

Charity registration number 1197522 (England and Wales)

NETBALL SOUTH WEST
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

NETBALL SOUTH WEST

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	K Brewer	
	C Brooks	
	K Jones	
	S Lewis	
	M Rutter	
	V Taylor-Byrne	
	L Thomas	
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Charity number (England and Wales)	1197522	
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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)".

Objectives and activities

The object of the CIO is the promotion of community participation in healthy recreation for the benefit of inhabitants of Avon, Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Gloucestershire, Jersey, Somerset and Wiltshire by the provision of facilities for playing netball, including, but not limited to:

(A) Providing netball activities, regional competition and training.

(B) Supporting the development of individual players, coaches, officials and volunteers across all levels of the game of netball.

The CIO supports and endorses England Netball Vision, mission and strategic goals. The CIO's own Vision is :

- for netball to be the number 1 sport for women and young people in the South West

The CIO's own Mission Statements is:

- to establish netball in the South West as the first choice sport for women and young people either as a player, coach, official or volunteer and across all levels of the game.

Public benefit

In planning the charity's activities for the period the trustees kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The focus of the charity's activities during the period, which explains the delivery by the charity of public benefit, is set out above under 'objectives and aims' and below under 'achievement and performance'.

Achievements and performance

Highlights of the work achieved in the 12 months to March 2025 include working alongside member county associations to deliver the following:

- Incentives for counties to develop new clubs and junior sections
- A fun day of activity for Walking Netballers
- Free Walking Netball host training for members
- Support for Walking Netball festivals
- Net Vets over 40s competition – with a regional final for 15 teams
- Continued free access for counties to the NSW paid Zoom account
- Bursary for B Award Umpire course attendance and assessments
- A bursary for the team representing us in the National Clubs playoffs in 2024-25
- A bursary for the 4 U14 and U16 teams representing us in the National Clubs playoffs in 2024-25
- In person One Awards event recognising our volunteers
- Bursaries for athletes, coaches and officials in the Pathway, in time with our new Financial Support Policy
- Recognition for NSW Honorary Life Members and Long Service Award members
- Support for the Delivery Team at the 2025 Regional Schools event
- Subsidised costs to schools entering the 2025 Regional Schools Tournament
- Prize of up to £500 for the winner of the Spirit of the Game Awards at the Regional Schools event
- Delivery of 8 State Schools tournaments for U13s and U15s
- Free access to clubs entering the senior regional leagues

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Financial review

Our effective balance (which includes the recommended reserve fund of £9000) stands at £19,545.00.

Our FP Reserve for FP 2025-26 is £64,710.43 and together with this year's income from membership (£44,059.00), I would be proposing a rounded down 2025-26 FP Expenditure Projection of £112,000 which is £10,000 higher than last year's FP.

In summary, NSW financial situation remains in a strong financial position and careful thought should be given to any proposed rise in membership fees for 2025-26.

Principal funding sources

Netball South West's principal source of funds is from member affiliations along with interest received. We are looking at the potential of external funding opportunities in order to deliver on our wider work. Reducing the reliance on member income is prudent and one of the contributory factors in deciding to apply for CIO status.

Netball South West does not act as a custodian or hold any assets on behalf of other organisations.

Reserves policy

An unrestricted reserve of £9,000 is recommended by England Netball, and the trustees ensure that the reserves are always in surplus of this balance.

Plans for future periods

Netball South West reviews its vision and priorities annually and intends to continue supporting its members through the delivery of regional competitions and events as well as development of its volunteers. We launched our 'We are One' offer last year, this includes a number of initiatives that add to our core offer. We will continue with this, including our club starter fund, state schools festivals and walking netball. In addition we will continue to work alongside England Netball on the Netball HER initiative, supporting women and girls' wider wellbeing. Finally, we plan to look into neuro diversity training for club coaches and county association volunteers.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

The charity is controlled by its governing document and is constituted as a foundation CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation). It was first registered with the Charity Commission on 14 January 2022.

Charity constitution

The charity is constituted as a CIO with a Constitution and Byelaws.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

All trustees serve for an agreed period and are elected at the AGM as detailed in the Constitution.

Roles and Duties of Trustees

Data Protection e-learning was identified and undertaken by all trustees.

Our Management and Finance group undertook a review of policies, all those in need of review were reviewed and agreed by the board of trustees. This included the Hardship Policy, now titled the Financial Support Policy and the Payment Policy.

Through our governance health check work a skills audit was carried out and a need was identified for a safeguarding and commercial lead. Both posts will be advertised in the next 12 months.

The board also reviewed its need for separate insurance cover and this was taken out.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the CIO charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

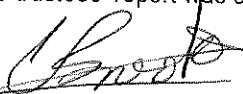
The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:


- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- 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 adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



C Brooks
Trustee


K Jones
Trustee

Date: 12th September 2025

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF NETBALL SOUTH WEST

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Netball South West (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011.

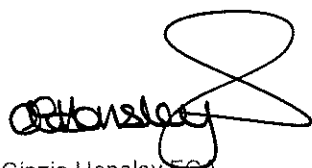
Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the financial statements in accordance with the relevant version of the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn. I understand that this has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.



