

Northamptonshire Titans Foundation



2023-24 ANNUAL REPORT

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Introduction

The Mission

The advancement of the amateur sport of basketball in Northamptonshire and the surrounding area for the public benefit by the provision of:

- 1.Facilities for participation in the sport of basketball.
 - 2.Advancing education and promoting community participation in healthy recreation.
 - 3.Providing grants and bursaries to increase community participation in basketball.
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The Vision

Northamptonshire Titans Foundation was established as a registered charity in 2020 (Registered in England & Wales: 1191353) with the aim of advancing the sport of basketball throughout Northamptonshire by increasing education and promoting community participation in the sport.

What we've accomplished this year

We have increased the number of delivery hours this year up by over 26% to almost 5,000 hours across all sectors. We have expanded into different areas of the community to reach over 5,000 participants.

Funding increase

We obtained grants from Sport England, North Northamptonshire Council, National Lottery Community Fund and Postcode Lottery allowing us to launch new initiatives aimed at increasing the participation of girls in sport, crime diversion, social inclusion, health and wellbeing using basketball as the driver.

We increased our collaboration with Basketball Northants to take over their NNStreetballerz initiative, expanding this into Corby as well as Northampton; we also delivered HAF projects on their behalf aimed at children on free school meals.



Engagement

Projects	Locations	Sessions	Hours	Participants
Junior Clubs	14	577	992	662
Community / Anti-crime projects	15	254	532	905
Primary Schools	21	576	673	1512
Secondary Schools	6	299	392	665
National League Teams	7	480	960	280
Specialist Coaching (1-2-1)	1	30	45	3
HAF Summer Programme	1	18	72	328
School Holiday Camps	4	58	314	325
Walking Basketball	4	61	61	62
Tournaments	4	32	64	320
Moulton College	2	321	680	53
University of Northampton	2	95	195	60
TOTALS	81	2785	4980	5175

Programs and Services

Primary Schools Programmes

The Foundation has delivered basketball into multiple primary & secondary schools providing a whole range of programmes for children aged 5 to 18 reaching in excess of 2100 participants, activities included:

- Breakfast, Lunchtime and After school clubs
- PE lessons for years 3, 4, 5 & 6.
- Free taster sessions
- Teacher training
- Showcase events at half-time of a men's match.



School Holiday Activities

The Foundation has run numerous school holiday camps with events aimed at differing ability levels. We have also hosted community tournaments and provided a camp as part of the HAF initiative for the first time for children on free school meals, with outstanding outcomes.

Our Impact

The summer HAF programme reached over 300 children on free school meals.

The impact on the children was clear, with many showing improvements in teamwork, communication, and social skills. Several parents provided positive feedback, highlighting the influence the programme had on their children:

- "My child had a great time."
- "My son made new friends and learnt new skills."
- "It was great how safe the Titans staff made it feel."
- "My child doesn't usually like stuff like this. I was really surprised when he wanted to return for additional days."

As part of our effort to recognise outstanding effort and attitude, we awarded two children an All Star Pass to attend our basketball club development sessions. One child, in particular, went on to attend a five-day basketball camp the following week, further enhancing their skills and confidence.

Programs and Services

3-Point Play Health Programme

The programme was devised using basketball as a vehicle to provide health messages to primary school children as well as educate them around the risks of knife crime, improving their mental health as well as the risks of obesity and benefits of healthy eating. The programme culminated with a tournament between participating schools



Our Impact

"I think the work the Titans do in our local community is amazing. They really want to make a difference to the lives of these children."

"My children have benefitted massively. Some are more willing to talk about difficult issues, and many are eager to show off new skills."

– Liam Williams, PE & Sports Lead, Ruskin Academy

"I learnt that if you have a problem, you should speak to someone."

– Year 6 Pupil, Victoria Primary

"I learnt how to be safe."

