributed to two primary factors. Firstly, existing members have been eager to share the positive experience they have had with the group, and have invited their friends and acquaintances to join. This welcoming and inclusive atmosphere created by the group has encouraged its members to spread the word and extend the invitation to others, contributing to the growth in size.

Secondly, Chorley Borough Council has recognised the valuable role that Sporting Memories plays in supporting older people within the community. As a result, the council has taken a more active approach in referring individuals to the group. Recognising the success and positive outcomes generated by the group, the council sees Sporting Memories as an effective initiative for combating social isolation, promoting mental well-being, and fostering social connections among older individuals. This increased support and recognition from the council has led to an influx of new members being referred to the group, further contributing to its growth in size and reach within the community.

Over the past 12 months, Sporting Memories Chorley has organised a diverse range of activities that have enriched the experiences of its members. These activities have included engaging sports sessions featuring table tennis and curling, providing an opportunity for members to actively participate and relive their love for these sports. Additionally, the group

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has organised singing sessions with the presence of guest musicians and singers, creating an interactive atmosphere where members can unite through the power of music.

Furthermore, Sporting Memories Chorley has arranged visits from sporting guests, allowing members to meet and interact with inspiring individuals from the world of sports, fostering a sense of connection and admiration. Through this variety of activities, the group continues to provide its members with meaningful and enjoyable experiences that celebrate the intersection of sports, memories, and community. We see with this impact and engagement, the group growing even further over the next year of activity.

Social Inclusion Football

Blokes United Chorley is a mental health project that provides an inclusive yet competitive football experience aimed at bringing men together and promoting positive mental well-being. The project operates on the belief that physical activity, social interaction, and team spirit can have a significant impact on men's mental health. Every week, men from the Chorley community (over the age of 18) gather for an hour-long football session, providing a space where they can engage in physical exercise, connect with others, and enhance their mental well-being.

The project emphasises inclusivity, welcoming men of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds to participate. The football sessions are designed to be enjoyable and competitive, allowing individuals to challenge themselves, release stress, and boost self-esteem. The friendly but competitive nature of the games creates a supportive and motivating environment where men can push their boundaries and develop a sense of accomplishment.

Beyond the football matches, Blokes United Chorley also encourages open discussions on mental health. The project provides a platform for participants to share their experiences, challenges, and triumphs, fostering a sense of community and understanding. By combining physical activity with mental health awareness, Blokes United Chorley strives to improve mental well-being, reduce stigma, and create a supportive network for men to lean on during difficult times.

The beginning of the year posed challenges for Blokes United Chorley as the project faced the absence of a regular home ground. The closure of Parklands High School, where the project previously held its sessions, meant that outside organisations were no longer permitted to use their artificial pitches. This sudden change disrupted the continuity and stability of the project, requiring the team to search for alternative venues.

In the search for a suitable location, Blokes United Chorley had to temporarily relocate to different schools, making it difficult to establish a consistent base. However, after some time and perseverance, the project found a promising solution in Victory Park. This temporary arrangement allowed the project to continue operating and serving its purpose of providing a space for men to come together, play football, and support each other's mental well-being.

Fortunately, the challenging start eventually led to a positive outcome. Blokes United Chorley secured a long-term home at the newly opened Westway Sports Centre, a facility owned and operated by Chorley Borough Council. This sports centre offers professional surroundings, ensuring that the project can provide an excellent environment for participants to engage in football sessions. The partnership with the council and the availability of the modern Westway Sports Centre has provided Blokes United Chorley with the stability and support it needs to thrive and continue making a positive impact on men's mental health within the Chorley community.

One of the notable benefits of the Blokes United Chorley sessions is the strong sense of participant ownership that has emerged within the group. Many individuals who initially joined simply to play football have taken on active roles in organising and supporting the group and its members. This sense of ownership and involvement has contributed significantly to the growth and success of the project.

As the group continues to grow in numbers, a loyal and committed community has formed around Blokes United Chorley. Participants have become more than just players; they have become advocates and ambassadors for the group. This high level of engagement and dedication has fostered a supportive and inclusive atmosphere where members feel a sense of belonging and actively contribute to the overall well-being of the group.

The participants' involvement in the sessions and support of the group has been instrumental in creating a positive and sustainable environment. They contribute ideas, organise social events, and provide encouragement and support to fellow members. This active participation not only strengthens the sense of community but also helps to address the specific mental health needs of the group's members. By taking ownership and actively engaging in the development and support of Blokes United Chorley, participants have played a vital role in its ongoing success and positive impact on the lives of those involved. With around 45 active members, we look forward to seeing what the next 12 months brings.

