



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **1st April 2024** To **31st March 2025**

Charity name: Bury Athletic Club

Charity registration number: 1193322

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The object of the charity is: 1) The advancement of public participation in athletics* as a sport 2) To provide recreational facilities and/or organise recreational activities, available to members of the public at large, with the object of improving the conditions of life. * athletics is defined as the England Athletics recognised disciplines of track and field, road running, cross country, trail running, fell running, ultra-distance running and race walking.
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	In furtherance of the above the charity shall: i) Provide a base for successful competitive athletics and to develop the full potential of each member; ii) Encourage enthusiastic coaches, officials, administrators and other helpers within the club and provide opportunities for qualification and experience; and iii) Provide a base for those wishing to exercise as a recreational activity or to improve their health / physical fitness.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees of the charity have taken due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	N/A
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Bury AC is extremely grateful for the significant contribution made by its volunteers. These include trustees, committee members, coaches, officials and other helpers. Thousands of hours are given in voluntary service.
Other		N/A

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	Organisation Bury Athletic Club was registered as a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) on the 29th January 2021. The current Board comprises of seven trustees. Two committees oversee the operational management of the CIO. These are the Athletics Management Committee and the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee. These report into the board of trustees who hold overall responsibility for development of the club and to ensure it meets its charitable object. The vision of the club (in support of the charitable objective) is to: • promote Athletics and the Club in the local community and emphasise the wellbeing athletics creates; • offer first class coaching in track and field, cross country and road running • offer competition opportunities in track and field, cross country and road running; • provide first class training facilities for members that can be made available to the wider community; • ensure a duty of care to all members of the club; • provide all its services in a way that is fair to everyone; • ensure that all present and future members receive fair and equal treatment; • be non-profit making, but ensure that surpluses are re-invested to further the charitable objects of the club; • promote equal opportunities for all people regardless of their ability, disability, race, nationality, ethnicity, gender or sexual orientation. Membership and affiliation Membership during the year reached a peak of 443 members. This comprised of 271 competitive athletes, 143 social athletes (including 87 under 11s) with the remainder being volunteers (coaches, officials, helpers) although some competitive and social members also volunteer their time to support the charity. The club is on an overall growth trajectory. The club is affiliated to England Athletics and pays an annual affiliation fee. All of the club's members are registered with England Athletics and the competitive

