



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 July 2024 To 30 June 2025

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	<b>September 2024-March 2025 – Delivered weekly Sunday hockey sessions delivered to approximately 130 state school children from at least 14 primary schools (Lynx cohort 5 starting their second season &amp; Lynx 6 starting their first season).</b>  <b>March 2025 - Sponsored local state school hockey tournament in partnership with council's school games organiser, involving our partner schools and additional schools.</b>  <b>April 2024-July 2025 - Provided subsidised/free after-school hockey training during the school summer term</b>  <b>Summer tournament held on 15 June 2025 involving over 100 local children, from our Wandsworth and Roehampton hubs.</b>  <b>May-July 2025- 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 7), to start the programme in September 2025.</b>  <b>September 2024 – Supported 20 members of Lynx 4 to join a mainstream hockey club after 2 years with Spencer</b>

		<b>Lynx, with 5 children on full, means tested, bursaries.</b>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<b>The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance when carrying out activities this year.</b>

### **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	
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	<p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>In September 2024, 37 of our fifth cohort of children (Lynx 5) started their second year of weekly hockey training on Sundays, running until end March 2025. In addition, a new sixth cohort (Lynx 6) of 74 children (recruited in the summer term of 2024) started their 2-year programme at Spencer Lynx. The total number of children benefiting from weekly training was therefore 111.</b></p>

		<p>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.</p> <p>Funding from the Go! London fund allowed us to continue our impact testing, to show the benefits to the children of our activities over the entire 2-year programme. The data showed improved physical and mental wellbeing across a number of indices, and particularly marked improvements in agility.</p> <p>To keep members engaged during the off-season, Spencer Lynx provided after-school hockey training during the summer term of 2025. Approximately 30 members took part.</p> <p>From May 2025-July 2025, Spencer Lynx delivered hockey taster sessions in 16 schools across Wandsworth and Lambeth, recruiting 90 children to our seventh cohort of children (Lynx 7), to start in September 2025.</p> <p>On 15 June 2025, 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, and she</p>
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		<p><b>started with us in September 2024, and has continued with us this year. She has brought consistency and increased the quality of our provision. Funding received from The Funding Network has allowed us to continue with our Director of Hockey for the next 2 years.</b></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		

## Financial Review

<p>Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period</p>	<p>Para 1.21</p>	<p><b>The charity generated a positive financial outcome for the period with a net increase in funds of £15117 and closing with a bank balance of £86175.</b></p> <p><b>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, therefore covering their second year with us (September 2024-June 2025). The monies are released in 6-monthly instalments, following the completion of progress reports, and we have received £7590 in this financial year.</b></p> <p><b>We received funding from the Wimbledon Foundation and HMCK Charity (the latter via Ibstock School, our partners on the project), to cover the second year (September 2024 – March 2025) of our project in Roehampton.</b></p> <p><b>We additionally received grants from Active Wandsworth (£1500), Thomas's Foundation (£3000), London Hockey (£1,500), Lennox Hannay Trust (£1,500), The Alchemy Foundation (£1,000), and 1809 Charitable Trust (£5,000)</b></p> <p><b>In May 2025, we raised £10,378 through an event hosted by The Funding Network, allowing us to fund our Director of Hockey, for an additional. 2 years. £7335 of funds were received in the current financial year, and the remaining £3043 after 30 June 2025.</b></p> <p><b>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. £2,000 was also raised through the first Spencer Lynx Quiz.</b></p> <p><b>However, limitations on the availability of some grant funding to new projects rather than continuation of existing and successful projects continues to prove challenging.</b></p> <p><b>The charity has also sought funding from national organisations and funds, but has to date had little success.</b></p>
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Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>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:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Identify specific risk and create a designated fund for such risks.</b></li> <li><b>2. Protect against an unforeseen reduction in income by retaining 6 months’ worth of running costs.</b></li> </ol>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<b>£16334</b>
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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## 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



**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) entitled 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)		
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)		
Date		



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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/07/2024	To	30/06/2025
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	11,010	3,750	-	14,760	15,474
Fundraising	2,000		-	2,000	15,183
Grants	7,000	24,025	-	31,025	26,822
Donation for Bursary	-		-	-	-
	-		-	-	-
	-		-	-	-
	-		-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>20,010</b>	<b>27,775</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>47,785</b>	<b>57,479</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>20,010</b>	<b>27,775</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>47,785</b>	<b>57,479</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Overheads	2,762	2,750	-	5,512	3,970
Coaching costs	-	13,463	-	13,463	8,052
Kit costs	-	4,264	-	4,264	6,595

Pitch hire	-	2,865	-	2,865	4,285
Bursary cost		1,184	-	1,184	2,020
Other costs		-	-	-	
Transport cost	-	5,380	-	5,380	4,620
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>2,762</b>	<b>29,905</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>32,668</b>	<b>29,542</b>

<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**Total payments** 2,762

29,905

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32,668

29,542

<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	17,248	-	2,131	-	15,117	27,937
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	54,518		16,540	-	71,058	43,121
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>71,766</b>		<b>14,409</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>86,175</b>	<b>71,058</b>

## 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 @30/06/23	71,766	14,409	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>71,766</b>	<b>14,409</b>	<b>-</b>

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

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# B5 Liabilities

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>Amrita Sheldon</i>	Amrita Sheldon	16/01/2026
<i>Charlotte Hucker</i>	CHARLOTTE HUCKER	16/1/2026



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Independent examiner's  
report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
SPENCER LYNX

On accounts for the year  
ended

30 JUNE 2025

Charity no  
(if any)

1188217

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and basis  
of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **30 JUN 2025**

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:

*Stuart Atkinson*

Date: **01-MAR-2025**

Name:

**STUART ATKINSON**

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

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Section B

Disclosure

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.



