



Chorley FC Community Foundation

A Charitable Incorporated Organisation

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT

for the year to 31 March 2025

Registered Charity Number 1183529

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Trustees' Report and Financial Statements
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Administration Details

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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	
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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	1

**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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