



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## **Trustees' Annual Report for the period**

**From 1 July 2023 To 30 June 2024**

**Charity name: Spencer Lynx**

**Charity registration number: 1188217**

### **Objectives and Activities**

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<b>To promote participation in healthy recreation, primarily in the London boroughs of Wandsworth and Lambeth, for the benefit of children who attend state schools, by providing facilities and coaching to participate in hockey</b>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p><b>September 2023-March 2024 – Delivered weekly Sunday hockey sessions delivered to approximately 130 state school children from at least 14 primary schools (Lynx cohort 4 starting their second season &amp; Lynx 5 starting their first season).</b></p> <p><b>March 2024 - Sponsored local state school hockey tournament in partnership with council's school games organiser, involving our partner schools and additional schools.</b></p> <p><b>April 2023-July 2024 - Provided subsidised/free after-school hockey training during the school summer term</b></p> <p><b>Summer tournament held on 23 June 2024 involving over 100 local children, from our Wandsworth and Roehampton hubs.</b></p> <p><b>May-July 2024- Hockey taster sessions delivered to over 600 children in 16 schools across Wandsworth and Lambeth, including new schools, to recruit a new cohort of children (Lynx 6), to start the programme in September 2024.</b></p> <p><b>Hockey taster sessions additionally delivered to around 90 children in 3 schools in Roehampton, to recruit additional children for our Roehampton-</b></p>

		based programme, who will start September 2024.
		September 2023 - Supported 16 members of Lynx 3 to join a mainstream hockey club after 2 years with Spencer Lynx, with at least 7 children on full, means tested, bursaries.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance when carrying out activities this year.

#### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

#### Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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		<p>additional children for our Roehampton project.</p> <p>On 23 June 2024, Spencer Lynx hosted a summer tournament for its members and for its Roehampton-based programme, with over 100 local children taking part. This enabled children and their families to stay engaged with their new sport and their new friends and connections made through involvement in Spencer Lynx. We provided food and refreshments after the tournament for children and families, who enjoyed relaxing and mixing in a club environment. This forms part of Introduction to Clubs initiative, to help families feel comfortable in a club environment, increasing the possibility that they will support their children to continue to join grassroots clubs after our programme, and continue their sporting journeys.</p> <p>Funding from the Wandsworth Beneficiary Trust allowed us to appoint our first Director of Hockey, to start in September 2024. We believe that she will bring consistency and quality to our provision.</p>
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#### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		



Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.

Para 1.20

Spencer Lynx members are drawn together from at least 14 state primary schools across Wandsworth and Lambeth, from different socio-economic, religious and ethnic backgrounds. The ratio of girls:boys is 50:50. Children from low socio-economic and/or minority ethnic backgrounds are prioritised.

In September 2023, 42 of our fourth cohort of children (Lynx 4) started their second year of weekly hockey training on Sundays, running until end March 2024. In addition, a new fifth cohort (Lynx 5) of 88 children (recruited in the summer term of 2023) started their 2-year programme at Spencer Lynx. The total number of children benefiting from weekly training was therefore 130.

All sessions were run by professional qualified hockey coaches, supported by assistant coaches with hockey experience, and Young Leaders taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme. Some sessions were additionally run by Spencer Lynx Ambassadors who are also England and/or GB international hockey players, including Darcy Bourne and James Mazarelo – they are inspirational role models for the children.

Funding from the Go! London fund allowed us to invest in more granular impact testing, to show the benefits to the children of our activities. The data showed improved physical and mental wellbeing across a number of indices, and particularly marked improvements in agility.

To keep members engaged during the off-season, Spencer Lynx provided after-school hockey training during the summer term of 2024. Up to 30 members took part.

From May 2024-July 2024, Spencer Lynx delivered hockey taster sessions in 16 schools across Wandsworth and Lambeth, recruiting 104 children to our sixth cohort of children (Lynx 6), to start in September 2024.

