

# SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY SPORTS TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1197935

## Details

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**Other names** SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY SPORTS TRUST C.I.C

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2022-02-16

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF SOUTHWARK AND THE SURROUNDING AREA THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABLEMENT, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES OR FOR THE PUBLIC AT LARGE IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITION OF LIFE OF THE SAID INHABITANTS.

**Activities:** Provision of Sporting Facilities for community sports clubs.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, Amateur Sport, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups

## Geography

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- Bromley
- City Of London
- Greenwich
- Lambeth
- Lewisham
- Southwark
- Tower Hamlets
- Wandsworth

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£258,711	£195,681	-	-
2024-03-31	£218,978	£179,516	-	-
2023-03-31	£177,750	£151,231	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
John Smith	Chair	2020-02-16
Jon Thornton		2022-02-16
Sean Keaton		2022-02-16

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# Accounts

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 MARCH 2025

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# SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY SPORTS TRUST

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## REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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<b>Trustees</b>	Mr J Smith Mr R Balmforth (until 1 November 2024) Mr S Keaton Mr J Thornton
<b>Charity registered number</b>	1197935
<b>Principal office</b>	55 Turney Road London Dulwich SE21 7JB
<b>Accountants</b>	Menzies LLP Chartered Accountants Magna House 18-32 London Road Staines-Upon-Thames TW18 4BP
<b>Bankers</b>	Barclays Bank, West Norwood Branch
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# SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY SPORTS TRUST

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the period ended 31st March 2025.

The reference and administrative information have been set out on page 1 and forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the memorandum and articles of association, the requirements of a directors' report as required under company law, and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: SORP applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102.

### **Objectives and activities**

#### **Purposes and aims**

The Southwark Community Sports Trust ("SCST") was incorporated on 22nd February 2022.

The charity's purposes are "To promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of Southwark and the surrounding area the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the condition of life of the said inhabitants."

In accordance with these principles, the mission of the charity is to continue to provide high quality and affordable sports facilities to the people of Southwark and the surrounding area.

To pursue this mission, the charity:

- provides facilities for cricket, football, rugby and other sporting, recreational and educational pursuits for member clubs and the general community;
- manages the multi-use Dulwich Sports Ground and the Hollies Sports ground in Dulwich, south London.
- promotes the use of the Facility within the community;
- encourages the use by local schools, community groups, additional sports and sporting organisations;
- works with the English Cricket Board, the Football Foundation, the Rugby Football Union and Sport England to provide the requisite facilities for their sports,

The SCST took out a 30-year lease on the ground from the Dulwich Estate in 2019. The ground covers 39 acres in the area bounded by Turney Road, Burbage Road and Gallery Road. The grounds are used extensively by a range of sports clubs, local state schools, local and London based companies and individual users.

The Trust takes a proactive view on the provision of sport for the wider community and we take pride in the take up from a wide range of user clubs and from different parts of societies in Southwark, Lambeth and Lewisham. There has been an increase in women and girls playing sport in our facilities. The user schools and clubs draw their players over a wide range of religious and ethnic groupings in a locality with a wide disparity of wealth and well-being. Our facilities are designed to be used by able and handicapped sports players and we actively welcome new users. The trustees are aware that two of our main member clubs (Dulwich Cricket Club and Dulwich Village FC) are designated as Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASC) and that their specific role is to promote wider use by the Community.

As required, the trustees review the aims, objectives and activities of the charity each year. This report looks at what the charity has achieved and the outcomes of its work in the reporting period. The trustees report the success of each key activity and the benefits the charity has brought to those groups of people that it is set up to help. The review also helps the trustees ensure the charity's aims, objectives and activities remain focused on its stated purposes. The trustees use the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

# SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY SPORTS TRUST

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

### Achievements and performance

The Trust occupies a substantial piece of land in the heart of Dulwich Village with two substantial pavilions and thirty-nine acres of grass.

During the winter, the grounds are used to provide: six senior football pitches, one intermediate pitch, three junior, four mini pitches, two five a side pitches together with four training grids. In addition, there is a shared training area and one senior rugby pitch.

In summer the grounds accommodated four grass cricket squares, three artificial cricket wickets and cricket nets. The main Pavilion on the Dulwich Sports Ground has twelve changing rooms, multiple toilets and shower facilities together with a large recreation area with bar and kitchen. In recent years, the SCST has been gradually improving the condition of the delapidated pavilion on the Hollies ground. In addition to the improving changing rooms and toilets within the building, the Trust has created a working gymnasium and outdoor exercise area for members.

This report describes the charity's main activities where the Trust welcomes local schools, sports clubs and organisations as members or occasional users. The following analysis looks at first summer sports, then winter sports and some of the supporting activities in the context of our charity's purposes.

### Summer sports

In a summer with so much rain and indifferent weather, the Trust managed to stage 543 cricket matches in the 2024 season slightly higher than the 2023 summer total of 537 and 2022 with 479 matches. An impressive performance by dedicated volunteers, the Sportsturf ground staff and the many cricket enthusiasts in the clubs and junior teams. The Trust sadly had to cancel over 40 matches due to weather.

