

**SPORTS FUN 4 ALL
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

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Sports Fun 4 All

Trustees' Report For The Year Ended 31 August 2025

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2025.

Objectives and Activities

Aims and Objectives

The Principle objectives of the charity are:

- The advancement of education, in particular, physical education for young people;
- To advance in life and relieve the needs of young people living in London through the provision of recreational and leisure activities in the interests of social welfare.
- These activities are designed to improve their conditions in life and develop their capacities so that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society.

Public Benefit

Sports Fun 4 All delivers substantial public benefit by providing free weekly football sessions to children and young people aged 5–19 across South London. As of this reporting period, we run 17 sessions across 13 venues in five boroughs: Bromley, Greenwich, Lambeth, Lewisham, and Southwark. These inclusive sessions provide structured physical activity in a safe, supportive environment, particularly benefiting communities where young people may face financial or social barriers to participating in sports.

In line with our charitable purpose of advancing health and promoting social inclusion through sport, we have expanded our offer to include our first girls-only football session, in partnership with Black Prince Trust and Active Communities Network. This initiative supports mental wellbeing, builds confidence, and helps reduce the gender gap in sport participation.

Our programmes go beyond football. We work collaboratively with local police teams and community organisations to provide education on rights, conflict resolution, and the consequences of antisocial behaviour, thereby contributing to crime prevention and youth development. Sessions regularly include informal engagement with police youth teams, and staff have received specialist conflict resolution training.

Young people are encouraged to grow within the charity, with eight volunteers progressing into paid coaching roles this year. Notable success stories include one participant signing with Arsenal FC and another becoming a Lead Coach while studying Sports Management at university—both highlighting the long-term impact of our work on individual life outcomes.

We also delivered six funded Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programmes across London, supporting children from disadvantaged backgrounds with free sport, meals, and structured activities during school holidays. Our reach extended significantly in 2025, with plans to operate in at least twelve boroughs by summer.

Throughout the year, our young participants engaged in multiple tournaments, friendly matches, and visits to iconic football venues. These experiences promote aspiration, teamwork, and personal development. Our public benefit is further amplified by partnerships with schools, local authorities, and sponsors, ensuring resources are distributed effectively to those most in need.

In fulfilling our charitable objectives, Sports Fun 4 All provides accessible, high-impact programmes that improve physical health, social cohesion, and life chances for young people across London.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and Performance

Main Achievements

During the reporting period, Sports Fun 4 All has continued to grow its profile and influence across London, attracting recognition from media, government, and the wider community sport sector.

Our Founder & CEO, Kieran Connolly, was featured in The Guardian, BBC London, and The Big Issue, advocating for equitable access to green spaces and the positive impact of community football. These features helped spotlight the urgent need for funded sports programmes in underserved areas.

We were proud to host visits from Emily Robinson (CEO of London Sport) and Liam Conlon MP (Beckenham and Penge) at our Crystal Palace session, which has become a key project in offering local youth access to elite facilities they could not otherwise afford. This session exemplifies our broader mission of using football to reduce anti-social behaviour and foster inter-borough unity among young people.

Our work has received public accolades and nominations, including:

- Three nominations at the Street Games UK Sport for Development Awards 2024:
 1. Doorstep Sport Project of the Year
 2. Holidays Matter: Outstanding Holiday Activities Project
 3. Coach/Volunteer of the Year (for Lead Coach Elias Fazli, who progressed from a volunteer to a leadership role, coaching over 2,000 young people).
- Nomination at the 2025 London Sport Awards for the Enhancing the Sporting Workforce category, recognising our structured training and development programmes for 16–25-year-olds from underrepresented backgrounds.
- Winner of the 2025 Sported Project of the Year Award, reflecting our growing reach and impact. As of June 2025, we have delivered 370 free sessions and engaged 983 young people, including 469 new participants.

Our commitment to building a sustainable workforce also led us to support 13 young coaches with over 50 FA-accredited qualifications, and we provided training opportunities to 62 external community coaches. This strategic focus strengthens the youth sports sector and ensures relatable, skilled role models deliver our sessions.

Recognition as one of the Big Issue UK Changemakers 2025 further affirmed our role as a transformative force in culture and sport, with nominations driven by public support.

Our achievements extend beyond awards, as reflected in the trust of the communities we serve. Whether through media exposure, government engagement, or sector recognition, 2024–25 has been a year of significant progress and external validation of our work.

Between 1st September 2024 and 31st August 2025, Sports Fun 4 All significantly expanded its operational delivery and reach:

- 814 free football sessions delivered across 15 venues in 5 London boroughs, including three new locations (Larkhall Park, Marlborough Sports Garden, and the Rocky & Wrighty Arena).
- 1,628 coaching hours provided, ensuring consistent weekly engagement opportunities for young people.

Reach and Participation:

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Main Achievements - continued

- Engaged 1,553 young people, including 969 new participants.
- Delivered over 25,700 contact hours of youth engagement, with an average of 16.36 participants per session.
- Recorded an aggregate attendance of 13,040, with each participant attending an average of 8.4 sessions.