Walking Football

Walking football is a modified version of the traditional game that offers older participants an opportunity to engage in regular physical activity without the intensity and pace of a game played at full speed. The purpose of walking football is to provide a suitable and inclusive environment for older individuals who still have a passion for the sport, but may have physical limitations or prefer a slower-paced game. By adapting the rules to eliminate running and enforcing walking or brisk walking, walking football ensures that participants can enjoy the game while minimising the risk of injury or excessive strain.

Engaging in walking football offers numerous positive outcomes for older participants. Firstly, it provides a regular and structured form of physical activity, contributing to improved cardiovascular health, flexibility, and overall fitness. The game helps to maintain or enhance mobility, coordination, and balance, which are essential for older individuals. Secondly, the sense of friendship and support within the walking football group is a key aspect of the experience. Participants develop social connections, forge new friendships, and build a sense of camaraderie through shared interests and experiences. The group serves as a supportive community, fostering a sense of belonging and combatting social isolation that can sometimes be experienced in older age.

Whilst the walking football group may be small in numbers, its participants have formed a close-knit and welcoming community. The solid relationships and sense of camaraderie that have developed within the group contribute to a fulfilling and enjoyable experience for all involved. The small size fosters inclusivity, allowing each individual to be seen and valued, creating a warm and supportive environment where walking football can be enjoyed by everyone.

Youth Engagement

Due to a decision by the Chorley FC Community Foundation board, the start of the National League Trust funded work, which aimed to engage young people and schools in the Foundation's initiatives, was delayed. The reasoning for this was that we wanted to ensure that as a charity we were in a position, and had the people and resource to deliver on our commitments to funders, and not rush into delivering intensive projects straight away.

As a result, the Foundation's activities and involvement with young people and schools were limited during the current year, with a significant focus anticipated for the upcoming 2022/23 period. However, despite this delay, the Foundation continued to collaborate with Chorley FC to deliver the highly successful Soccer Schools program. This initiative attracted an impressive average of 78 young participants during each session, providing them with affordable and high-quality recreational activities.

The inclusion of the first-team manager and players from Chorley FC in the Soccer Schools program proved to be an influential factor in driving the enthusiasm and participation of young individuals. The presence of these football figures not only motivated the young participants to attend the sessions but also inspired them to seek out additional health-related activities when returning to their term times. The Soccer Schools program served as a valuable platform for the Foundation to engage and connect with young people, offering them an enjoyable and meaningful distraction while encouraging their involvement in physical activities.

Financial Review

The Foundation had income of £11,568 (2021 - £9,995) and expenses of £9,073 (2021 - £2,117), leaving a surplus of £9,073. The Foundation's overheads and support costs are minimal and the majority of the expenses are on charitable activities.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have a policy of carrying minimum free reserves of £1,000 to cover two months' overheads and any unexpected costs. Free reserves at 31 March 2022 were £11,055 (2021 - £8,560), but as explained above, some projects were delayed in the year.

Volunteers

We would like to thank the many volunteers who support ChorleyFC Community Foundation through their tireless work to support those who benefit from our projects. In particular, the volunteers who work on a weekly basis with the Sporting Memories, Walking Football and the Blokes United projects to ensure that those involved not only have the best possible and enjoyable experience, but feel supported throughout the process. We would not be able to do what we do without them. We are grateful for the funding we received this year, but it is not enough to provide paid staff to facilitating every session. Volunteers make these sessions happen and make Chorley FC Community Foundation that fantastic organisation that it is.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of appointment onto the ChorleyFC Community Foundation board is set out in our constitution. The CIO was set up this year with six trustees who had already been involved in the project prior to its incorporation. We are actively encouraging those involved in the Chorley community to learn more about our aims and objectives and to join us if they feel they can make a contribution and support our cause.

The board members are responsible for making decisions in terms of budget spend, marketing overseeing the quality and effectiveness of our projects, and maintaining the standards expected of a CIO.

Administrative Information

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ChorleyFC Community Foundation trustees who have served during this year are:

Darren Jenkinson	Chairman
Keith Robinson McIntosh	Vice-Chair
David Murgatroyd	Secretary
Rebecca Stout	
Simon Denham	
Wayne Richard Beck	
Paul Clarkson	

Approved by ChorleyFC Community Foundation Trustees and signed on their behalf by Darren Jenkinson (Chair).



