



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

| From |  | Period start date |       |      | To |  | Period end date |       |      |
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|      |  | Day               | Month | Year |    |  | Day             | Month | Year |
|      |  | 01                | 04    | 2022 |    |  | 31              | 03    | 2023 |

## Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name** Sunderland Samba FC

**Other names charity is known by**

**Registered charity number (if any)** 1197858

**Charity's principal address** The Co-op Centre

White House Road

Sunderland

**Postcode**

SR2 8AH

### 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) |
|----|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| 1  | John Boyd          | Secretary       |                                   |   |
| 2  | Deborah Millington | Chair           |                                   |   |
| 3  | Priscilla Sobitan  | Treasurer       |                                   |   |
| 4  | Babatunde Sobitan  |                 |                                   |   |
| 5  | Ola Tony-Obot      |                 |                                   |   |
| 6  | Rosemary Nash      |                 | To 31 August                      |   |
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

| Name | Dates acted if not for whole year |
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### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

| Type of adviser      | Name          | Address                           |
|----------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| Independent Examiner | Julie Maxwell | 11 Edith Street, Jarrow, NE32 5HS |
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### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

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| Type of governing document<br>(eg. trust deed, constitution)        | Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with voting members other than its charity trustees ('Association' Model Constitution) Adopted 4 <sup>th</sup> February 2022. |
| How the charity is constituted<br>(eg. trust, association, company) | Charitable Incorporated Organisation   |
| Trustee selection methods<br>(eg. appointed by, elected by)         | Trustees are appointed or re-appointed at the Annual General Meeting held in July  |

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Membership is open to all.

The trustees meet monthly to oversee and review the work. Regular feedback and research takes place with participants to guide and direct decision making.

All trustees gave their time voluntarily and received no remuneration or other benefits.

We have safeguarding policies set by the Football Association to cover and guide our work with young people and vulnerable adults. This includes training and DBS checks for staff and volunteers.

We work closely with Sunderland Methodist Circuit, in particular through our club chaplain Rev John Purdy who supports our provision of health and wellbeing support for participants in our programmes regardless of background. We are also part of the Sunderland Inter-Faith Forum.

## Section C Objectives and activities

### Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objects of the CIO are;

1. For the relief of financial hardship in Nairobi, Kenya by providing or assisting in the provision of the necessary support to enable individuals to generate a sustainable income and be self-sufficient.
2. The promotion of community participation in healthy recreation in particular by the provision of facilities for the playing of football.

3. To help young people, especially but not exclusively through leisure time activities, so as to develop their capabilities that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society.
4. The promotion of racial and religious harmony for the public benefit by:
  - (a) promoting knowledge and mutual understanding between different racial groups and respect of the beliefs and practices of different religious faiths.;
  - (b) advancing education and raising awareness about different racial and religious groups to promote good relations between persons of different racial groups and different faiths;

In all cases working in City of Sunderland and Kenya.

In planning our activities for the year we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustee meetings.

The main activities are as follows,

- Working with the Sunderland Samba Community Based Organisation in Nairobi, Kenya we support young women in the community to generate an income through community football activities, to take up educational and business opportunities, mentoring and support for female pupils at the CHAMRECC School in Kuria, Kenya.
- Community football and volunteering opportunities aimed at engaging young people in making a positive contribution to their local community in Sunderland
- Integrated health and wellbeing support
- Focus on Racial and Religious Harmony through presentations, discussions and role modelling

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

We are hugely thankful for all our volunteers who give their time freely to support others in the community and without whom we would not be able to function.

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

**Kenya Project:** Our women's team completed their fifth season in the Football Kenya Federation (FKF) National League Division 1 Zone A. We travelled three times to the coast for matches which was costly but a good opportunity for the team to learn, travel and swim in the sea! We also offer small business support to all our players and ongoing support for CHAMRECC School in Kuria where we are actively supporting the education of young women, particularly around issues relating to Peace and Female Genital Mutilation.