Workforce Development:

- Employed 15 young people aged 16–25, including seven former participants, continuing our commitment to creating employment pathways through sport.

Inclusion and Impact:

- 65.8% of participants lived in the 30% most deprived areas nationally.
- 689 were eligible for free school meals, and 930 lived in council or social housing, highlighting our focus on those most in need.

Holiday Provision:

- Delivered Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programmes to 745 children, serving 2,980 free meals and providing daily structured physical activity in safe environments.

Demographics:

- Predominantly male (1,510) with 43 female participants.
- The majority of participants were aged 11–18, with significant engagement across Lewisham, Southwark, and Lambeth boroughs.
- Ethnic backgrounds were diverse, with the largest groups being Black British – African (586) and Black British – Caribbean (294), followed by White British (224) and Mixed ethnicities.

This detailed data underscores the scale and depth of our community impact. We continue to grow strategically while remaining deeply embedded in the neighbourhoods we serve, ensuring our services are both inclusive and responsive to local needs.

Financial Review

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Trustees' Report (continued)
For The Year Ended 31 August 2025**

Financial Position

In the financial year 2024–25, Sports Fun 4 All reported an income of £251,485, representing a £118,345 increase from the previous year. This growth was primarily driven by a significant rise in grant funding, with support from 40 funders, compared to 15 in 2023–24.

Expenditure for the year totalled £184,818, an increase of £40,375. Key contributors to this rise included the Founder & CEO transitioning to a full-time role, an expansion of the free weekly football programme from 13 to 18 sessions at peak, and the extension of the HAF Programme beyond Lewisham into Bexley, Hounslow, Hillingdon, and Tower Hamlets.

The charity ended the year in a stable financial position, with expenditure carefully aligned to programme growth and strategic priorities.

Reserves Policy

Sports Fun 4 All maintains a formal reserves policy to ensure financial resilience and the ability to sustain service delivery during periods of economic uncertainty. The primary purposes of the reserves are to protect against short-term income fluctuations, cover unforeseen expenditure, and ensure continuity of essential programmes.

The Trustees have set a target of holding reserves equivalent to six months of operating costs, currently assessed at £150,000. As of this financial year, £80,000 has been designated for this purpose. The reserve level is reviewed annually by the Board of Trustees and adjusted in line with operational risk and growth plans.

Reserves may be used to:

- Cover temporary funding gaps
- Meet essential unexpected costs
- Invest in strategic initiatives aligned with the charity's long-term objectives

The policy is reviewed annually and reported within the financial statements to ensure transparency and effective oversight.

Going Concern

The Trustees confirm that there are no funds in deficit and no material uncertainties regarding the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Sports Fun 4 All remains financially stable and committed to significantly improving the lives of children and young people in South London. With continued strong demand for its services, the charity is confident in its ability to maintain and expand its delivery in the foreseeable future.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

Sports Fun 4 All is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and is governed by a CIO Model Constitution.

Trustees are appointed through a democratic election process held annually during the third-quarter trustee meeting. This process is conducted in accordance with the charity's constitution, which sets out the procedures for trustee elections and ensures that appointments are transparent and representative of the membership.

**Sports Fun 4 All
Trustees' Report (continued)
For The Year Ended 31 August 2025**

Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees

Mr Dale Nicholson - Chair
Mr Michael Corlett (appointed 27/01/2025)
Mr Jeffrey Obuobi
Mr Langalibalele Mthethwa

Charity Number

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**Sports Fun 4 All
Trustees' Report (continued)
For The Year Ended 31 August 2025**

The trustees' report was approved by the board of trustees and signed on its behalf by:

Mr Dale Nicholson

Trustee
13th October 2025

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D Nicholson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr Michael Corlett

Trustee

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'M Corlett', written in a cursive style.

Sports Fun 4 All
Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Sports Fun 4 All
For The Year Ended 31 August 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Sports Fun 4 All (the Trust) for the year ended 31 August 2025.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

Since the Trust's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and contents of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.



Sajid Shabbir FCCA

14th October 2025
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**Sports Fun 4 All
Statement of Financial Activities
For The Year Ended 31 August 2025**

				2025	2024
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Charitable activities:					
Course Delivery		3,580	-	3,580	1,730
Membership Fees		4,990	-	4,990	2,055
Community Engagement Programmes		5,000	234,395	239,395	129,355
Donations		2,520	-	2,520	-
Corporate Football Tournament		1,000	-	1,000	-
		<u>17,090</u>	<u>234,395</u>	<u>251,485</u>	<u>133,140</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities:	4				
		(16,219)	(168,599)	(184,818)	(144,443)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		<u>872</u>	<u>65,795</u>	<u>66,667</u>	<u>(11,303)</u>
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		<u>872</u>	<u>65,795</u>	<u>66,667</u>	<u>(11,303)</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:					
Total funds brought forward		10,380	74,638	85,018	96,322
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	12	<u><u>11,252</u></u>	<u><u>140,433</u></u>	<u><u>151,685</u></u>	<u><u>85,019</u></u>

The notes on pages 11 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

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Comparative Statement of Financial Activities
For The Year Ended 31 August 2025

