

FC HALIFAX TOWN FOUNDATION – ANNUAL REPORT

2024-25

The charity is set up as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, governed by a constitution.

The foundation was formed from the former community group, additional trustees have been appointed from the local community, via volunteers or recommendation from existing trustees.

Charity No. 1189894

The Shay Stadium
Halifax
HX1 2YT

In association with





The purpose of the charity is to provide opportunities to everyone in the local community, using the medium of sport and the FC Halifax Town brand to engage, inspire and motivate them.

We aim to provide more inclusive opportunities for sport and play, inspiring participation and achievement.

We aim to enable individuals and families to develop healthier and happier lifestyles.

We are developing a unique coaching skill set, to make the Foundation versatile and able to deliver comprehensive programmes to all partners

We deliver high standards through a committed and skilled workforce

Trustee name	Office	Dates acted
Rachel Gault, Registration Service Manager, Calderdale MBC	Chair	01.07.20 onwards
Roger Bottomley, Retired Financial Services Manager	Treasurer	01.07.20 onwards
Kelly Gilchrist, Media Manager, FC Halifax Town		01.07.20 onwards
Sarah Maligranda, Independent Visitor and Volunteer Coordinator, Calderdale MBC	Safeguarding	09.09.21 onwards
Asad Qureshi, Football Relationship Manager, Sport England		09.09.21 onwards
Steve Duncan DL, CEO Community Foundation for Calderdale		13.06.22 onwards

Trustees have all been issued with a copy of the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.



A challenging year, which has seen a change in personnel, and the sad passing of one of our Trustees, Clem Rushworth. However, we have

- Developed and introduced our Premier League Primary Stars programme
- Maintained an overall satisfactory rating against the National League Capability Code of Practice.
- Continued to monitor the range of skills and experience of our Board of Trustees, see Appendix 1
- Maintained robust financial controls, with reserves to cover 3 month's operating costs, plus statutory redundancy pay.
- Developed our website

Activities Report 2024–2025

Overview

During the 2024–2025 reporting period, the charity delivered a wide-ranging programme of futsal-based activities, holiday camps, matchday experiences and community events. These initiatives provided consistent opportunities for children and young people to develop physical skills, social confidence, and emotional wellbeing.

Across all programmes, the charity supported **over 3,700 attendances**, reflecting strong community reach and sustained engagement.

1. Futsal Sessions

- **Total sessions delivered:** 108
- **Children attending:** 2,017 (average 202 per month)

The weekly futsal programme continued to be one of our strongest areas of provision, offering structured physical activity, skill development and a safe, supportive environment for children to participate in sport.

Feedback from parents and participants included:

- Children really enjoy futsal and look forward to attending
- Opportunities to make new friends and build social confidence
- High-quality coaching and engaging sessions
- Positive impact on confidence, self-esteem and willingness to try new skills

- Practical support for families through childcare and free meals for eligible children
- Safe space where children can focus on playing without parental pressure

Measured outcomes:

- Improvement in game knowledge – **61.5%**
- Increase in technical ability – **84.6%**
- Improved confidence applying new skills – **69.2%**
- Confidence stepping outside comfort zones – **69.2%**
- Positive impact on self-esteem – **76.9%**
- Improved social skills – **84.6%**
- Increased participation in football/other sport – **69.2%**

These outcomes demonstrate strong progress in both physical literacy and personal development.

2. Futsal Games Programme

- **Games delivered:** 43
- **Children attending:** 304

The structured games programme provided children with the opportunity to apply their growing skills in match environments, improving teamwork, game understanding and confidence.

3. Matchday Experiences

- **Half-time games delivered:** 20
- **Children participating:** 300

Matchday events enabled children to take part in unique sporting experiences, fostering confidence, pride and a sense of belonging within the wider sporting community.

4. Girls’ Sessions

Although figures are not available, this is an area of growth for the Foundation, and participation is expected to grow in 2025-26.