– Year 5 Pupil, Olympic Primary



The programme was nominated at the North Northamptonshire Council Active Communities Award 2024 in the Health & Wellbeing Initiative category

Programs and Services

Community Sessions

The Foundation has supported council and government funded community projects across the county, providing free access to basketball allowing children to get involved in the sport at no cost, as well as diverting children away from crime and anti social behaviour. We have used some of the funding to employ a youth worker to ensure the participants receive expert care and guidance whilst taking part in the various projects.



Our Impact

AA is very committed to the NNStreetballerz sessions and Basketball at this time. He has been attending regularly and has begun to make friends that attend the group with similar interests. He has recognised that previous friends were not a good influence and has reported that he is improving in school and went the last 2 weeks without a detention. He has built strong relationships with coaches at the session and talks to them about different aspects of his life. He has improved in his resilience when shooting and missing, he keeps his head up and does not let his confidence drop. He has begun to control his aggression more and use this in a more efficient way. He has spoken about this helping him in his personal life too, he reported that someone at school started to be rude to him and normally he would have hit him but instead he walked away, he was very proud of himself for this and coaches praised him for this. It has been clear that he has developed as a player but also as a young person through attending the sessions at The Racecourse.

NN STREET BALLERZ

Programs and Services

Moulton College Basketball Academy

The Foundation has continued to develop the positive partnership with Moulton College. As part of this partnership, we have increased the number of coaches to support the Moulton Basketball Academy, as the programme expands further. The College won their league and succeeded in gaining promotion to the highest possible tier of College competition as well as competing in Europe at the EYBL.



“The relationship with the Foundation has allowed the academy to flourish. From the education of coaches paired with ability to deliver within our academy system. The support and development of the players has been phenomenal.”

Tom Brinkley Moulton College Basketball Academy Director



The University of Northampton has been partnered with Titans Basketball club for the past three academic years. In this time we have seen the launch of 2 BUCS basketball teams (male and female).

Titans have been crucial in the coaching and operational management of these clubs, working closely with our student union to organise venues, training, and officials. Through the partnership with titans we've seen an uptake in recruitment of students with basketball interest and are hoping to launch a second men's team in the near future".