In simple terms, 11,946 people played a game of cricket over 23 weeks. An average of 520 active players all supported by umpires, scorers, match managers and spectators. The Trustees feel that there can be no larger or better utilised publicly accessible cricket ground in the South of England. The spread of participation was analysed as:

Weekend Club Games	159
Last Man Stands matches	159
Weekday matches	88
Junior matches	137
	543

Senior cricket is played on weekend afternoons and often in the week. These fixtures require prepared grass wickets and involve Surrey Championship league matches, Kent League fixture, the Kent Sri Lankan league, long established friendly cricket, local cup matches and inter-organisation games played by men and women. More than half (259) of the 543 total games were played on prepared grass wickets demonstrating the productivity and hard work of the match preparation volunteers and the contractor, Sportsturf. Weekend cricket is dominated by the member clubs as shown in the table below.

Weekend use by member clubs	2024	2023	2022
Dulwich Cricket Club	43	40	56
Ploughmans Cricket Club	42	37	37
South Bank Cricket Club	29	26	27
Barbados Overseas Cricket Assoc.	22	19	10
Kent United	8	6	

One of the major users, Dulwich CC dropped in numbers mainly due to the opening of the Griffin sports ground in Dulwich Village and the lower number of Sunday matches. The shortfall was met by the introduction of BOCA Shield and Kent United playing in the Sri Lankan Sunday league. The quality of their cricket matching some of the higher-level fixtures on Saturdays. Both Ploughmans and South Bank CC were staunch supporters of the Trust facilities.

The remaining games were played on artificial turf pitches driven by Last Man Stands mid-week cricket leagues and the block booking on Saturday and Sunday mornings by Dulwich Cricket Club with their extensive numbers of junior teams of boys and girls predominantly aged between 8-13 years old. The demand was considerably aided by the introduction of a fifth artificial wicket sponsored by Cedars School.

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Although opportunities for casual user clubs are limited at weekends, the Trust was able to offer ten different small clubs to play at the Trust. Those bookings reflected the large number of local clubs who do not have their own home grounds.

Mid-week cricket enables a variety of different user clubs to use the Trust facilities. The Trust is very pleased to be working with Last Man Stands which is an entry level game supported by the English Cricket Board (ECB). The evening games are played in a variety of settings using astro turf pitches across the UK and other cricket playing nations. The leagues are designed to attract clubs, workplaces and groups of friends to enter eight a side teams to play social cricket. The Trust is in its fourth season of working with Last Man Stands. We have increased usage to four evenings per week holding 159 matches in 2024 – a total of 33 more games than last year. Put another way, over 2,554 player opportunities to play social cricket. The status of the Trust grounds is such that teams wish to play on Turney Road and the regional finals are hosted at the Trust.

Cricket played on midweek summer evenings on grass wickets has become a major feature for local teams, city companies and school parent teams. In 2024, 88 games were played on grass wickets from June to early August. Apart from junior clubs, Twenty four different teams played mid-week games at the Trust offering the opportunity to play cricket to many diverse groups within our local community. These games attract local residents, local clubs and City based company teams. Tilberg Regents CC have expanded considerably since moving to Dulwich playing 12 home games whilst a self-generated Stockbrokers Cup produced fourteen matches in a competitive format. Such games attract spectators and the love for cricket is widely shared on the field and in the bar afterwards.

Midweek evenings are boosted by training sessions in the three lane outdoor nets by the member clubs led by South Bank CC and Ploughmans CC. Each weekly session involves over twenty and sometimes thirty cricketers. Local clubs can book the nets alongside daily use by schools. The nets facility offers the opportunity for one-to-one sessions run by a variety of ECB recognised coaches at weekends and in evenings. The busy nature of the ground is further boosted by the football clubs and some junior coaching programmes for boys and girls during the later summer months.

Senior cricket depends upon recruitment from junior teams. Dulwich Cricket Club has the seventh largest junior section in England. The junior section of Dulwich CC depends upon the Trust to complete their heavy programme of fixtures at weekend and midweek evenings. Dulwich played over 137 organised and structured junior matches in 2024. The Trust is proud to be providing so many entry routes for local boys and girls. 137 matches represents 3,014 opportunities to play cricket.

The summer months allow local companies to hold sports days and team building exercises, the Trust was able to include three such events in the summer of 2024.

Since its creation, the Southwark Community Sports Trust has established a reputation for good playing surfaces, excellent facilities and an accessible approach to staging cricket.

### **Winter sports**

The trust financial year includes the 2024-2025 football and rugby seasons which were considerably affected by an incredibly wet winter. Total games played in December, January and February were less than a third of games played across the first three months of the season. The weather did not only take a toll on the footballers' and rugby players' morale but it hit the Trust's income levels as clubs only pay when they play.

Rugby Union is still recovering from the impact of COVID-19. The Trust continued to support King's College Hospital RFC as the club sought to return to playing two competitive teams. This year KCH were able to play a total of twelve matches, with others cancelled due to rain. The Trust moved the rugby pitch to a purpose designed pitch on the Hollies. This seems to have been well received. The aim is now to include some new member clubs for the 25/26 season, including juniors rugby, in order to make the best use of the pitch.

Football and footballers seem keen to play at every opportunity. The Trust offer excellent pitches and good dressing rooms with a very popular bar. In 2024/25 there were 527 organised football matches. This is compared to 380 in 2023/24, which was also affected heavily by wet weather. The increase is likely due to better weather conditions than the previous year. It is also thought that the continued efforts of the Trust to improve drainage around the ground is having an impact on availability of playing surfaces.