		members pay a registration fee which is collected as part of the club membership arrangements. For 2024/25 the registration fee for athletes was £19. Through the affiliation with England Athletics the club is able to adopt the key national policies such as the safeguarding policy and the national codes of conduct. The club is also affiliated to Northern Athletics and pays an annual affiliation fee to them which is based on the number of competitive members the club has. Again, this fee is collected as part of the club's membership arrangements. This fee is currently set at £2 per athlete. The membership fees for the club (not including the registration/affiliation fees) for the year was £20 for junior/student members and £35 for senior members. The trustees set the level of the membership fees to ensure that the club is inclusive. However, the club also operates a hardship system that allow the trustees to waive the membership fees and training fees of members who are facing significant financial hardship. Trustees agreed to hold the current fee levels for 2025/26. Training and Competition The club's organised training nights are each Tuesday and Thursday. Training commences at 6.00pm for the younger groups and the club closes at about 8.30pm. Sessions are run under the guidance of qualified and accredited coaches and coaching assistants, together with some support from helpers. There is a £4 training fee for members participating in sessions. For family groups, the second member is charged £3. It is also possible for members to pre-book training sessions for the month ahead. The price for this year was £50 for a family; £20 for an individual member and £15 for a second family member. All the coaching team are volunteers and dedicate hundreds of hours in supporting their athletes. They are in turn supported by the club through funding for their development to be fully accredited in their respective roles with UK Athletics. Some coaches do hold additional sessions which are open to all members in the coaches age group. The following groups operate as part of the club's coaching structure: • Under 9s • Under 11s • Under 13s • Under 15s • Under 17s sprints/hurdles/jumps • Under 17s endurance • Senior Endurance • Senior Sprints • Senior Development Group • Throws
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		The club offers a variety of competitive opportunities for members and these are delivered through local and national leagues and competition providers. They include: • Red Rose Cross Country League • South East Lancs Cross Country League • Greater Manchester Cross Country Championships • North of England Cross Country Championships • National Cross Country Championships • Greater Manchester Sportshall League • Greater Manchester Road Relays • North of England Road Relays • National Road Relays • Cheshire Track and Field League • North of England Track and Field League • Greater Manchester Track and Field Championships • Mid Lancs Track and Field League • North of England Track and Field Championships (Indoors and Outdoors) • National Track and Field Championships (Indoors and Outdoors) In the 2024 track and field season the club was asked to host a number of open events by Trafford AC who were having their track resurfaced. An approach was also made by the British Milers Club (BMC) to host their Grand Prix World Challenger event in August. This saw over 80 overseas athletes competing on the Bury track. Highlight performances included the USA's Cooper Teare setting a new BMC 1500m record of 3.33.95 and Jamie Phillips setting a new Scottish U20 800m record of 1.47.46. At the club's Mile meeting in August Evan Grime from Salford ran a world best for a 15 year old of 4.05.48. The club also hosted the Greater Manchester track and field championships in May. Over and above this, the club reintroduced its Mini League meetings that provide an introduction to competition for young athletes. Bury's Jay Cook was selected to represent the England Under 20 team at a representative meeting in Eton where he placed second in the shot put competition. Luke Harreld represented Great Britain Masters in the World Masters Championships in Sweden and Craig Sykes represented England Masters in the Manchester Half Marathon. The club also had a number of athletes selected for county representation and these included Claudia Chapman, Ben Clarke, Mylah Collier, Oliver Cooper, Lucy Dent, Evie Elliott, Peter Gardner, Jemima Miles, Niamh Murray, Matilda Nott and Agatha Wragg. Community and Charity Engagement The club works with a number of other groups to give them support and access to the Market Street facilities. This is done by way of hiring agreements. The various groups that used the facility during 2024/25 include: • Action 4 Children • Wheels for All
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		• Persona • Jigsaw • Dinatonnes Morris Dancers • Bury College of Further Education • Local Primary Schools • Local Secondary Schools • Other local athletics clubs • Lancashire Race Walking Club • Accessible Festival • Other ad hoc users The club has a charging structure in place for hirers with group sessions charged at £40 for the first hour followed by £30 for subsequent hours. There is an additional cost of £5 per hour for the use of floodlights and £5 per hour for the use of the clubhouse. Ad hoc users are charged at £4 per session. These charges are made so the club can cover the cost of running the facility and also to generate cash reserves for future improvement projects. This pricing structure will be reviewed in 2025/26. The club estimates that over the year more than 6000 different users benefitted from the use of the facilities. The trustees therefore believe the CIO is achieving its charitable object. Facilities As is reported above, the charity has put its track and field facilities to good use through 2024 and 2025. Forthcoming challenges faced by the charity relate to some of the other facilities on the Market Street site; specifically the poor condition of the clubhouse; the longevity of the floodlights at the site and the width of the access road onto the site. Trustees have explored a large variety of different funding streams to raise the capital required to upgrade the facilities detailed above. Applications have by and large been unsuccessful and the charity is aware that Bury Council, as the owners of the site, have very limited financial reserves which could be drawn upon to assist in upgrading facilities. This presents a threat to the charities operations as the facilities are critical in delivering operations, especially with local charities, and generating income. The trustees will continue to explore funding and grant opportunities so that the vital work can be undertaken. Club Awards In October the club celebrated the following England Athletics North West Region awards for 2024. Byron Edwards won club leader of the year, Clare Devine won new volunteer of the year and Fiona Healy was runner up in the coach of the year. In December the club celebrated its achievements for 2024 at its annual presentation evening. It provided the club with the opportunity to thank the trustees and the
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		volunteer coaches, officials and Awards included the categories of coaches' male and female athlete of the year, team manager's male and female athlete of the year and trustees special awards.
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity had £70,852 in the bank at the end of the period. This comprised of £1,218 in the current account and £69,634 in the savings account. The charity's gross turnover for the period was £106,158. The total administrative costs for the charity for the period was £90,934. This gave a total surplus for the charity of £15,224.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Cash reserves were maintained by the charity so that it could make a financial contribution to the work to upgrade the facilities used by the charity. The land and facilities are owned by Bury Council and previously they, together with two major grant providers have financed a project to resurface the track and update the jump facilities at the facility as well as upgrading the throwing facilities. However, further work is required to develop the facility and the council have outlined that they cannot make further funds available. Therefore, the charity sets aside reserves in the savings account to make financial contributions to this required work.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£70,855
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A - The Trustees hold the view that the charity is a going concern.