Darren Jenkinson
Signed on 06/06/23 @ 09:16

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CHARITY COMMISSION
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2021	To	Period end date 31/03/2022
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Section A Receipts and payments

Notes

	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					
Donations and Gifts	1,480	-	-	1,480	2,821
Fundraising Income	393	-	-	393	-
Charitable activities	5,754	-	-	5,754	-
Grants	1,750	935	-	2,685	7,173
Interest income	-	-	-	-	1
Other income - loan from trustee	1,256	-	-	1,256	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	10,633	935	-	11,568	9,995
Total receipts	10,633	935	-	11,568	9,995
A3 Payments					
Charitable Activities	-	-	-	-	-
Defibrillator	489	-	-	489	-
Project costs	5,909	1,864	-	7,773	1,488
	-	-	-	-	-
Support Costs	811	-	-	811	629
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	7,209	1,864	-	9,073	2,117
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	7,209	1,864	-	9,073	2,117
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,424	- 929	-	2,495	7,878
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	7,631	929	-	8,560	682
Cash funds this year end	11,055	-	-	11,055	8,560

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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	Bank balance	11,055		-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	11,055	-	-

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

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

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

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Accountant fee	Unrestricted fee	250	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	DARREN JENKINSON	

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Income

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
1. Grants			
Grant received	1,750		1,750
The National League	-	935	935
	<u>1,750</u>	<u>935</u>	<u>2,685</u>

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
2. Project Costs			
Coaching	1,656	1,864	3,520
Trophies	420		420
Event costs	3,833		3,833
	<u>5,909</u>	<u>1,864</u>	<u>7,773</u>

3. Support Costs	£
Legal fees	
Bank charges	294
Zoom	145
Insurance	372
	<u>811</u>

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Aims and Purposes

ChorleyFC Community Foundation was incorporated in 2019 with the aim of using football as a tool to engage and inspire people in the local community. The Foundation works closely with local partners to deliver a range of programmes that focus on improving the lives of those who live, work and play in Chorley.

The Foundation's work spans a number of key areas: Health, Education, Sports Participation, Social Inclusion and Economic Development. Each programme is designed to tackle specific issues within the community and all programmes are underpinned by the values of teamwork, respect, honesty and resilience.

The Foundation is proud to have made a positive difference to the lives of thousands of people in Chorley and we are committed to continuing our work in order to make an even bigger impact in the years to come.

Objectives and Activities

The principal activities of the organisation, for the public benefit ('the charity's objectives') and Objectives of the Foundation are : "to benefit of the inhabitants of Chorley and surrounding areas":

- (1) The promotion of community participation in healthy recreation for the benefit of the inhabitants of Chorley and surrounding areas by the provision of facilities for playing football.
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The Trustees confirm that they have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and Purpose

The overall aim of this year was to build on the previous year's successes and increase our activities to incorporate new activities. However, due to the disruption of the Pandemic, many of our activities were forced to cease as community centres, schools and gathering were forced to cease. With many of our activities involving older and vulnerable people, we felt that the only sensible course of action was to follow the advice and lead of funders and partners and wait until it was considered safe to able to continue our activities.

Despite the COVID restrictions, we knew that many of our participants would still need support to counter the inevitable isolation caused by the lockdowns, so moved our projects initially online to still give those involved a feeling of community and cohesion.

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Through conversations with funders we also decided that it would not be feasible for us to deliver on our targets, many of which involved in-school activities, so asked them to delay the funding until we felt fully able to meet our targets and deliver the standard of support we aspired to. Unfortunately, this meant that no funding income was generated in this year, but we did receive a number of very generous donations from ChorleyFC as a key partner, and their successful FA Cup run.

Sporting Memories

Sporting Memories was the first project we moved online due to the understood vulnerability of those involved. There was a great deal of fear around the Pandemic and we wanted to provide weekly session to enable participants to come together, share memories and most importantly, have fun in a safe and controlled environment.

We established a Zoom-based weekly session, led by long term Sporting Memories supporter and Houghton Weavers frontman, Norman Prince. Norman led an hour-long session, which was a great deal of fun to be a part of, but also provided a much needed community for those involved.

One member sent in the following statement "I'm 81, recovering from cancer but with mixed dementia. Until lockdown, I went swimming and walking every day and enjoyed Sporting Memories meetings at Chorley and Leyland, including table tennis. Now, I really appreciate all the efforts of Keith and his colleagues to keep us in touch with other members with similar ages, interests and memories. The Zoom meetings also provide a much needed structure for the weeks, which had suddenly appeared very empty."