Luke Callis Uni. of Northampton Applied Sports Scientist



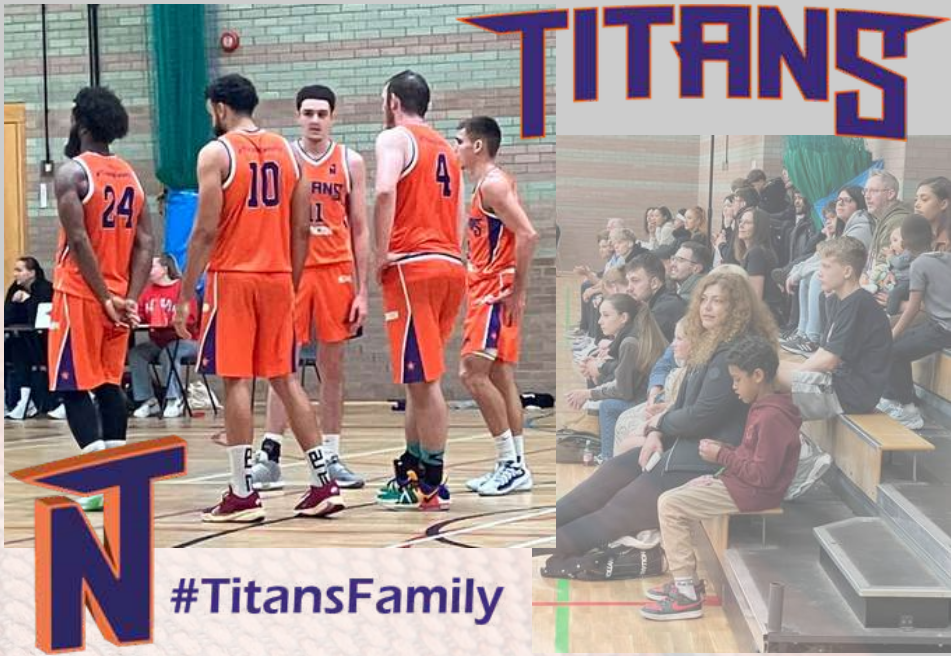
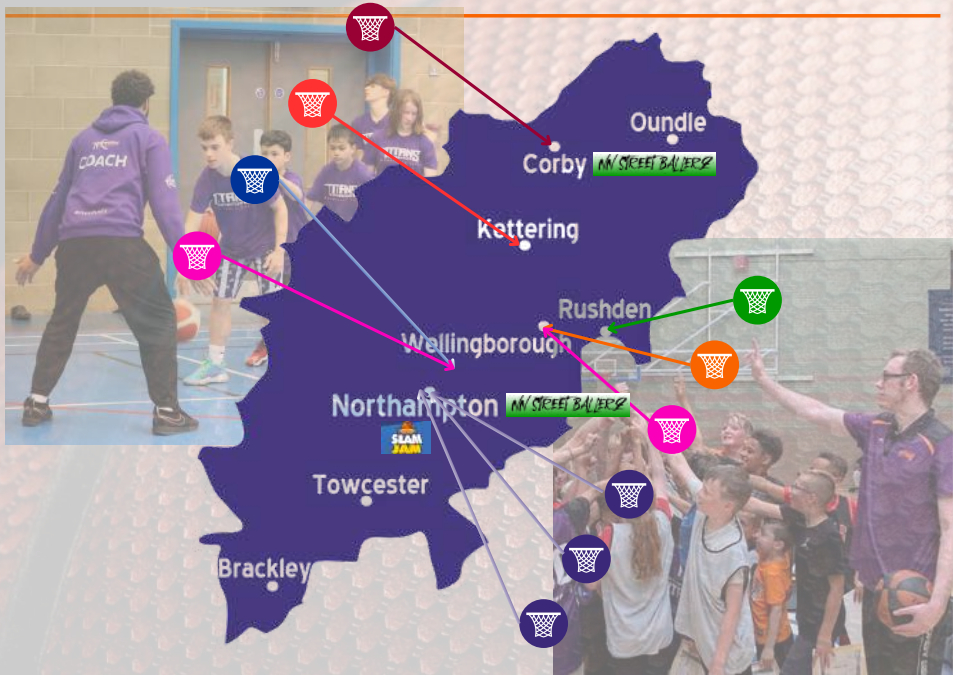
University of Northampton BUCS Programme

The Foundation continued the positive relationship with University of Northampton to deliver coaching to the basketball programme in BUCS competition, with men's and women's teams active.

Programs and Services

Community Development Clubs

The Foundation has expanded the number of community club to 10 across Northamptonshire adding clubs in Kettering, and a second one in Northampton to the existing Northampton, Wellingborough, Moulton, Rushden/Higham Ferrers and Corby clubs. Sessions are for participants of all ages, genders, ethnicities and socio economic backgrounds.



National League Teams

The Foundation supports 8 teams competing in National League level competition. Teams were made up for children between the ages of 11-18 as well as senior teams with links to Moulton College & University of Northampton. Grants were provided to 10 children from low socio economic backgrounds to enable them to participate at the highest level.

Leadership and Governance

Governance

The Foundation has a board of 6 trustees who meet regularly to oversee the work of the Foundation.

The Foundation operates under two committees, the Club Management Committee runs and operates the Titans national league programme; the Community Coaching Committee operates the community programmes and manages key development partnerships.

There are sub committees dedicated to Finance and Fundraising.

The board of trustees liaises with external consultants to fill gaps in expertise within the board.

Compliance

Northamptonshire Titans Foundation ensures it is operating in line with current laws and regulations, as well as regularly reviewing key policies, in particularly in areas of safeguarding, GDPR and welfare.

A full list of policies is available on our website.

