



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	04	2023		31	03	2024

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			
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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

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Independent Examiner	Julie Maxwell	11 Edith Street, Jarrow, NE32 5HS

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

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with voting members other than its charity trustees ('Association' Model Constitution) Adopted 4 th February 2022.
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (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 first season in the newly formed Football Kenya Federation (FKF) National Super League Zone A. We travelled to the coast again for 3 matches which was again financially challenging 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/October for the second time, meeting with members of the team, other community organisations and supporters. Whilst in the UK, Maureen was also a delegate at the Women's Sports Leadership Academy at the University of Chichester. The Academy met for 5 days providing unique development opportunities for women leaders from around the world to step up, take the lead and make an impact. Maureen 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 connecting with young people at the 3Generate Youth Event at the NEC in Birmingham and leading lectures for Sports Studies students 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. We also held a 3-day programme of Safeguarding training for players and volunteers in Kibera, Nairobi working in partnership with Save the Children Kenya.

Festival of Football: Football coaching and creative activities for children aged 5-15 years in school holidays continued and took place over 4 separate weeks 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. This year we were also able to add chess matches during our lunchtime breaks through which participants learned new skills and how to focus. 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 Farrington Community Academy. Community sessions bring together local people, asylum seekers, refugees and international students for fun, football and friendship. We started a new weekly session for young people aged 15-21 years old as well as continuing a weekly session for children and young people aged 5-14 years old. We connected with many new people through our links with Sunderland Inter-Faith Forum, Friends of the Drop In, University of Sunderland Inter-Faith chaplaincy team and increasing our social media presence. We held community

football matches to bring people together throughout the year and for special events during Refugee Week and Inter-Faith Week. We often focused on our themes of 'Welcome and Wellbeing' and 'One Game One Community' 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. 6 new volunteers gained face to face experience of working with young people whilst undertaking various training programmes such as the Football Association Playmaker Course, Emergency First Aid and Safeguarding. Volunteers continue to join us on the journey of learning and discovery through our focus on racial and religious harmony in the local football community context. Fundraising throughout the year with the men's team helped to subsidise food and costs for those on limited income for the NCCF 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.

6 volunteers were vital in enabling us to run our Festival of Football for children and young people for 3 days in every half-term holiday and the summer holidays.

6 volunteers again 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, bocchia, curling, cycling and boxing. 1600 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 the Premier Division of the North East Christian Fellowship League representing Sunderland Methodist Circuit. We finished in 6th place and won the Andy Walker Trophy. Many new players joined the team both for matches and training. We have continued to connect in particular with the growing Nigerian community in Sunderland and have around 40 young Nigerians now participating with the team and other activities.

A squad of 16 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 third year running, but lost on penalties in the semi-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

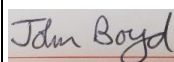
Section G

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

25/07/2024

Sunderland Samba FC

Accounts 2024

1st April 2023– 31st March 2024

**Balance Sheet &
Statement of Financial Activities**

Prepared by:

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Statement of Financial Activities 1st April 2023- 31st March 2024

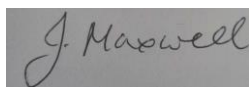
Income	Total 2024 £	Total 2023
Grant Income	35,102	8951
From Charitable Activities	6,952	3423
Other Income	1,589	2491
Total Income	43,643	14,865
Expenditure		
Office and Administration	5,927	7893
Events and Fundraising	10,228	6775
Kenya Project	12,492	0
Total Expenditure	28,647	14,668
Surplus/(deficit) for year	14,996	198
Opening Reserves	6,585	6,387
Closing Reserves	21,581	6,585
Represented BY:		
Kenya Project	5,000	5,000
Post Code Neighborhood Fund	12,695	0
Community Foundation	3,509	
Unrestricted Funds	377	1,585
Total Funds	21,581	6,585

Balance Sheet as at 1st April 2024

ASSETS		2024	2023
Fixed Assets			
	Total Fixed Assets	£0.00	0
Current Assets			
Cash at Bank	21,581.39	6584.52	
	Total Current Assets	£21,581.39	6584.52
	TOTAL ASSETS	£21,581.39	£6,584.52
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
	TOTAL LIABILITIES	£0.00	0
	Balance of Accounts	<u>£21,581.39</u>	<u>£6,584.52</u>
Represented by			
Restricted Funds:			
Post Code Neighborhood Fund	12,695.00	0	
Kenya Project	5,000.00	5000	
Community Foundation	3,509.00	21,204.00	5000
Unrestricted Funds		£377.39	£1,584.52
	Balance of Accounts	<u>£21,581.39</u>	<u>£6,584.52</u>

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: 25/07/2024

Approved by the Charity Trustees on: 29/07/2024

By:

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

Ola Tony-Obot (full name) *Ola Tony-Obot* (signature)