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Date: 12 September 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Income from:			
Charitable activities	2	97,897	79,268
Investments	3	6,401	5,818
Total income		104,298	85,086
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	4	100,293	75,110
Total expenditure		100,293	75,110
Net income and movement in funds		4,005	9,976
Reconciliation of funds:			
Fund balances at 1 April 2024		178,540	168,564
Fund balances at 31 March 2025		182,545	178,540

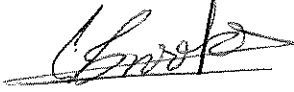
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
Current assets					
Debtors	8	6,220		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		177,623		179,800	
		<u>183,843</u>		<u>179,800</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(1,298)		(1,260)	
		<u></u>		<u></u>	
Net current assets			<u>182,545</u>		<u>178,540</u>
The funds of the charity					
Unrestricted funds	10		<u>182,545</u>		<u>178,540</u>
			<u>182,545</u>		<u>178,540</u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 12th September 2025



C Brooks
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

1.3 Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

1.4 Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

2 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Membership and affiliates	44,059	43,235
Education and training	485	1,221
Competitions and events	53,353	34,812
	<u>97,897</u>	<u>79,268</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

3 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Interest receivable	6,401	5,818

4 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Direct costs		
Education and training	1,351	1,796
Competition and events	78,958	55,621
Management and finance	4,200	7,300
Grant donations	5,262	2,110
Bank charges	60	20
Website	8,768	6,876
Insurance	420	127
	99,019	73,850
Share of support and governance costs (see note 5)		
Governance	1,274	1,260
	100,293	75,110
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	100,293	75,110

5 Support costs allocated to activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Governance costs	1,274	1,260
Analysed between:		
Accountancy	1,274	1,260

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

6 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the period ended 31 March 2024.

7 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

8 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	6,220	-
	<u>6,220</u>	<u>-</u>

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Accruals and deferred income	1,298	1,260
	<u>1,298</u>	<u>1,260</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

10 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2025 £
FP Funds 2025-26	60,433	-	-	4,277	64,710
Rise Again Funds	11,881	-	-	(11,881)	-
Strategy Development Fund	-	-	-	3,300	3,300
Community Development Fund	9,792	-	-	(9,792)	-
Heather Crouch Trust	17,860	-	-	(1,175)	16,685
NSW Website Development	9,195	-	-	(6,465)	2,730
Volunteering Hardship Fund	1,650	-	-	(1,000)	650
Education & Training (Coaching)	1,002	-	-	343	1,345
NSW Merchandise Shop	3,015	-	-	(493)	2,522
RL1 Deposits	3,337	-	-	(170)	3,167
RL1 & RL2 Umpiring Fees Pot	4,491	-	-	2,266	6,757
RL2 Deposits	2,529	-	-	390	2,919
RL3 Deposits	4,931	-	-	1,040	5,971
RL Tournament	1,477	-	-	(1,281)	196
RL Playoffs	664	-	-	-	664
U16RL & U14RL	4,696	-	-	(106)	4,590
State Schools	1,386	-	-	(291)	1,095
U12s Tournament	1,320	-	-	742	2,062
Regional Schools	6,813	-	-	(2,132)	4,681
Youth Group	1,633	-	-	(60)	1,573
NDO Delivery Budget (Jenny Kelly)	2,015	-	-	-	2,015
Walking Netball Tournaments	5,569	-	-	(3,503)	2,066
Education & Training (MtGL Games Conference)	1,000	-	-	(1,000)	-
One Awards (Volunteering)	1,012	-	-	1,895	2,907
Veterans Tournament	2,398	-	-	(1,756)	642
Volunteering management	1,291	-	-	(1,003)	288
Social Media	6,000	-	-	500	6,500
Adventure Strategy Fund	-	-	-	3,892	3,892
We Are One Funds	-	-	-	19,073	19,073
General funds	11,150	104,298	(100,293)	4,390	19,545
	<u>178,540</u>	<u>104,298</u>	<u>(100,293)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>182,545</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

10 Unrestricted funds

(Continued)