Within the season, there were 503 weekend games and 24 weekday games. Additionally, there was a total of 11 midweek bookings by organisers of football camps and academies, who book multiple pitches for all or part of a day.

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In the 2023/24, season 77% of weekend games involved junior footballers whilst this season it was 64% of weekend fixtures. For all football matches (weekends and midweek) the split of age groups was 69% junior and 31% senior matches. It is clearly reflecting the aims of the charity that local young people gain access to our facilities and the participation numbers show that aim being achieved.

Junior football takes place on Saturday mornings and over most Sundays, totalling 324 games. A huge amount of time is devoted to junior football participation. While the percentage of junior football reduced compared to senior football, the number of games played remained largely unchanged. The Trust has encouraged adult spaces to be used by adult teams in order to make best use of facilities and remain sustainable. Major users Dulwich Village FC and Dulwich Hamlet Junior FC who played 128 and 100 junior matches respectively for both girls' and boys' junior teams. It is pleasing to see that among juniors around 13% of the matches are being booked explicitly for girl's football. Other prominent junior football clubs included AFC Brixton, AFC Lions, AFC Naasa. A feature of Saturday mornings is the block booking with the Lambeth and Southwark Primary Schools league. Schools in this league booked 50 matches throughout the season.

Senior football on Saturday afternoons was dominated by South Bank CUACO FC who ran eight teams in playing 97 games with Grantonians FC a one team club, playing 8 matches. The Trust has been successful in attracting more adult clubs on Sundays. New additions for this season included Southbank CUACO Vets FC and RAM FC, The Trust was delighted to welcome South London Laces FC who are a female and non-binary club who had two home sides and played 18 matches over the course of the season.

The trust is working with the Amateur Football Association to provide pitches and support in the launch of a new female football league. The league got off to a slow start this year and it is a shared intention to continue to support this project in the coming seasons.

Weekday football is perceived as an opportunity to showcase Trust facilities to local schools-and colleges. Despite the weather in the second half of the season, Charter School, St Francis Xavier College and the Ark All Saints Academy School shared twenty-four matches. Kings College London Students Union continued to play regularly at the Trust with the University of the Arts football club.

School and club matches are only part of the football usage as weekday evening training sessions are organised by member clubs. Over the year, the Trust hosted football academy training camps and schools training activities, for organisations including Girls United and Dulwich Freestylers. It is a significant consideration to note the number of players and football clubs based in Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham travelling to play at our Turney Road facilities.

### **Financial review**

In the year ending 31st March 2025, the financial position of the charity is very sound with a strong balance sheet and good financial revenue performance.

Charitable activity revenues for the second year since registration remained high, recorded as £184,472 for 2024/5 showing a small increase from £183,278 in the first year of operation as a charity, the small investment income almost doubled to £6,921 due to a change in savings account and higher interest rates.

The overall income to the Trust was supplemented by grant funding from the Football Foundation for ground improvement and from the ECB to part-fund an electric roller; These grants are highlighted by expenditure increases to fund the ground improvement and the full cost of an electric roller.

Expenditure rose year-on-year from £179,516 to £195,681. The detail of expenditure is shown in note 7. The charge for utilities was partially offset by a rebate due to the change to charitable status with underlying charge being some £3,500 higher than the prior year. Overall utility provision was marginally reduced in 2025 as the Ukraine war continued to affect energy tariffs.

A similar level of ground maintenance cost was spent in 2025 with a reduced expenditure on the Pavilion from £13,795 to £7,005 in 2025. Increased costs of administration were primarily a reflection of an increase in depreciation / amortisation charges on current year fixed asset additions and retrospective depreciation against Leasehold improvements. The balance sheet shows a small increase in cash and equipment. Debtors and creditors remain in line with the previous year and the scale of the charity's operation.

The primary purpose of the charity is the provision of sporting activity with income growing to £184,472. The growth is not uniform across all sports revenues - rugby activity still remains depressed whilst football and cricket income grew.

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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### Principal risks and uncertainties

The Charity operates a large sports ground with associated buildings and infrastructure. The facilities are well managed with a managed investment plan of repair and renovation. The grounds are used by a wide membership of local sports clubs and schools. The facilities are much in demand so that if member clubs wane, then others will take up the slack. With a wide client base, the Trust can offer opportunities to many different groups around the Dulwich area. The Trust has a thirty-year lease. There are no uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

As a sports facility, we face periods of climatic uncertainty and sometime extreme conditions. Excessive rain or perhaps drought can affect the income generating activities. So far, the Trust has managed to deal with seasonal weather extremes. Investment in drainage schemes has become a part of the annual expenditure. Cricket is using more artificial surfaces, perhaps in the future winter sports may need to follow.

Sports facilities in Dulwich are well supported within the local community with demand exceeding our capacity. The Trust is perceived as a high- quality venue with strong support from the governing bodies. Member clubs are pleased to play at our grounds. However, the challenge for the Trust is to lure volunteers from tightly stretched sports clubs to help manage the grounds and facilities.