Sunderland Samba Kenya Team Manager Maureen Obonyo visited us in Sunderland in September taking time to meet with members of the team, other community organisations and supporters. Whilst in the UK, Maureen was keen to engage and network with organisations and partners who are involved with work around equality and diversity. She took opportunities to share her experiences of supporting women to play football with freedom and gain employment in face of trials and adversities. Highlights were leading workshops with 8-14 year old girls at the Girls Player Development Centre run by Sunderland Foundation of Light, sharing experience with our men's 11-a-side team and connecting with students and staff at the University of Sunderland.

Volunteering continues to be an important aspect of our Women's Team and Project in Kenya. Time is spent supporting the team, making home visits to team members and their families, distributing England Women's Kit donated by England FA to other community teams, sharing ideas for starting small businesses, social media and website updating.

**Festival of Football:** Football coaching and creative activities for children aged 5-15 years in school holidays restarted after not being able to take place during the Covid pandemic and took place over 4 separate weeks during 2022 in February, May, August and October.

It was great to see the group relating to each other positively and bonding as a team with many of the same young people attending through the year as they worked towards the Samba Game Changer Award. Each day we were joined by influential individuals that are actively involved in Sunderland Samba FC. The young people were given the opportunity to ask our volunteers questions about their lives, enabling volunteers to share their stories, experiences, hopes and aspirations with the young people. The success of the Festival of Football was made possible through the great support we received from our volunteers who all played a huge part in making it a great time for the young people where they learned about each other and also developed new skills.

**Community Football:** We held our community training sessions throughout the year on Tuesday evenings at Ashbrooke Sports Club and Hylton Road Playing Fields. Community sessions bringing together asylum seekers, refugees and international students for fun, football and friendship also restarted on Monday afternoons at the University of Sunderland working together with the Inter-Faith chaplaincy team. We held community football matches to bring people together during Refugee Week and Inter-Faith Week at Ford Quarry Football Hub. We also organised celebration matches with other local organisations including Young Asian Voices and Sunderland African Community Association. We often focused on our theme of 'welcome and wellbeing' to reflect together on putting these into practice and tackling racism in grassroots football and our local communities.

**Volunteering:** Our football sessions gave opportunities for our volunteers to deliver informal football sessions to young people alongside experienced football facilitators. Volunteering and training opportunities were made available to all aged 16 years and older. 5 new volunteers gained face to face experience of working with young people whilst undertaking various training programmes such as the Football Association Playmaker Course. Volunteers continue to join us on the journey of learning and discovery in reference to being a Game Changer in life and in community. Fundraising throughout the year with the men's team helped to subsidise food and costs for those on limited income for the NCFF weekend away. We have maintained contact with some volunteers and those in Kenya through social media and encouraged those in challenging situations. We aim to continue recruiting more volunteers with opportunities for training and support.

5 volunteers travelled to Wales in August for 3 days to try out beach sports and plan for a week long project in 2023 aiming to bring together young people from the North East and South Wales for a youth exchange and providing community sports in the local community.

6 volunteers staffed the sports venue at the 3Generate Weekend at the NEC in Birmingham in October through our partnership work with The Methodist Church. Sports included football, basketball, netball, table-tennis, cycling and boxing. 1500 young people attended the event and our volunteers were able to share the work of Sunderland Samba, in particular our anti-racism work and Kenya Project.

**11-a-side team:** The team played in Division One of the North East Christian Fellowship League representing Sunderland Methodist Circuit. We finished in 5<sup>th</sup> place and got to the quarter-final of the National Trophy losing in extra time! Many new players joined the team both for matches and training. We have connected in particular with the growing Nigerian community in Sunderland and have around 25 young Nigerians now participating with the team and other activities.