Leadership

Roles of key individuals:

Crispin Smalley - Chair of Trustees
Leads the team on legal compliance and financial management.

Pete Burgoine - Trustee and Director of Operations & Community Coaching
Leads the Community Coaching Committee and manages the programme, is leads the fundraising sub committee, manages partnerships and relationships as well as consulting with the Club Management Committee on areas of overlap.

Angela James - Trustee and Club Management Director
Leads the Club Management Committee, the operation of the national league programme, manages administration and coordinates volunteers.

Barry Powell - Trustee and Club Coaching Director.
Manages and mentors the team coaches, is a key member of the Club Management Committee

Leadership and Governance



“Over the past four years, the Foundation has focused on refining our services and developing the infrastructure necessary to build a sustainable programme.

Our commitment to transforming the lives of young people is at the heart of everything we do. As long as we remain guided by our core values and objectives, we are confident that the future will be bright for everyone involved in basketball across Northamptonshire.”

We have established a highly capable community coaching team, whose diverse skill sets enable us to deliver a wide range of impactful projects. This has significantly enhanced our ability to serve the community.

Over the past year, we have nearly doubled our delivery hours and reached over 5,000 participants through various programmes. These include school sessions for over 2,100 children, community sessions that offer free access to basketball for those most in need was a welcome addition to our programme.

It is incredibly rewarding to have such a positive influence on so many individuals both young and old many of whom are experiencing basketball for the first time. Supporting children from low socio-economic backgrounds in realising their potential adds even greater meaning to our work.

Pete Burgoine Director of Operations & Community Coaching

“Our commitment to transforming the lives of young people is at the heart of everything we do.”



Another year and thanks to our team of coaches and volunteers we have again exceeded our expectations.

On behalf of my fellow trustees I would like to thank everyone who has participated in our activities over the past twelve months – Without everyone’s efforts we could not have achieved the growth we have seen – To everyone who has taken part – Thank you!

Crispin Smalley Chair of Trustees

Our People

Our team of volunteers is in excess of 30, between them they cover all club management roles including administration, financial management, fundraising, grant applications, welfare, training, coaching, media and marketing.



Northamptonshire Titans NBL programme for elite competitions at all age groups, is run on the voluntary efforts of coaches and team managers.

Further support is provided by the parents of the players for transport, laundry and team organisation. The work of volunteers through out our organisation is key to providing young people with a safe and secure environment to learn essential personal and social skills through a sport we love.

Angela James Trustee & Club Management Director

We have a thriving & developing team of community coaches. All our coaches hold a Basketball England Coaching qualifications, enhanced DBS checks, are Safeguarding trained and First Aid qualified.



Our Impact

LY is a 21-year-old, he joined one of the North Northamptonshire Council funded community sessions when he found out about the programme from a friend. Post the coronavirus lockdown, he was not in a good place, with extremely low confidence, and that was the case for over two years, he had one passion, basketball, but no outlet. He had only played on outdoor courts by himself, and was in danger of falling in with the wrong crowd.

He describes finding the programme as “a dream come true” he finally had an outlet. He was welcomed into the group, and really engaged with the coaching, as a result his skills rapidly improved in a supportive environment, his confidence flourished, and when we launched the team from the sessions, he was first in line to take part.

When he scored his first points, the love he felt from his team mates really entrenched his positivity.

His mental health has improved significantly, and he summarises his experience that the Titans Foundation basketball programme “saved him” from an uncertain future.

Our Partners

The Foundation continues to have positive relationships with Basketball England, Northamptonshire Sport, Basketball Northants, Moulton College, Rhino Sports Academy, University of Northampton, Northampton Students’ Union, Billing Brook Academy and Weavers Academy.

All have written service level agreements in place.