5. Holiday Camps

Holiday provision continued to be a major part of the charity’s activity, offering safe, active and engaging opportunities during school breaks.

- **July/August 2024:** 373 children
- **October 2024:** 130 children
- **February 2025:** 99 children
- **April 2025:** 186 children
- **May 2025:** 93 children

Total holiday camp attendances: 881

These camps supported families by providing affordable childcare, social opportunities and structured physical activity during holiday periods.

6. Adam Heslop Cup

- **Children attending:** 240

The Adam Heslop Cup brought together children from across our programmes, encouraging friendly competition, teamwork and community engagement.

Impact Summary

The charity's activities across 2024–2025 show a strong level of reach and positive measurable outcomes. Programmes continue to:

- Increase children's confidence and social skills
- Improve physical skills and understanding of the sport
- Support families through accessible community provision
- Provide safe and structured environments for physical activity
- Encourage long-term participation in sport

Across all projects, thousands of individual attendances demonstrate the charity's ongoing value and impact within the community.

The skills table below is a general indicator of the skills held by the Board of Trustees

	Rachel Gault	Asad Qureshi	Kelly Gilchrist	Roger Bottomley	Sarah Maligranda	Steve Duncan
Public Relations	x		x	x		x
Safeguarding	x				x	
Health & Safety	x				x	x
Financial	x			x		
Governance	x			x	x	x
Education						x
Community Engagement		x		x		x
Administration	x		x	x	x	
Fundraising		x		x		x
Coaching		x				
Equality and Diversity	x				x	

FC HALIFAX TOWN FOUNDATION

FCHT Foundation - Financial Accounts - 01/07/24 to 30/06/25

Balance held at 01/07/24	£54,903.35
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INCOME

Grants	£31,000.00
Invoiced Income	£23,483.16
Coaching/Kit monies	£75,015.11
Donations	£1,064.46
Employees Gift Contributions	£55.00
Tournament Entry Refund	£50.00
Junior Premier League Refund	£15.00

Total Income	£130,682.73
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Balance held at 30/06/25	£28,956.55
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Roger Bottomley
Treasurer
FC Halifax Town Foundation

EXPENDITURE

Salaries	£72,204.01
Equipment/Kit	£17,859.53
Referees Fees	£1,860.00
Coaches	£5,960.00
Facility Hire	£49,388.98
Course Food & Snacks/Tea & Coffee	£2,657.80
Holiday Camps - Additional staff support	£925.00
Medals/Trophies	£140.22
Staff Development & Training	£500.00
Therapy Sessions	£200.00
Subscription Renewals	£841.71
Stationery	£40.16
DBS Fees	£177.00
Coaching course refunds	£195.00
Kit refunds	£35.00
Advertising	£170.00
Mobile Phone	£120.00
Session Planner	£50.50
First Aid	£15.00
Website	£554.13
Independent Accounts Preparation Fee	£50.00
Independent Accounts Examination Fee	£50.00
Open Day Stall	£16.55
Microsoft	£40.00
Indemnity Insurance	£413.40

Office Equipment	£21.49
Junior Premier League	£450.00
NLT Conference Accomodation	£50.40
Coach Travel Expenses	£30.90
Mileage Expenses	£240.88
Xmas & Various Gifts	£1,371.87

Total Expenditure	£156,629.53
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Date:- 27/7/25

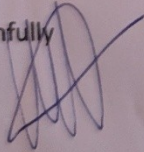
To:- All Charity Trustees

Re:- FC Halifax Town Foundation (Charity Ref 1189894) Financial Accounts 01/07/24 to 30/06/25

I confirm that I have today carried out the requisite independent examination of the above accounts and find them to be in order.

Kind regards

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'John Ellis', written over the words 'Yours faithfully'.

John Ellis

RAOB GLE Halifax PGL Benevolent Fund (Charity Ref 252520)