A squad of 15 took part in our annual trip to the National Christian Football Festival in Shropshire. The team again consisted of a real mix of age, background and culture. It was another great weekend together and alongside the football we did team building activities and learning about the different faiths and cultural identities within the team. We were unbeaten in the tournament for the second year running, winning the cup on penalties in the final.

## Section E Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Reserves Policy for Sunderland Samba FC is to hold no more than a sum equivalent to 6 months average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not applicable

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Our main sources of funding this year have been grants, donations and fundraising.

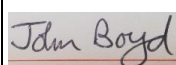
## Section F Other optional information

## Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

### Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

John Boyd

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Secretary

Date

14/05/2024

**Sunderland Samba FC**

**Accounts 2023**

**1<sup>st</sup> April 2022– 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

**Income and Expenditure Account &  
Statement of Financial Activities**

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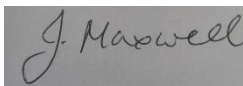
**Statement of Financial Activities 1st April 2022- 31st  
March 2023**

| <b>Income</b>              | <b>Total 2023</b> | <b>Total 2022</b> |
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|                            | £                 |                   |
| Grant Income               | 8,951             | 6706              |
| From Charitable Activities | 3,423             | 1925              |
| Other Income               | 2,491             | 705               |
| <b>Total Income</b>        | <b>14,866</b>     | <b>9,336</b>      |
| <b>Expenditure</b>         |                   |                   |
| Office and Administration  | 7,893             | 4484              |
| Events and Fundraising     | 6,775             | 8097              |
| Kenya Project              | 0                 | 12265             |
| <b>Total Expenditure</b>   | <b>14,668</b>     | <b>24,846</b>     |
| Surplus/(deficit) for year | 198               | -15,509           |
| Opening Reserves           | 6,387             | 21,895            |
| <b>Closing Reserves</b>    | <b>6,585</b>      | <b>6,386</b>      |
| Represented BY:            |                   |                   |
| Kenya Project              | 5,000             | 0                 |
| Awards for All             | 0                 | 4,000             |
| Unrestricted Funds         | 1,585             | 2,387             |
| <b>Total Funds</b>         | <b>6,585</b>      | <b>6,387</b>      |

**Balance Sheet as at 1st April 2023**

| ASSETS                    |                            | 2023             | 2022             |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Fixed Assets              |                            |                  |                  |
|                           | Total Fixed Assets         | £0.00            | 0                |
| Current Assets            |                            |                  |                  |
| Cash at Bank              | 6,584.52                   | 6386.87          |                  |
|                           | Total Current Assets       | £6,584.52        | 6386.87          |
|                           | <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>        | <b>£6,584.52</b> | <b>£6,386.87</b> |
| LIABILITIES               |                            |                  |                  |
| Current Liabilities       |                            |                  |                  |
|                           | TOTAL LIABILITIES          | £0.00            | 0                |
|                           | <b>Balance of Accounts</b> | <b>£6,584.52</b> | <b>£6,386.87</b> |
| Represented by            |                            |                  |                  |
| <b>Restricted Funds:</b>  |                            |                  |                  |
| Awards for All            | 0.00                       | 4000             |                  |
| Kenya Project             | 5,000.00                   | 0                |                  |
|                           | 0.00                       | 5,000.00         | 0                |
|                           |                            |                  | 4000             |
| <b>Unrestricted Funds</b> |                            | £1,584.52        | £2,386.87        |
|                           | <b>Balance of Accounts</b> | <b>£6,584.52</b> | <b>£6,386.87</b> |

*I have examined the bank statements and accounting records of Sunderland Samba FC; nothing has been brought to my attention to warrant me to question those records and I confirm that the above represents a true and accurate financial statement.*

Signed: 

Date: 03/05/2023

Approved by the CIO Trustees on: 11/05/2023

By:

Priscilla Sobitan (full name) *Priscilla Sobitan* (signature)

Deborah Millington (full name) *Deborah Millington* (signature)