Hockey taster sessions were additionally delivered in 3 schools in the Roehampton area of Wandsworth, a highly deprived area, to recruit

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	<b>Constitution</b>
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	<b>CIO</b>
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<b>The Trustees remain the same as when originally incorporated in 2020.</b>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Spencer Lynx
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1188217
Charity's principal address	The Spencer Club, Fieldview, London SW18 3HF



## Financial Review

<p>Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period</p>	<p>Para 1.21</p>	<p>The charity generated a positive financial outcome for the period with a net increase in funds of £26,415 and closing with a bank balance of £71,058.</p> <p>We were successful in achieving a grant from Go!London in September 2023 of £22,273.00, to cover 2 years of activities with Lynx 5. The monies are released in 6-monthly instalments, following the completion of progress reports, and we have received £17,800.18 in this financial year.</p> <p>We received funding from the Wimbledon Foundation, Active Wandsworth and HMCK Charity (the latter via Ibstock School, our partners on the project), to cover our new project in Roehampton.</p> <p>We additionally received grants from Active Wandsworth (£1096), Tesco's (£1000) and Thomas's Foundation (£2874).</p> <p>In June 2024, we were granted £5000 by the Wandsworth Beneficiary Trust to appoint as a contractor our first Director of Hockey, to increase the quality and consistency of our provision, and to cover a proportion of our assistant coaching costs, for the season starting September 2024.</p> <p>We raised £26,033 in unrestricted funds through donations, auction and raffle associated with a fundraising dinner; This included £4,471 by auctioning Wimbledon tickets donated to us by the Wimbledon Foundation.</p> <p>Additional income was generated by donations, with a major donation from Spencer Junior Hockey Club (£5000), and donations from members of Spencer Hockey Club; and sponsored running events.</p> <p>However, limitations on the availability of some grant funding to new projects rather than continuation of existing and successful projects continues to prove challenging.</p> <p>The charity has also sought funding from national organisations and funds, but has to date had little success.</p>
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Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>The charity holds reserves for its day to day operations, and excludes from its reserves any donation or grant made for a specific purpose, including its bursary fund.</p> <p>The reserves represent the working capital of Spencer Lynx and are available to support short- and medium-term objectives and to safeguard against unexpected decreases in income. The Charity Commission defines free reserves as 'income which becomes available to the charity and is to be expended at the executive committee's discretion in furtherance of any of the charity's objectives, but is not yet spent, committed or designated'. The Board of Trustees adopts a risk-based approach to the reserves policy:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Identify specific risk and create a designated fund for such risks.</li> <li>2. Protect against an unforeseen reduction in income by retaining 6 months' worth of running costs.</li> </ol>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£14,771
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

#### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

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# Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Amrita Sheldon	Treasurer		
2	Charlotte Hucker			
3	Donna Kirby			
4	Karen Price			
5	Marcia Gurney-Champion			
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## Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

## Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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### Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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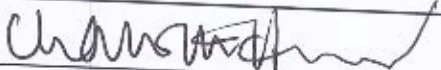
### Other optional information

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## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	AMRITA SINGH	CHARLOTTE HACKER
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	TREASURER TRUSTEE	TRUSTEE
Date	23/2/25.	23/2/25





CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period

01/07/2023

from

To

30/06/2024

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Section A Receipts and payments

	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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	10,850	4,624	-	15,474	7,802
Fundraising	15,183	26,822	-	41,005	10,258
Grants			-		
Donation for Bursary			-		7,150
	-		-	-	-
	-		-	-	-
	-		-	-	-
	-		-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	26,033	31,446	-	57,479	25,210
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	26,033	31,446	-	57,479	25,210
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Overheads	2,324	1,647	-	3,970	2,926
Coaching costs	-	8,052	-	8,052	7,245
Kit costs	-	6,595	-	6,595	3,394

Pitch hire	-	4,285	-	4,285	2,997
Bursary cost					3,109
Other costs		2,020	-	2,020	
Transport cost		-	-	-	
		4,620	-	4,620	
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>2,324</b>	<b>27,218</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>29,542</b>	<b>19,670</b>

<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>2,324</b>	<b>27,218</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>29,542</b>	<b>19,670</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>23,709</b>	<b>4,228</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27,937</b>	<b>5,540</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	30,809	12,312	-	43,121	39,103
Cash funds this year end	54,518	16,540	-	71,058	44,643

**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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank balance @30/06/24	54,518	16,540	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>54,518</b>	<b>16,540</b>	<b>-</b>

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

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Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of approval

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# Independent examiner's report on the accounts

## Section A

## Independent Examiner's Report

### Report to the trustees

Charity Name  
Spencer Lynx

### On accounts for the year ended

30-Jun-2024

Charity no  
(if any)

1188217

### Set out on pages

1 & 2

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **30 / 06 / 2024**.

### 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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.

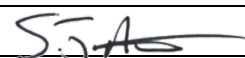
### Independent examiner's statement

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content 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..

Signed:



Date:

25-Feb-2025

Name:

Stuart Atkinson

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

ICAEW  
ACA # 8158654

Address:

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**Section B****Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.**

None