Our Support

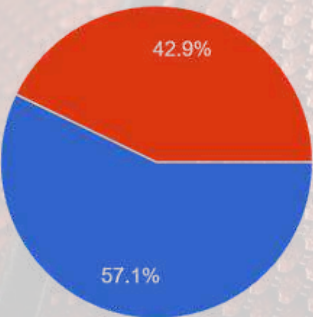
Our Bursary

Grants were provided to a number of children and families from low socio economic backgrounds to enable them to participate at the highest level.

We have also supported upskilling and training of volunteers as well as new officials.

Our Impact

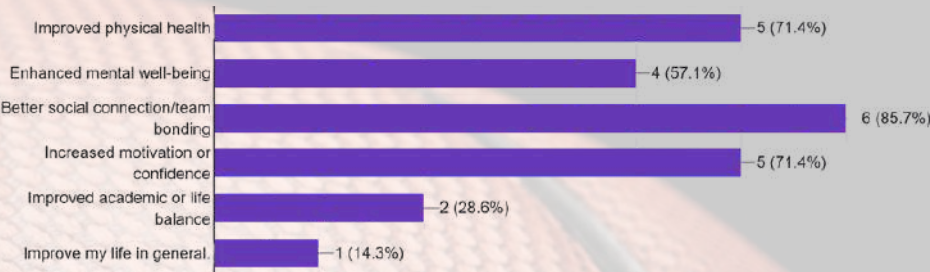
“The funding helped me improve my game by giving me access to better training and more opportunities to compete. It also eased financial stress, allowing me to focus fully on basketball.”



- Yes, I would not have been able to play otherwise
- Yes, it reduced financial pressure
- Somewhat
- No real difference

Our Impact

“It’s allowed me to play games in and out of Northampton, additionally, I’ve been able to play in key training sessions through the support funding.”



Our Impact

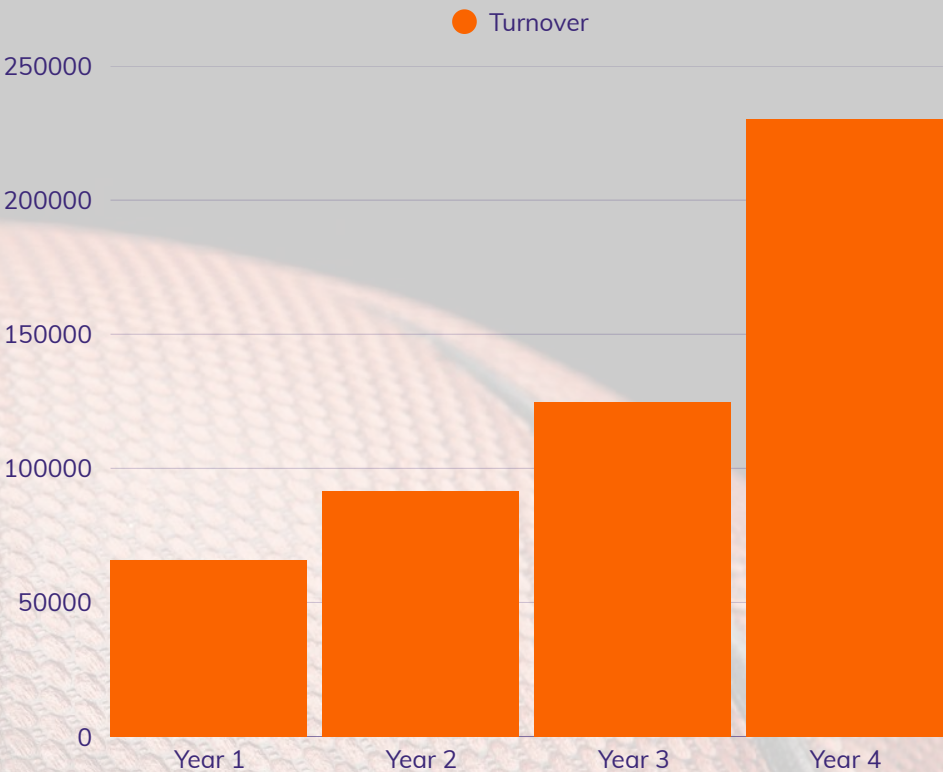
“The support has made a massive difference this season. I’ve been given an amazing opportunity to attend multiple training sessions a week, play in national league games in u14s and u16s purple and attend all aspire sessions in Nottingham and has helped me improve and learn so much this season. I would not have been able to do all of this without the help from Titans. My mum and I can’t thank Titans enough. We are extremely grateful.”

