

**Bolton Wyresdale Amateur Football and Sports Club**

Charity Registration Number :1195715

Company Registration No: 13462562

Trustees' Annual Report and Unaudited Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 June 2025

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**1. Administrative Information**

Trustees/Directors:

Stanley Crawford (Chairman)	Appointed 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2021
Richard McKenna	Appointed 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2021
Stephen Wilson	Appointed 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2021
Joseph Dolwin	Appointed 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2025
Aamar Ahmed	Resigned 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2025

Registered Charity and Company Address:

C/O Co-gency Corporate Finance Limited  
Lees Street  
Swinton  
Manchester  
M27 6DB

Bankers: The Co-operative Bank

## **2. Chairman's Report**

The Club was formed in 1894 and celebrated our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2019. Since that time, it has been converted to a Company Limited by Guarantee in June 2021 and registered as a Charity in September 2021.

This transformation culminated in December 2023 with the completion of contracts to sell the existing ground for the development of Affordable Housing and using the proceeds to buy a new 15-acre site and contract for the development of much improved facilities including 4 new grass pitches, changing rooms, clubhouse and car parking.

In the last twelve months the Club has shrunk to 3 teams with the focus being on managing the complex delivery of the new facility.

The installation of the pitches proved to be very challenging with constant issues caused by the varying weather conditions as well as the expected difficulties arising as a large, hilly field was converted into 4 level football pitches with excellent pitch and site drainage

At the end of the Financial Year there were still many uncertainties around the completion of the facility in time for season, however the Clubs Committee decided to push ahead with plans to increase the scale of involvement and recruit Junior Teams to start up in August and two additional adult teams.

I am pleased to report that the new Facility came into use on 15th August 2025 in time for the start of the new season.

I am also pleased to report that we were able organise a grand opening over the weekend of 16/17<sup>th</sup> August where former players, new recruits and the public were entertained to a fun weekend for all the family. The weather was amazing and a good time was had by all.

In addition, I am pleased to report that the 2025/26 season kicked off with 5 Adult teams and 12 Junior teams, which for the first time included a Girls team.

The next year will be focused on assimilating all our new recruits, expanding the number of volunteers and snagging the issues of the much larger facility.

Thanks to all those involved and a big welcome to our all our new friends

### **3. Trustees Annual Report including the Directors Report**

The trustees present this report and the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025. Included within the trustees' report is the directors report as required by company law.

### **4. Structure, governance and management**

Bolton Wyresdale Amateur Football and Sports Club is a registered Charity (Registration No.1195715) and a Company Limited by Guarantee Registration No. 133462562). The governing documents are the memorandum and articles of association dated 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

The trustees, who are also directors were appointed on formation and continue in their roles.

The Legal Members of the company limited by guarantee undertake to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the Company in the event of winding up. The total number of such guarantees at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025 was fourteen.

The key management personnel are identified as the Trustees

#### **Aamar Ahmed**

During the year the Club suffered the sad loss of one of our Trustees and mainstay of the Club. He will be sadly missed by all at the Club and the wider Lancashire football community. His wife and sons are still heavily involved in the Clubs activities.

### **5. Objectives and Activities for the Public Benefit**

The Objects of the Charity are to promote community participation in healthy recreation by providing facilities for the playing of association football and such other sports or games which promote health by involving physical or mental skill or exertion and which are undertaken on an amateur basis

The Trustees confirm that they have followed the relevant regulatory guidance on public benefit

### **6. Review of Activities and Achievements**

During the year the club had 3 teams. Two in the Lancashire Amateur league playing in the Premier Division and Division two and a Veterans team playing in the Bolton Over 35 Veterans Football League.

Due to the poor condition of our home ground matches were played on rented local authority pitches.

The Clubhouse also became unusable due to major issues with the flat roof which could not be economically resolved.

The scope of activities and involvement was therefore constrained by these two major issues, and the trustees and committee members concentrated their efforts on the sale and purchase activities to provide new facilities for the Club

## **7. Future Plans**

The planned completion of the new facility will provide a major opportunity to expand the reach and involvement of the Club.

The facility will comprise 2 adult grass pitches, 2 junior grass pitches, 4 changing rooms with facilities for officials, parking for 78 cars, accessibility features and energy efficiency measures to the latest standards. The Club owns the freehold to the 15-acre site on which the facilities are located between Bolton and Bury.

The intention is to maintain and grow the number of Men's teams, utilise the two new junior pitches to recruit and support junior football in the area and assess the feasibility of creating a Ladies team.

It is planned to utilise the high-quality pitches and make them available for tournaments and competitions

It is also planned to make the Clubhouse facilities available for use by local community groups

The Club has secure income from Sponsorship and aims to use this to ensure that the facilities are adequately maintained. In addition, it aims to raise further funds through catering, pitch rental, donations, subscriptions as well as receiving interest on Reserve funds.

The club aims to support its growth through the recruitment of a broad spectrum of volunteers who will be attracted via the increased community involvement.

## **8. Financial Review**

For the period in question there was a surplus of £78,905, with income from sponsorship and interest on the proceeds from the sale of the ground being the main elements

As at the 30 June 2025, the total funds of the Charity were £2,181,068. Of this £1,999,674 relates to land and buildings under construction and invested funds from the sale of the old ground which were invested and earning interest.

There is a long-term Unsecured Loan of £500,000 which was primarily used to purchase the new 15-acre site. This loan has no interest or regular repayments and is only repayable in the event of a default, disposal, merger for value or change of use

## **9. Reserves Policy**

All funds are Unrestricted and can be used towards the support of the Objects. There are sufficient funds to complete the development of the new facility, cover operating costs and invest in interest bearing savings accounts.