The trustees would like to see more paid management in the next few years as volunteer effort is better focused at strategic level. However, to achieve more paid management, the revenue position of the Trust must continue to improve. The volunteers managing and providing sport have done very well to maximise the usage of the facilities. The trustees have affirmed to the Operational Board that the next steps should include a focus on non-sporting income generation. Such activities may involve investment in facilities to provide income growth. The gym is an example where investment was followed by growth of use and income.

The Operational board has been asked to consider how charitable giving and sponsorship may help provide robust and regular fund-raising streams of income.

### Reserves policy and going concern

Over the past ten years, the Trust has sought to build up cash reserves to meet contingencies – failure of roof, heating or boilers failing and such associated equipment, although the maintenance for major machinery for ground management is borne by the contractor.

To demonstrate the continuing robustness of the Trust, the trustees have spent some time considering the risks and have implemented a policy on the management and allocation of the reserves. As the attached accounts show the Trust has a substantial amount of money held at the bank.

For the future years, the trustees have reserved £261,000 in total as funds reserved for contingencies. The breakdown is:

- £170,000 has been set aside as contingency for failure of income or a national pandemic or problem. The Trust was able to survive long spells of inactivity during the COVID-19 lockdowns but not without use of reserve funds. The Trust wishes to be better prepared in future years.
- £19,000 has been designated as contingency against bad debt.
- £40,000 is designated to meet any shortfalls upon funding to the Football Foundation grant.
- £32,000 has been designated for the repair of the car park and roadway.

This leaves a balance of £51,324 as free reserves, after removing fixed assets.

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### Plans for the future

The Trustees are acutely aware that of the need to maintain the standard of the playing facilities for the playing of sport on our grounds and at the same time generate sufficient income to support the annual expenditure. The continuing growth of the Trust demonstrates the contribution and strength of the volunteers managing the facility backed up by sound financial management,

Within the report, the Trustees have noted the long term need to recruit paid management time to support the voluntary efforts of a small number of people. Additional revenue is key to meeting the requirement to develop a sustainable and affordable management team for the future. The operational board has started to initiate fund raising for capital projects with aspirations for more sponsorship or regular donation income. .

Improving the grounds and facilities of the SCST has been a significant responsibility since the launch of the Trust twelve years ago. The Trust does not have the capital resources for major renovation schemes nor the opportunity to set aside the revenue generating playing surfaces for years of improvement work. During 2024, the SCST embarked upon a series of small-scale drainage and water flow schemes. The early work has started to show some benefit, and more work is planned in a phased and affordable manner.

The Trust has restarted the ground improvement project with grant funding from the Football Foundation (FF). The seven-year programme required both the FF and the Trust to jointly fund materials and works. The improvement grant enables the Trust to make regular hollow tining and to introduce additional sand, fertiliser and seed to the grounds. The Trust receives advice from the Football Foundation on the success of the work.

The SCST manages two pavilions. The main Pavilion was refurbished in 2020 and requires a continued maintenance programme. The Hollies Pavilion has a small multi-user members gym and training space which has proved to be very popular. With the co-operation of enthusiastic fitness coaches, the indoor facilities have been expanded and improved. The use of the facility continues to help the Trust income generation and meet a local need. All age groups use the facilities.

The sports of cricket, rugby and football are weather dependent. Artificial surfaces offer a more robust option. Cricket has benefited from the use of astro turf wickets. The Trust board is now looking to provide an artificial football surface. There are only certain parts of the ground where planning permission would even be considered. The board has begun to explore possibilities for such a facility which would be heavily used by member clubs, local schools and other teams. The Football Foundation promotes capital funding schemes which may be helpful for such a large fund-raising activity. The Board will need to set aside considerable volunteer time to manage such a complex project.

No charitable venture can continue to thrive without a pool of young and enthusiastic volunteers. The new management board is seeking to widen the scope of volunteer participation from the winter sports clubs and to harness the local goodwill of the neighbours. The trustees continue to place emphasis on succession and continuity. The new group of Board members hold the key to future developments and robust growth.

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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### Structure, governance and management

The Southwark Community Sports Trust was formed as a Community Interest Company (CIC) in 2010 as the organisation to take over the lease of the Dulwich Sports Ground from London South Bank University. Although formed quickly, a founding principle was that the Trust would need volunteer management to ensure financial survival. As the Trust has grown and changed, volunteers are at the heart of the management and use of the facilities. In 2019, the CIC secured a new thirty-year lease for all the ground from the Dulwich Estate providing a secure base for further growth.

The Southwark Community Sports Trust transitioned to become a registered charity (CIO) on 3 February 2022. The Trust commenced trading on 1st April 2022, and the CIO is now continuing as a very successful sports provider. Alongside the creation of the CIO, the Southwark Community Sports Ground company was established under a memorandum of association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its articles of association. The trading company manages the non-sporting activities including the bar within the Pavilion, the lease with the Children's Nursery, the flat within the pavilion and the telephone mast. The company trading performance is listed at Companies House.

From the earliest days, the Trust welcomed local schools, sports clubs and organisations as members. The founding member clubs were expected to provide resources and volunteers to manage the facilities in return for priority access. The newly established charity required the trustees to initiate organisational changes to meet the requirements of charitable status. An operational board was established in 2023 to manage the day-to-day operation of the Trust. Each executive member of the Board takes specific working roles. Member clubs are represented in the summer and winter user groups. The original founder-member clubs were offered opportunities to become partners with opportunities to join the board to provide the management of the facilities.