Financial Performance

Growth

Our turnover has grown steadily over the past four years, reflecting increased engagement with supporters, successful fundraising efforts, and growing demand for our services. In Year 1, total income stood at £65,858, rising to £91,563 in Year 2. This upward trend continued with turnover reaching £121,537 in Year 3 and further increasing to £230,351 in Year 4. The year-on-year growth demonstrates the Foundation’s improving capacity to attract funding and manage expanding operations.

This growth in turnover has allowed us to broaden our reach and deepen our impact, while also strengthening its financial footing. Trustees continue to monitor income streams to ensure long-term sustainability, balancing growth with the responsible use of resources. Diversifying income and maintaining strong relationships with funders and donors remain key priorities as we build on this positive financial trajectory.



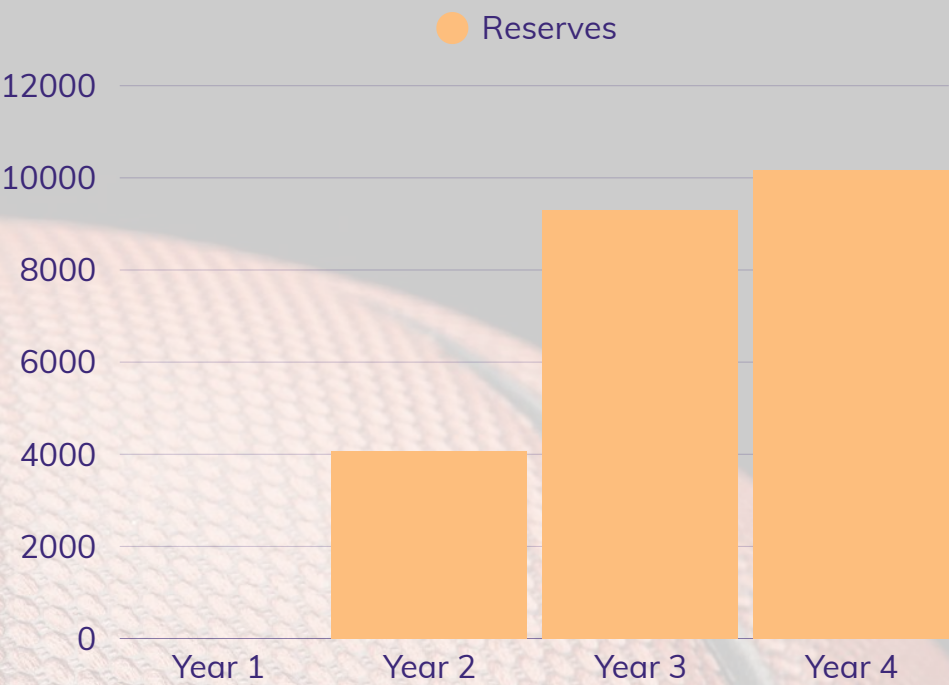
Any surplus generated during the year will be reinvested into providing free school sessions and community activities that support and promote the charitable objectives of the Foundation. The trustees are committed to ensuring that all funds are used to maximise public benefit.

Financial Performance

Security

The reserves have shown steady and positive growth over the past four financial years. Starting from a nil balance in Year 1, reserves increased to £4,060 in Year 2, followed by a further rise to £9,296 in Year 3. By the end of Year 4, the reserves stood at £10,178. This consistent increase reflects prudent financial management and a measured approach to income generation and expenditure.