A formal Reserves policy will be developed to underpin long term sustainability

## **10. Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements**

The Trustees (who are also Directors) are responsible for preparing the Trustees annual report and the financial statement in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the Charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statement comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the Charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statement may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to the small companies' regime of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Trustees on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2026 signed on their behalf by:

Stanley Crawford

Trustee/Director

**11. Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 30 June 2025**

	Year end 30 June 2025			Year end 30 June 2024		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
	Restricted	Unrestricted	TOTAL	Restricted	Unrestricted	TOTAL
Income						
Donations and Legacies		1,092	1,092		585	585
Investment Income (Bank Interest)		60,731	60,731		38,339	38,339
Other trading Activities: Sponsorship		34,583	34,583		33,333	33,333
Other trading Activities: Misc		5,458	5,458		5,939	5,939
Total Income	0	101,864	101,864	0	78,196	78,196
Expenditure on:						
Charitable Activities		22,959	22,959		9,929	9,929
Other		0	0		0	0
Total Expenditure	0	22,959	22,959	0	9,929	9,929
Net Gain/(Loss)	0	78,905	78,905	0	68,268	68,268
Total Funds Brought forward	0	2,102,164	2,102,164	0	75,896	75,896
Gain on Sale of Land and Buildings	0	0	0	0	1,958,000	1,958,000
Total funds Carried Forward	0	2,181,068	2,181,068	0	2,102,164	2,102,164

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

Sponsorship Income is derived from an 8 year Agreement

Investment income includes interest on Property sale funds which have been Invested in an interest bearing Savings Account ahead of being used for the new development

Other trading Activities includes the Reimbursement of the cost of Temporary Facilities (Pitch rental, Storage) which have been hired pending provision of the new facilities



## 12. Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2025

	As at 30 June 2025			As at 30 June 2024		
	£ Restricted	£ Unrestricted	£ TOTAL	£ Restricted	£ Unrestricted	£ TOTAL
Fixed Asset						
Tangible Assets		1,999,674	1,999,674		594,287	594,287
Total Fixed Assets		1,999,674	1,999,674		594,287	594,287
Current Assets						
Cash at Bank		682,180	682,180		2,009,796	2,009,796
Debtors		17,064	17,064		29,277	29,277
		699,244	699,244		2,039,073	2,039,073
Current liabilities						
Creditors		17,849	17,849		31,197	31,197
Net Current Assets		681,394	681,394		2,007,876	2,007,876
Total assets		2,681,068	2,681,068		2,602,164	2,602,164
Represented by						
Long term Liabilities						
Unsecured Loan		500,000	500,000		500,000	500,000
Funds of the charity		2,181,068	2,181,068		2,102,164	2,102,164

For the year in question the company was entitled to exemption from an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies

### Directors Responsibilities

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts in accordance with section 476

### 13. Notes to the Financial Statement

#### 1. Tangible Assets

	Freehold Property
Cost	
As at 30 June 2024	<b>594,287</b>
Depreciation	0
Disposals	0
Additions	1,405,386
As at 30 June 2025	<b>1,999,674</b>

#### 2. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Other Creditors	17,849	31,197

#### 3. Employees

Nil Nil

**13. Notes to the Financial Statement - continued****4. Financial Activities by class**

		Year end 30 June 2025			Year end 30 June 2024		
		£	£	£	£	£	£
		Restricted	Unrestricted	TOTAL	Restricted	Unrestricted	TOTAL
<b>Income</b>							
Donations and Legacies			1,092	1,092		585	585
Investment Income (Bank Interest)	A		60,731	60,731		38,339	38,339
Other trading Activities: Sponsorship	B		34,583	34,583		33,333	33,333
Other trading Activities: Misc	C		5,458	5,458		5,939	5,939
<b>Total Income</b>		0	101,864	101,864	0	78,196	78,196
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities:</b>							
Bank Charges			41			65	
Ground/Clubhouse Maintenance			0			745	
League Fees			1,427			413	
Pitch Hire			3,346			2,615	
Professional Fees			0			1,440	
Football Kit/Equipment			1,763			0	
Sundry Expenses			392			169	
Temporary Storage			1,716			862	
Temporary Pitch Hire			200			1,304	
Utilities -Electric			0			212	
Utilities -Gas			0			147	
Utilities -Water			0			447	
VAT Partial Exemption			14,075			1,509	
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		0	22,959	22,959	0	9,929	9,929
<b>Net Gain/(Loss)</b>		0	78,905	78,905	0	68,268	68,268
<b>Total Funds Brought forward</b>		0	2,102,164	2,102,164	0	75,896	75,896
Gain on Sale of Land and Buildings		0	0	0	0	1,958,000	1,958,000
<b>Total funds Carried Forward</b>		0	2,181,068	2,181,068	0	2,102,164	2,102,164

### **13. Notes to the Financial Statement - continued**

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Investment income includes interest on Property sale funds which have been Invested in an Interest  
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B Sponsorship Income is derived from an 8 year Agreement

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#### **14 Independent Examiners reports on the accounts 30 June 2025**

This report is made to the trustees of Bolton Wyresdale Amateur Football and Sports Club on accounts for the year ended 30 June 2025, Charity number 1195715.

##### **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 30/06/2025.
- 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.

Benjamin James Brierley ACCA

19/4/2026