The Operational management board was designed to meet the challenges of managing a modern sports charity and is tasked to work closely with the trustees. The changes were designed to bring in a more inclusive and managerially focused team. In its second year, the Trustees acknowledge the prominent contributions to the work of the Operational board by volunteers from Dulwich Cricket Club, Ploughmans Cricket Club, South Bank Cricket Club and South Bank CUACO Football Club.

The challenge remains to sustain the level and experience of volunteering and to continue to seek involvement from the member clubs.

### Appointment of trustees

The initial appointment of the SCST trustees was made on 16th February 2022. They are also directors under company law, who served during the period and up to the date of this report. The list of the four trustees is as follows:

- John Smith
- Jon Thornton
- Sean Keaton
- R Balmforth (until 1 November 2024)

As the accounts show the trustees received no remuneration nor any expenses.

### Related parties and relationships with other organisations

The Trust has a subsidiary by control which is the Southwark Community Sports Ground. The charity owed the company £33,985 at the year end. The company has agreed to pay any profits to the charity and this year that amounted to £32,310.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

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**Mr J Smith**  
Chair, Southwark Community Sports Trust

Date: 12-Nov-2025

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# SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY SPORTS TRUST

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## INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT

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### Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Southwark Community Sports Trust ('the Charity')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of 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 accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

#### Independent examiner's statement

Since the Charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

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 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.

This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed:  634F24DE92A4471...

Dated: 13-Nov-2025

Janice Matthews FCA

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# SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY SPORTS TRUST

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	Restricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	3	24,222	43,096	67,318	32,310
Charitable activities	4	-	184,472	184,472	183,278
Investments	5	-	6,921	6,921	3,390
<b>Total income</b>		<b>24,222</b>	<b>234,489</b>	<b>258,711</b>	<b>218,978</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities	6	18,252	177,429	195,681	179,516
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>18,252</b>	<b>177,429</b>	<b>195,681</b>	<b>179,516</b>
<b>Net income</b>		<b>5,970</b>	<b>57,060</b>	<b>63,030</b>	<b>39,462</b>
Transfers between funds	13	(5,970)	5,970	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>63,030</b>	<b>63,030</b>	<b>39,462</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward		-	340,251	340,251	300,789
Net movement in funds		-	63,030	63,030	39,462
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>403,281</b>	<b>403,281</b>	<b>340,251</b>

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

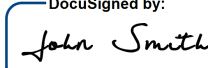
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## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	10	<u>90,957</u>	<u>79,219</u>
		<b>90,957</b>	<b>79,219</b>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	11	7,304	3,829
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>383,142</u>	<u>353,388</u>
		<b>390,446</b>	<b>357,217</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(78,122)</u>	<u>(96,185)</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u><b>312,324</b></u>	<u><b>261,032</b></u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u><b>403,281</b></u>	<u><b>340,251</b></u>
<b>Total net assets</b>		<u><u><b>403,281</b></u></u>	<u><u><b>340,251</b></u></u>
<b>Charity funds</b>			
Unrestricted funds	13	<u>403,281</u>	<u>340,251</u>
<b>Total funds</b>		<u><u><b>403,281</b></u></u>	<u><u><b>340,251</b></u></u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

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**Mr J Smith**  
 Chair, Southwark Community Sports Trust

Date: 12-Nov-2025

The notes on pages 12 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

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# SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY SPORTS TRUST

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

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### 1. General information

Southwark Community Sports Trust is a charity and registered in England and Wales. The address of the principle office is disclosed on the information on page.

### 2. Accounting policies

#### 2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - 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) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Southwark Community Sports Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

Prior year comparatives shown relates to the previous entity Southwark Community Sports Trust CIC. These figures have been added as a memo for understanding and transparency purposes only.

#### 2.2 Going concern

We confirmed that, having considered our expectations and intentions for the next twelve months and the availability of funds, the charity is a going concern.

#### 2.3 Income

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Grants are included in the Statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

#### 2.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, 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 classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

# SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY SPORTS TRUST

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

### 2. Accounting policies (continued)

#### 2.4 Expenditure (continued)

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

#### 2.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £NIL or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Leasehold property	-	20%	Straight line
Plant and machinery	-	25%	Reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	-	25%	Reducing balance

### 3. Income from donations and legacies

	<b>Restricted funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2025 £</b>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Donations	-	42,563	<b>42,563</b>	32,310
Grants	24,222	533	<b>24,755</b>	-
	<u>24,222</u>	<u>43,096</u>	<u><b>67,318</b></u>	<u>32,310</u>
<i>Total 2024</i>	<u>-</u>	<u>32,310</u>	<u>32,310</u>	

# SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY SPORTS TRUST

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

### 4. Income from charitable activities

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2025 £</b>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Football	66,157	<b>66,157</b>	67,375
Rugby	2,110	<b>2,110</b>	8,950
Cricket	91,656	<b>91,656</b>	86,385
Other income	24,549	<b>24,549</b>	20,568
	<u>184,472</u>	<u><b>184,472</b></u>	<u>183,278</u>
<i>Total 2024</i>	<u>183,278</u>	<u>183,278</u>	