Maintaining an appropriate level of reserves is vital to the Foundation’s long-term sustainability. These funds provide a financial buffer to protect against unexpected costs, ensure continuity of services, and support planned future development. The trustees regularly review the reserves policy to ensure that the level of reserves held remains proportionate to the Foundation’s activities and risks.



The trustees have reviewed the Foundation’s financial needs and consider it appropriate to maintain unrestricted reserves equivalent to three months operational expenditure. This level is considered sufficient to cover short-term funding gaps, meet unexpected costs, and ensure the charity can continue to deliver its core services in the event of unforeseen circumstances. The policy is reviewed annually to ensure it remains appropriate in light of the Foundation’s size, financial risks, and future plans.

Reserves Policy

Coming in 2024/25

Slam Jam

Basketball England’s initiative for under 11's will be launched, and Titans will be supporting the programme.



3x3 Tournaments

The Foundation is intending to launch a series of community 3x3 tournaments across the county in an attempt to bring communities together.



Community Basketball League

The Foundation is intending to launch a series of community leagues allowing children who “just want to play” a safe space and environment to develop their game and have fun.



Unified Basketball

The Foundation is working with Friars Academy to develop a Unified Basketball programme for children from a neuro diverse and SEN background. Working with the Youth Sports Trust, Special Olympics GB and Moulton College to make it happen.



If you would like to be involved in our work, please get in touch with us, we would be more than happy welcome you into the **#TitansFamily**

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Financial Statement for year end 31st August 2024

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Company Details

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE TITANS FOUNDATION is a registered charity, registered in England and Wales.

Registered Charity No. 1191353.

The company's registered address is: 42 The Oval, Kettering, Northamptonshire, United Kingdom, NN15 6AY

Trustees

Crispin Smalley

Pete Burgoine

Barry Powell

Angela James

Louise Stalker

Jase Wickham

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE TITANS FOUNDATION

Financial Statement for year end 31st August 2024

Directors Finance Report

These accounts have been prepared by:

Crispin Smalley
Pete Burgoine

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Commission of England & Wales.

Signed:



Pete Burgoine
Director of Operations



Crispin Smalley
Chair of Trustees

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE TITANS FOUNDATION

Financial Statement for year end 31st August 2023

Income Statement

	2024	2023
	£	£
Turnover	115,537.38	121,537.04
Other income	114,813.56	2,809.59
Cost of raw materials and consumables	(86,125.38)	(48,346.27)
Staff costs	(114,518.74)	(69,748.36)
Other charges	(28,948.05)	(7,780.76)
Profit or (loss)	758.77	(1,528.76)

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Balance Sheet

	2024	2023
	£	£
Current assets	69,364.19	9,295.73
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(5,986.69)	0.00
Net current assets / (liabilities)	63,377.50	9,295.73
Total assets less current liabilities	63,377.50	9,295.73
Restricted Funds	(43,145.00)	
Unrestricted Reserves	(10,178.00)	
Net assets	10,054.50	9,295.73
Capital and reserves	10,054.50	9,295.73

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE TITANS FOUNDATION

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Notes to the accounts

Average number of employees

Average number of employees During the year the average number of employees was 10 (2023: 8).

Contingent Liabilities Note

Provisions for liabilities breakdown:

Restricted Funds £43,145;

Unrestricted Reserves £10,178.

Financial Commitments Note

Restricted Funds are for the delivery of specific projects:

Project Left Behind: £6,177 (to be spent during next reporting period);

Project Million Hours: £8,056 (to be spent during next reporting period);

Project Walk (NNC): £5,267 (to be spent during next reporting period);

Project All Girls: 8,250 (to be spent during next reporting period);

Project Walk (Lottery) 15,395 (to be spent by the end of 2025/26);

Total £43,145



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

Northamptonshire Titans Foundation

On accounts for the year ended

31 August 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1191353

Set out on pages

1 & 2

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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 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:

11 June 2025

Name:

Luke Hutcherson

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

CTA

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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.

Not applicable – no matters of concern.