				2024
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:				
Charitable activities:				
Course Delivery		1,730	-	1,730
Membership Fees		2,055	-	2,055
Community Engagement Programmes		-	129,355	129,355
		3,785	129,355	133,140
EXPENDITURE ON:				
Charitable activities:				
	4	(4,121)	(140,322)	(144,443)
NET EXPENDITURE				
		(336)	(10,967)	(11,303)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS				
		(336)	(10,967)	(11,303)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:				
Total funds brought forward				
		10,716	85,606	96,322
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD				
	12	10,380	74,639	85,019

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**Sports Fun 4 All
Statement of Financial Position
As At 31 August 2025**

				2025	2024
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets	9	1,353	6,968	8,321	9,234
		1,353	6,968	8,321	9,234
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank and in hand		9,664	141,229	150,893	80,423
		9,664	141,229	150,893	80,423
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	10	(1,435)	(6,093)	(7,528)	(4,638)
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)		8,229	135,136	143,365	75,785
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		9,582	142,104	151,686	85,019
NET ASSETS		9,582	142,104	151,686	85,019
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY					
Restricted Funds				140,433	74,639
Unrestricted Funds				11,252	10,380
TOTAL FUNDS	12			151,685	85,019

On behalf of the board

Mr Dale Nicholson

Trustee
13th October 2025



Mr Michael Corlett

Trustee



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Sports Fun 4 All
Notes to the Financial Statements
For The Year Ended 31 August 2025

1. General Information

Sports Fun 4 All is a charitable incorporated organisation registered with the Charity Commission, registered charity number 1185426. The principal address is 248 Brockley Road, Brockley, London, SE4 2SF.

2. Accounting Policies

2.1. Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)", Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities Act 2011.

In the prior year (ended 31 August 2024), the charity exceeded the £250,000 income threshold and accordingly transitioned from receipts and payments accounting to accruals-based accounting. Although the original financial statements for 2024 were prepared on a receipts and payments basis, the comparative figures presented in these financial statements have been restated onto an accruals basis to ensure consistency with the current year's presentation.

This restatement ensures comparability between the two financial periods. Appropriate adjustments have been made where necessary, and any significant judgments or estimates involved in the restatement are disclosed in the relevant notes.

The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

2.2. Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of the fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Plant & Machinery	20% on reducing balance
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3. Net Income/(Expenditure)

The net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2025	2024
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets - owned	2,080	2,309

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4. Analysis of Expenditure

		2025
Activities undertaken directly	Support costs (see note 5)	Total
£	£	£
16,503	168,315	184,818
		2024
Activities undertaken directly	Support costs (see note 5)	Total
£	£	£
29,103	115,340	144,443

5. Support Costs

		2025
		£
Employee costs		116,340
Premises expenses		37,081
General administration		12,814
Depreciation		2,080
		<u>168,315</u>
		2024
		£
Employee costs		71,020
Premises expenses		35,871
General administration		6,140
Depreciation		2,309
		<u>115,340</u>

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6. Independent Examiner's Remuneration

	2025	2024
	£	£
Independent examination of the financial statements	780	480
Other assurance services	-	-
Tax advisory services	-	-
Other financial services	360	240
	<u>1,140</u>	<u>720</u>

7. Staff Costs

Staff costs were as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	113,673	69,323
Social security costs	471	-
Other pension costs	1,134	-
	<u>115,278</u>	<u>69,323</u>

No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000.

8. Average Number of Employees

Average number of employees during the year was: 15 (2024: 11)

9. Tangible Assets

	Plant & Machinery
	£
Cost	
As at 1 September 2024	16,582
Additions	1,167
As at 31 August 2025	<u>17,749</u>
Depreciation	
As at 1 September 2024	7,348
Provided during the period	2,080
As at 31 August 2025	<u>9,428</u>
Net Book Value	
As at 31 August 2025	<u>8,321</u>
As at 1 September 2024	<u>9,234</u>

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10. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	1	(1)
Other creditors	6,387	2,305
Taxation and social security	-	2,334
Accruals and deferred income	1,140	-
	<u>7,528</u>	<u>4,638</u>

11. Pension Commitments

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

During the year the charge to the statement of financial activities in respect of defined contribution schemes was £1,134 (2024: £0).

12. Movement in Funds

	As at 1 September 2024	Income	Expenditure	As at 31 August 2025
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General:				
General unrestricted fund	10,380	17,090	(16,218)	11,252
Restricted funds				
Restricted Funds	74,638	234,395	(168,600)	140,433
Total funds	<u>85,018</u>	<u>251,485</u>	<u>(184,818)</u>	<u>151,685</u>

	As at 1 September 2023	Income	Expenditure	As at 31 August 2024
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General:				
General unrestricted fund	10,716	3,785	(4,121)	10,380
Restricted funds				
Restricted Funds	85,606	129,355	(140,322)	74,639
Total funds	<u>96,322</u>	<u>133,140</u>	<u>(144,443)</u>	<u>85,019</u>

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13. Related Party Disclosures

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period that require disclosure.