### 5. Investment income

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2025 £</b>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Interest	6,921	<b>6,921</b>	3,390
	<u>3,390</u>	<u><b>3,390</b></u>	
<i>Total 2024</i>	<u>3,390</u>	<u>3,390</u>	

### 6. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

#### Summary by fund type

	<b>Restricted funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total 2025 £</b>	<i>Total 2024 £</i>
Charitable activities	18,252	177,429	<b>195,681</b>	179,516
	<u>18,252</u>	<u>177,429</u>	<u><b>195,681</b></u>	
<i>Total 2024</i>	<u>-</u>	<u>179,516</u>	<u>179,516</u>	

# SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY SPORTS TRUST

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

### 7. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	<b>Support costs 2025 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2025 £</b>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Charitable activities	195,681	<b>195,681</b>	179,516
<i>Total 2024</i>	<u>179,516</u>	<u>179,516</u>	

### Analysis of support costs

	<b>Activities 2025 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2025 £</b>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Ground maintenance	94,450	<b>94,450</b>	112,816
Utilities	10,448	<b>10,448</b>	11,953
Pavilion expenditure	7,005	<b>7,005</b>	13,795
Administration	31,016	<b>31,016</b>	6,568
Other expenditure	52,762	<b>52,762</b>	34,384
	<u>195,681</u>	<u>195,681</u>	<u>179,516</u>
<i>Total 2024</i>	<u>179,516</u>	<u>179,516</u>	

### 8. Independent examiner's remuneration

	<b>2025 £</b>	<i>2024 £</i>
Fees payable to the Charity's independent examiner for the independent examination of the Charity's annual accounts (excluding VAT)	<b>2,400</b>	2,200
Fees payable to the Charity's independent examiner in respect of: All other services not included above	<b>2,200</b>	2,000
	<u>2,200</u>	<u>2,000</u>

### 9. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2024 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 March 2025, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2024 - £NIL).

# SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY SPORTS TRUST

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

### 10. Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
<b>Cost or valuation</b>				
At 1 April 2024	21,665	251,316	11,772	284,753
Additions	-	42,085	-	42,085
At 31 March 2025	<u>21,665</u>	<u>293,401</u>	<u>11,772</u>	<u>326,838</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 1 April 2024	4,333	191,773	9,428	205,534
Charge for the year	4,333	25,706	308	30,347
At 31 March 2025	<u>8,666</u>	<u>217,479</u>	<u>9,736</u>	<u>235,881</u>
<b>Net book value</b>				
At 31 March 2025	<u>12,999</u>	<u>75,922</u>	<u>2,036</u>	<u>90,957</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>17,332</u>	<u>59,543</u>	<u>2,344</u>	<u>79,219</u>

### 11. Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Due within one year</b>		
Other debtors	7,304	3,829
	<u>7,304</u>	<u>3,829</u>

### 12. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Amounts owed to group undertakings	33,985	33,985
Other creditors	18,106	22,179
Accruals and deferred income	26,031	40,021
	<u>78,122</u>	<u>96,185</u>

# SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY SPORTS TRUST

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

### 13. Statement of funds

#### Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
<b>Designated funds</b>					
Contingency Fund	125,000	-	-	45,000	170,000
Debt Fund	19,000	-	-	-	19,000
Football Foundation	36,000	-	-	4,000	40,000
Car Park Repairs	30,000	-	-	2,000	32,000
	<u>210,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,000</u>	<u>261,000</u>
<b>General funds</b>					
General Funds	130,251	234,489	(177,429)	(45,030)	142,281
<b>Total Unrestricted funds</b>	<u>340,251</u>	<u>234,489</u>	<u>(177,429)</u>	<u>5,970</u>	<u>403,281</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Surrey Foundation	-	5,970	-	(5,970)	-
Football Foundation	-	18,252	(18,252)	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>24,222</u>	<u>(18,252)</u>	<u>(5,970)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total of funds</b>	<u>340,251</u>	<u>258,711</u>	<u>(195,681)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>403,281</u>

**Surrey Foundation:** A grant of £5,970 was awarded to support the purchase of an electric roller.

**Football Foundation:** A grant of £18,252 was provided to fund ground improvement works.

#### Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
<b>Designated funds</b>					
Contingency Fund	-	-	-	125,000	125,000
Debt Fund	-	-	-	19,000	19,000
Football Foundation	-	-	-	36,000	36,000

# SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY SPORTS TRUST

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

### 13. Statement of funds (continued)

#### Statement of funds - prior year (continued)

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2023</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>Transfers in/out</i>	<i>Balance at 31 March 2024</i>
	£	£	£	£	£
Car Park Repairs	-	-	-	30,000	30,000
	-	-	-	210,000	210,000
<b>General funds</b>					
General Funds - all funds	300,789	218,978	(179,516)	(210,000)	130,251
<b>Total Unrestricted funds</b>	<u>300,789</u>	<u>218,978</u>	<u>(179,516)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>340,251</u>

### 14. Analysis of net assets between funds

#### Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2025</b>	<b>Total funds 2025</b>
	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	90,957	<b>90,957</b>
Current assets	390,446	<b>390,446</b>
Creditors due within one year	(78,122)	<b>(78,122)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<u>403,281</u>	<u><b>403,281</b></u>

#### Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2024</i>	<i>Total funds 2024</i>
	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	79,219	79,219
Current assets	357,217	357,217
Creditors due within one year	(96,185)	(96,185)
<b>Total</b>	<u>340,251</u>	<u>340,251</u>

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# SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY SPORTS TRUST

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

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### 15. Related party transactions

The charity has a subsidiary by control which is Southwark Community Sports Ground Ltd. The charity owed the company £33,985 (2024: £33,985) at the year end. The company has agreed to pay any profits up to the charity and in this year that amounted to £40,406.