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		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
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	Elected by the members of the charity at the AGM

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Bury Athletic Club
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1193322
Charity's principal address	Bury Athletic Club Market Street Track Market Street Bury Lancs BL9 9FX

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)
Mark Granby	Chair		Members
Roger Morley	Vice-Chair		Members
Helen Vaughan	Secretary		Members
John Conroy			Members
Byron Edwards			Members
Susan Wheeldon-Gorst	Treasurer		Members
Chris Lucas			Members

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
As Above		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
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N/A		
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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

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)	Mark Leo Granby	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	1 st September 2025	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Bury Athletic Club

1193322

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	1st April 2024	To	31st March 2025
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestrict ed funds to the nearest £	Restrict ed funds to the nearest £	Endowme nt funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Facility hire	46,116		-	46,116	37,406
Event income	5,637		-	5,637	5,759
Training fees	24,939		-	24,939	23,114
Membership subscriptions & cards	15,038		-	15,038	13,284
Grant income	3,250		-	3,250	6,460
Fundraising and donations	512		-	512	637
Other donations	974		-	974	5,000
Income socials and shop	3,810		-	3,810	2,730
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	106,158		-	106,158	98,808
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	106,158		-	106,158	98,808
A3 Payments					
Cost of Goods Sold	1,680		-	1,680	732
Tuck Shop Purchases	629		-	629	440
EA Affiliation	4,880		-	4,880	4,632
Team & Individual Entry Fee	3,363		-	3,363	3,830
Trophies & Awards	526		-	526	495
Salaries inc Nat Ins	20,393		-	20,393	18,028
Staff Training	1,115		-	1,115	223
Repairs and maintenance	13,441		-	13,441	5,304

Petrol	140		-	140	473
Improvement Work	414		-	414	-
Minor Sports Equipment	2,018		-	2,018	1,862
Insurance	7,886		-	7,886	6,989
Light, Power, Heating	5,106		-	5,106	7,261
Water Rates	5,900		-	5,900	120
Cleaning	5,260		-	5,260	4,762
General Expenses	3,900		-	3,900	2,383
IT Software and Consumables	1,120		-	1,120	1,560
Telephone & Internet	772		-	772	709
Socials	600		-	600	893
Printing & Stationery	118		-	118	25
Bank Fees	2		-	2	4
Commission- Stripe and SumUp	1,391		-	1,391	1,321
Audit & Accountancy fees	50		-	50	709
Professional fees	717		-	717	-
Sub total	81,421		-	81,421	62,755

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Equipment	918	-	-	918	397
Cost of asset reorganisation	-			-	449
Movement in accrued income	8,595	-	-	8,595	13,580
Sub total	9,513	-	-	9,513	14,426

Total payments	90,934		-	90,934	77,181
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Net of receipts/(payments)	15,224	-	-	15,224	21,627
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	55,631	-	-	55,631	34,004
Cash funds this year end	70,855	-	-	70,855	55,631

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestrict ed funds to nearest £	Restrict ed funds to nearest £	Endowme nt funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current Account	69,634		-
	Savings Account	1,218		-
	Total cash funds	70,852		-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	Agreement Error	OK
		Unrestrict ed funds to nearest £	Restrict ed funds to nearest £	Endowme nt funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
	Accrued Income (General)	10,356	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details			
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details			
	Leasehold improvements	General	24,235	13,879
	Sports equipment	General	6,358	4,485
	Equipment	General	49,468	36,055
		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Details			
	Sundry accruals	General	576	2025/26
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		MARK LEO GRANBY	01/09/2025	



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Bury Athletic Club

On accounts for the year ended

31 March 2025

Charity no

1193322

Set out on pages

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(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 31/03/2025.
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:

12 October 2025

Name:

Peter G Nicol

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body**

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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