Previous year:	At 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2024 £
FP Funds 2025-26	61,559	-	-	(1,126)	60,433
Rise Again Funds	14,800	-	-	(2,919)	11,881
Strategy Development Fund	4,084	-	-	(4,084)	-
Community Development Fund	12,060	-	-	(2,268)	9,792
Heather Crouch Trust	18,910	-	-	(1,050)	17,860
NSW Website Development	10,000	-	-	(805)	9,195
Volunteering Hardship Fund	1,650	-	-	-	1,650
Education & Training (Coaching)	1,002	-	-	-	1,002
NSW Merchandise Shop	2,393	-	-	622	3,015
RL1 Deposits	1,000	-	-	2,337	3,337
RL1 & RL2 Umpiring Fees Pot	286	-	-	4,205	4,491
RL2 Deposits	1,090	-	-	1,439	2,529
RL3 Deposits	2,000	-	-	2,931	4,931
RL Tournament	812	-	-	665	1,477
RL Playoffs	76	-	-	588	664
Masters & U19s Tournaments	398	-	-	(398)	-
U16RL & U14RL	3,296	-	-	1,400	4,696
State Schools	497	-	-	889	1,386
U12s Tournament	539	-	-	781	1,320
Regional Schools	6,524	-	-	289	6,813
Youth Group	1,633	-	-	-	1,633
NDO Delivery Budget (Jenny Kelly)	1,375	-	-	640	2,015
Walking Netball Tournaments	1,513	-	-	4,056	5,569
Education & Training (NtGL Games Conference)	1,724	-	-	(724)	1,000
One Awards (Volunteering)	1,972	-	-	(960)	1,012
Veterans Tournament	-	-	-	2,398	2,398
Volunteering management	-	-	-	1,291	1,291
Social Media	-	-	-	6,000	6,000
General funds	17,371	85,086	(75,110)	(16,197)	11,150
	<u>168,564</u>	<u>85,086</u>	<u>(75,110)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>178,540</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

10 Unrestricted funds

(Continued)

Details of designated funds:

FP Reserve 2025-26

Income accrued over the previous year (2023-2024) from income including membership fees and bank account interest. These funds form the basis of the Financial Plan for the coming year.

Rise Again Funds

Established to provide an extra layer of financial support to members following the COVID pandemic and designed to provide financial support to counties, clubs and players to return to netball.

Strategy Development Fund

Established to provide strategic management within the NSW Region. Intended to provide support to Regional Management Board (RMB) to deliver aims and objectives, for example, through the hire of a Netball Development Officer from England Netball.

NDO Delivery Budget

Provides a source of income for the Netball Development Officer to meet targets agreed between England Netball and NSW RMB as part of the Service Level Agreement for the hire of the NDO.

Walking Netball Tournaments

Provides funding to the NDO to focus on the expansion of membership engagement through walking netball. Used to provide court hire, umpires, trophies etc for walking netball tournaments.

Community Development Fund

Established to provide support to members at grass roots level of netball and used for development of players, clubs, umpires etc. Examples of use include support to establish new netball clubs within the region.

Heather Crouch Fund

Funds bequeathed to NSW by former chair, Heather Crouch. Funds are used to provide financial hardship support to officials and players.

One Awards

Funds provided by NSW to provide an annual prizegiving award to celebrate the work of volunteers within the NSW region.

Volunteering Hardship Fund

Established to provide financial support to volunteers within the NSW region.

NSW Website Development Fund

Short term fund established to accrue funds for anticipated major update of NSW website and social media platforms.

Education & Training (Coaching)

Funds intended for the development of coaches at club level.

Education & Training (MtGL Game Conference)

Used to provide funds for Game Conference events such as that held in 2023. Events provide specific updates to players and officials on rules, development training for players and officials and training on matters such as mental health and wellbeing.

NSW Merchandise Shop

Safeguards income from the NSW Merchandise Shop. The shop is run by SWR Sports and provides income from donated profits of merchandise sales. Used to provide financial support to the Competition and Events Working Group.

Youth Group

Established to provide a focus for young people within the NSW region.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

10 Unrestricted funds

(Continued)

Competition and Events Working Group (CEWG)

Safeguards funds within the CEWG and includes the following:

Regional League 1 (RL) deposits

RL 2 deposits

RL3 deposits

RL pre-season warm up tournament accrued funds

RL Playoffs tournament accrued funds

Masters' and Under-19s accrued funds - this will be subsumed within the Cell Group NDO activities in 2023-2024.

U16 and U14 RL accrued funds

U12s Tournament accrued funds - this will be subsumed within Cell Group NDO activities in 2023-2024.

State Schools Tournament accrued funds - this will be subsumed within the Schools Education Group in 2023-2024

Regional Schools accrued funds. This is a major event for junior players involving 42 teams.

RL1 & RL2 umpiring fees

We Are One Fund

Established to provide a layer of financial support to grass roots members including the development of existing volunteers, clubs, counties and players returning to netball. This reflects our partnership with England Netball and our joint ethos of working together.

Adventure Strategy Fund

England Netball's current 10 year plan is called The Adventure Strategy. This aims to accelerate growth of the game at all levels both on and beyond the court. Our fund supports activities that fit the aims of the national strategy, which is driven by a clear and unwavering purpose to inspire growth across the region.

Veterans Tournament

Our NetVets events were established to provide appropriate competition for netball players over the age of 40.

Volunteering Management

This exists to support small scale initiatives that regional volunteers can apply to for one off funding

Social Media

Set up to establish a specific social media channel with content pertinent to our younger members.

TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS

Transfers are made between unrestricted funds at the end of every accounting period in cases where:

i) the activity of the unrestricted fund has come to an end and there is an unspent balance that is not repayable to the funder(s), when the surplus is transferred to unrestricted funds; and

ii) the unrestricted fund is in deficit and has either come to an end or there is no prospect of a surplus in a later period, when the deficit is eliminated by transfer from an unrestricted funds.

11 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2024 - none).