The results of Southwark Community Sports Ground Ltd have not been consolidated in the accounts of Southwark Community Sports Trust due to the charity taking the exemptions to not produce consolidated accounts available to smaller charities.

**SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY SPORTS TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1197935

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# Accounts

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

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# SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY SPORTS TRUST

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# SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY SPORTS TRUST

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## REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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<b>Trustees</b>	Mr J Smith Mr R Balmforth Mr S Keaton Mr J Thornton
<b>Charity registered number</b>	1197935
<b>Principal office</b>	55 Turney Road London Dulwich SE21 7JB
<b>Accountants</b>	Menzies LLP Chartered Accountants Magna House 18-32 London Road Staines-Upon-Thames TW18 4BP
<b>Bankers</b>	Barclays Bank, West Norwood Branch
<b>Solicitors</b>	Milbank 100 Liverpool Street London EC2M 2AT
<b>Independent Examiner</b>	Janice Matthews Menzies LLP Magna House 18-32 London Road Staines-Upon-Thames TW18 4BP

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# SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY SPORTS TRUST

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the period ended 31st March 2024.

The reference and administrative information have been set out on page 1 and forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the memorandum and articles of association, the requirements of a directors' report as required under company law, and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: SORP applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102.

### Objectives and activities

#### Purposes and aims

The Southwark Community Sports Trust ("SCST") was incorporated on 22nd February 2022.

The charity's purposes are "To promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of Southwark and the surrounding area the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the condition of life of the said inhabitants."

In accordance with these principles, the mission of the charity is to continue to provide high quality and affordable sports facilities to the people of Southwark and the surrounding area.

To pursue this mission, the charity:

- provides facilities for cricket, football, rugby and other sporting, recreational and educational pursuits for member clubs and the general community;
- manages the multi-use Dulwich Sports Ground and the Hollies Sports ground in Dulwich, south London.
- promotes the use of the Facility within the community;
- encourages the use by local schools, community groups, additional sports and sporting organisations;
- works with the English Cricket Board, the Football Foundation, the Rugby Football Union and Sport England to provide the requisite facilities for their sports,

The SCST took out a 30-year lease on the ground from the Dulwich Estate in 2019. The ground covers 39 acres in the area bounded by Turney Road, Burbage Road and Gallery Road. The grounds are used extensively by a range of sports clubs, local state schools, local and London based companies and individual users.

The Trust takes a proactive view on the provision of sport for the wider community and we take pride in the take up from a wide range of user clubs and from different parts of societies in Southwark, Lambeth and Lewisham. There has been an increase in women and girls playing sport in our facilities. The user schools and clubs draw their players over a wide range of religious and ethnic groupings in a locality with a wide disparity of wealth and well-being. Our facilities are designed to be used by able and handicapped sports players and we actively welcome new users. The trustees are aware that two of our main member clubs (Dulwich Cricket Club and Dulwich Village FC) are designated as Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASC) and that their specific role is to promote wider use by the Community. Next year, the trustees will be asking our member clubs to assist the Trust in better documenting the large diversity of our users. The trustees expect that this audit will demonstrate the unique contribution of the Southwark Community Sports Trust.

As required, the trustees review the aims, objectives and activities of the charity each year. This report looks at what the charity has achieved and the outcomes of its work in the reporting period. The trustees report the success of each key activity and the benefits the charity has brought to those groups of people that it is set up to help. The review also helps the trustees ensure the charity's aims, objectives and activities remain focused on its stated purposes. The trustees use the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. The projected audit of diversity of users will assist that continuing review process.

# SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY SPORTS TRUST

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

### Achievements and performance

The Trust occupies a substantial piece of land in the heart of Dulwich Village with two substantial pavilions and thirty-nine acres of grass.

During the winter, the grounds are used to provide: six senior football pitches, one intermediate pitch, three junior, four mini pitches, two five a side pitches together with four training grids. In addition, there is a shared training area and one senior rugby pitch.

In summer the grounds accommodated four grass cricket squares, three artificial cricket wickets and cricket nets. The main Pavilion on the Dulwich Sports Ground has twelve changing rooms, multiple toilets and shower facilities together with a large recreation area with bar and kitchen. In recent years, the SCST has been gradually improving the condition of the delapidated pavilion on the Hollies ground. In addition to the improving changing rooms and toilets within the building, the Trust has created a working gymnasium and outdoor exercise area for members.

This report describes the charity's main activities where the Trust welcomes local schools, sports clubs and organisations as members or occasional users. The following analysis looks at first summer sports, then winter sports and some of the supporting activities in the context of our charity's purposes.

### Summer sports

The number of cricket games continued to grow despite indifferent weather at the start of the 2023 summer. The Trust staged 537 cricket matches– 12% more than the 479 matches played in the 2022 season. In simple terms, 11,814 people playing a game of cricket. There are no larger or better utilised cricket ground in the South of England.

