



DARLINGTON FOOTBALL CLUB FOUNDATION CIO TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24

The Annual Report of Darlington Football Club Foundation CIO (DFCF) covers the period from June 2023 to May 2024. During the year the DFCF has continued to show both the consolidation of existing services as well as some pleasing developments of new work. The year has also seen the continued development of the staff team and the maintenance of stable governance at board level. We continue to work closely with Darlington FC in a partnership that ensures that the whole community can be involved and supported.

As reported the previous year, it is with great pride that we have seen incremental growth both in terms of our programme of work as well as our financial stability. The fact that this can be reported is almost entirely due to the work the DFCF Chief Executive, Barry Thompson, and his team who have taken on all aspects of the development, running and sustainability of the programme and the organisation as a whole.

Backing up the staff team there are the trustees who have shown little change in the year and have the skills and knowledge to give strong governance, contacts and advice in all aspects of risk management and safeguarding. We are also grateful to Andy Hodgson who has undertaken an Independent Examination of our accounts and approved them for submission to the Charity Commission.

The programme of work has only been made possible by our funders who ensure that the diverse nature of our activities is successful financially as well as giving benefit to those taking part.

We are especially grateful to The National League Trust (NLT) who provide the bulk of core funding which, in turn, levers in other programme funding. Not only have the NLT provided much needed funds but also give background support and advice to ensure that DFCF is fulfilling its obligations and financial reporting to the highest standards. They have also introduced a programme of networking and training events to help ensure that the quality of services remain consistent across the family of football foundations.

Programme highlights include:

Think With Your Feet: Weekly session supported by MIND for those who need mental health support – referrals made from a variety of agencies including local NHS. 20-30 take part every week;

Weight Goals: Weight management programme/football sessions in conjunction with the local NHS – 25-30 take part each week;

Women's Social Football: funded by Durham FA with up to 20 taking part.;

Well-Played: weekly programme of non-football indoor activities for people who are isolated and in need of support – 20-25 average attendance;

Refugee Football: Weekly session for local refugee community which they fund themselves;

Anti-Social Behaviour Football: football sessions supported by local community safety team and funded by Durham Police & Crime Commissioner;

Pre-Match Experiences & Mascots: full programme each home match now aimed at schools and community groups in the more deprived parts Darlington and surrounding areas;

Schools Programme: school funded programme of football and healthy activities;

School Holiday Football Camps: commercial programme in school holidays has started to show a small profit;

NLT Under 11s Cup: national competition run by NLT in which Darlington Teams progressed to Regional Finals;

Awards Night: recognition of achievements as well as a bit of fun for everyone – 100 attended.

New and emerging programmes started towards the end of the reporting year include working with younger children through Mini Quakers and Quaker Tots as well as a programme for older people through a Walking Football initiative.

We are very grateful to Barry Thompson, Foundation Manager, his assistant manager Millie Garnett and all of the staff team for delivering such a successful and full programme of work.

Steve Rose, Chair of Trustees



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01-Apr-23

To

31/05/2024

Section A Receipts and payments 31-May-24

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
B/F	-	-	-	-	-
	5,653			5,653	6,622
National League Trust Grant		23,083		23,083	27,000
Pioneering care Grant		4,850		4,850	
National Lottery		1,333		1,333	10,000
County Durham Foundation Grant		5,000		5,000	5,000
Durham FA Womens Football Grant				-	800
DFCFG Christmas Draw				-	300
ASB Youth Grant		7,212		7,212	1,000
Misc Grants		3,250		3,250	
Holiday camps	7,806			7,806	4,906
Refugee Income	4,359			4,359	2,203
Womens Football session fees	2,135		-	2,135	555
Schools fees	3,777		-	3,777	95
Weight Goals	1,316			1,316	
Mascot	953			953	
Charity match	829			829	
Other	947		-	947	35
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	27,775	44,728	-	72,503	58,516
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	27,775	44,728	-	72,503	58,516
A3 Payments					
	-	-	-	-	-
Staff Costs	-	29,560	-	29,560	26,196
Office set-up costs	-		-	-	2,197
General office costs	-	3,916	-	3,916	2,271
Insurance	-		-	-	2,118
Football Coaches	7,269	2,370	-	9,639	4,541
Pitch Hire	4,728	7,882	-	12,610	4,976
Equipment	3,070	1,000	-	4,070	2,936
Packed Lunches	868		-	868	1,368
Other	200		-	200	269
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	16,135	44,728	-	60,863	46,872
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	16,135	44,728	-	60,863	46,872
Net of receipts/(payments)	11,640	-	-	11,640	11,644
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	11,640	-	-	11,640	11,644

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	Grants in advance	-	28,209	-
	General Balances	11,640	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	11,640	28,209	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	Agreement Error	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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 asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Tax and pension due	Restricted	369	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Darlington Football Club Foundation

On accounts for the year
ended

31st May 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1185957

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/05/2024**.

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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

02/03/2025

Name:

Andrew Hodgson

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Chartered Institute of Management Accountants

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.