



Chorley FC Community Foundation

A Charitable Incorporated Organisation

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT

for the year to 31 March 2022

Registered Charity Number 1183529

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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.

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 lengthy 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

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

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

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

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
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Chorley FC Community Foundation

1183529

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/04/2021		31/03/2022

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	-	-

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

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

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

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	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	

Chorley FC Community Foundation
YE 31 March 2022
Notes to the financial statements

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>