



Chorley FC Community Foundation

A Charitable Incorporated Organisation

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT

for the year to 31 March 2023

Registered Charity Number 1183529

**Chorley FC Community Foundation
Trustees' Report and Financial Statements
Year Ended 31 March 2023**

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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 quizzers 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 this 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!"

"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.

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
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).**



Signed on 12/04/24 @ 12:19

Signed

Dated

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 11 to 13.

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: Christine Harwood

Name: Christine Harwood ACMA
Chartered Institute of Management Accountants

Dated: 15/4/24

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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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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	
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	-	22,500.00	19,399.00	3,101.00
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Youth Zone		2,300.00		
Coaches			2,300.00	-
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	-	2,300.00	2,300.00	-
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Sporting Memories	350.00			
Room hire			350.00	-
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	350.00	-	350.00	-
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TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	-	24,800.00	22,049.00	3,101.00
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