Norman Prince added "Because of the COVID-19 Lockdown we were prevented from meeting all our members, personally, on our regular Wednesday get together. We didn't want to leave all our friends isolated once again, so we arranged our Zoom session on the same day and time that our Dementia sufferers were used to, as routine is a vital ingredient for their peace of mind.

Besides our 'Sporting' guests we created sessions looking at things we all remember – schooldays, holidays, favourite music, films etc. It brought back happier times for everyone, and sharing them became an even bigger pleasure. Seeing someone remember 'the old days' once more, when they couldn't remember yesterday, is the most rewarding experience I, and all our volunteers, could possibly have.

We laugh a lot – and laughter is still the best medicine we can have! As my mother used to say, "Memories Last Longer Than Dreams" – and long may that continue!"

Social Inclusion Football

Just towards the end of last year, we were making great strides forward with Social Inclusion football. Giving young men the opportunity to come together, play football on a weekly basis, and then provide a space for conversations and support for anyone who wanted it. With 35-45 men attending on a weekly basis, it was becoming a flagship project, and when the Pandemic hit, that momentum was stopped in its tracks.

Through the programmes Whatsapp group, we were hearing regular struggles of isolation and anxiety being caused by the Pandemic so asked what could be done to help with this. A number of members of the group suggested a weekly football quiz online, initially organised and devised by group facilitators, but the participants very quickly took control and started writing their own quizzes and testing each other.

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This ran as a weekly initiative until Premier League Football returned and we started to see numbers dwindle.

Regular contact was kept with participants, especially those who needed it more until restrictions were lifted allowing the group to begin to meet again.

Youth Engagement

Over the last year, we have strengthened our relationship with Inspire Youth Zone in Chorley.

Financial Review

The Foundation had income of £9,995 (2020 - £46,611) and expenses of £2,117 (2020 - £45,934), leaving a surplus of £7,878. The Foundation's overheads and support costs are minimal and the majority of the expenses are on charitable activities.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have a policy of carrying minimum free reserves of £1,000 to cover two months' overheads and any unexpected costs. Free reserves at 31 March 2021 were £7,631 (2020 - £677).

Volunteers

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The board members are responsible for making decisions in terms of budget spend, marketing overseeing the quality and effectiveness of our projects, and maintaining the standards expected of a CIO.

The full board met periodically across the year, with at least 6 members in attendance at every meeting. As the year progressed, individual board members took a more focussed responsibility for individual projects, then reported back on them at board meetings.

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**Approved by ChorleyFC Community Foundation Trustees and signed on their behalf
by Darren Jenkinson (Chair).**

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Darren Jenkinson
Signed on 31/01/23 @ 14:33



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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2020	To	Period end date 31/03/2021
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Section A Receipts and payments

Notes

	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					
Donations and Gifts	2,821		-	2,821	2,540
Fundraising Event Income	-		-	-	16,181
Grants	4,755	2,417	-	7,173	24,290
Interest	1		-	1	3
Other income			-	-	3,596
			-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	7,578	2,417	-	9,995	46,611
Total receipts	7,578	2,417	-	9,995	46,611
A3 Payments					
Charitable Activities	-	-	-	-	-
Kits					171
Hire of equipment - loos, minibus etc					3,882
Project costs		1,488		1,488	40,882
					-
<i>Fundraising Costs</i>					-
Event costs					215
Other fundraising costs					100
					-
Support Costs	629			629	684
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	629	1,488	-	2,117	45,934
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	629	1,488	-	2,117	45,934
Net of receipts/(payments)	6,948	929	-	7,878	677
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	682	-	-	682	-
Cash funds this year end	7,631	929	-	8,560	677

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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	Bank balance	7,631	929	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	7,631	929	-

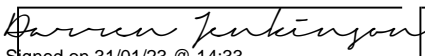
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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

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

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Accountant fee	Unrestricted fee	300	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
 <small>Signed on 31/01/23 @ 14:33</small>	DARREN JENKINSON	

Chorley FC Community Foundation
YE 31 March 2021
Notes to the financial statements

Income

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
1. Grants			
Chorley Youth Zone	2,920	-	2,920
LFC	1,835	2,417	4,253
	<u>4,755</u>	<u>2,417</u>	<u>7,173</u>

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
2. Project Costs			
Coaching	-	1,488	1,488
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,488</u>	<u>1,488</u>

3. Support Costs	£
Legal fees	-
Bank charges	254
Zoom	95
Insurance	280
	<u>629</u>