Senior cricket is played on weekend afternoons and often in the week. These fixtures require prepared grass wickets and involve Surrey Championship league matches, Kent League fixture, the East London Indian Premier league, long established friendly cricket, local cup matches and inter organisation games played by men and women. Almost half (249) of the 537 total games were played on prepared grass wicket crickets demonstrating the productivity and hard work of the contractor, Sportsturf.

Over half of the cricket matches (53%) were represented by 288 games played on artificial turf pitches. The increased use of artificial pitches was mainly driven by the popular Last Man Stands mid-week cricket leagues and the block booking on Saturday and Sunday mornings by Dulwich Cricket Club for their extensive numbers of junior teams of boys and girls predominantly aged between 8-13 years old.

Weekend cricket is dominated by the member clubs as shown in the table below.

Weekend use by member clubs	2023	2022
Dulwich Cricket Club	40	56
Ploughmans Cricket Club	37	37
South Bank Cricket Club	26	27
Barbados Overseas Cricket Assoc.	19	10
Kent United	6	

The twenty-two-week season for cricket is dependent upon weather for the completion of matches. 2022 saw 167 matches played and this season it was 159 matches. With a maximum capacity of 176 matches, playing over 90% of the possible fixtures is very impressive work by the clubs and volunteers in getting the games played.

The major user, Dulwich CC dropped in numbers mainly due to the opening of the Griffin sports ground in Dulwich Village and the lower number of Sunday matches. Their shortfall was met by the introduction of BOCA Shield and Kent United playing in the London Sri Lankan Sunday league. The quality of their cricket matching some of the higher-level fixtures on Saturdays. Ploughmans and South Bank CC were both similar in numbers of matches year on year.

Although opportunities for casual user clubs are limited at weekends, the Trust was able to offer 31 fixtures to sixteen different clubs (similar to 2022). The bookings included twelve clubs who do not have their own home grounds.

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# SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY SPORTS TRUST

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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Mid-week cricket enables a variety of different user clubs to use the Trust facilities. The Trust is very pleased to be working with Last Man Stands which is an entry level game supported by the English Cricket Board (ECB). The evening games are played in a variety of settings using astro turf pitches across the UK and other cricket playing nations. The leagues are designed to attract clubs, work places and groups of friends to enter eight a side teams to play social cricket. In our third season with Last Man Stands, we have increased usage to four evenings per week holding 126 matches in 2023. Put another way, over 2,000 player opportunities to play social cricket. The status of the Trust is such that regional finals are now hosted on the last weekend of the season.

Cricket played on midweek summer evenings on grass wickets has become a major feature for local teams, city companies and school parent teams. In 2023, 83 games were played on grass wickets from June to early August. Apart from junior clubs, 37 different teams played mid-week games at the Trust offering the opportunity to offer cricket to many diverse groups within our local community. These games attract local residents as well as office workers watching their teams. Midweek evenings are boosted by allocated training sessions in the three lane outdoor nets by South Bank CC, Ploughmans CC, Sinjungrammarians CC and the NL Cricket Association. Each session will involve over twenty and sometime thirty cricketers. The nets facility offers the opportunity for one-to-one sessions run by a variety of ECB recognised coaches at weekends and in evenings. The busy nature of the ground is further emphasised by timetabling football and rugby training during the late summer evenings.

Senior cricket depends upon recruitment from junior teams. Dulwich Cricket Club has the seventh largest junior section in England. Dulwich depend upon the Trust to complete their heavy programme of fixtures at weekend and midweek evenings. Dulwich played over two hundred junior matches (208) in 2023. How many other organisations have offered local boys and girls 4,567 opportunities to play cricket. Weekend mornings saw children and parents involved in a fourteen-week season with 38 league and friendly games on Saturdays and 48 on Sundays.

The Trust is aware of the durability of the astro turf pitches to enable more participation for this large cohort of local children aged 7 to 13 years old to play cricket. Local schools use the facilities for school matches in the weekdays. A recent new member school is the Cedars school from Norbury who have no cricket facilities. The school is now using the Trust as its home base for sport.

The summer months allow local companies to hold sports days and team building exercises, the Trust was able to include four such events in the summer of 2023.

### **Winter sports**

The trust financial year includes the 2023-2024 football and rugby seasons which were considerably affected by the wettest three months in the UK's history of recorded rainfall. After the Christmas closure, most of the weekends saw cancellation of games due to the heavy and consistent rainfall. The weather did not only take a toll on the footballers' and rugby players' morale but it hit the Trust's income levels as clubs only pay when they play.

Rugby Union is still recovering slowly from the impact of COVID-19. The Trust continued to support King's College Hospital RFC as the club sought to return to playing two competitive teams. Recruitment was challenging with KCH RFC only able to play twelve home games and Tuesday evening training nights reflected the low playing membership.

The Trust grounds have the rugby pitch in a very central place. It has been agreed that in order to maximise pitch utilisation that the rugby pitch will move to a purpose designed pitch on the Hollies over the summer. Perhaps 2024 might offer budding rugby players the chance to play in Turney Road?

Football and footballers seem keen to play at every opportunity. The Trust offer excellent pitches and good dressing rooms with a very popular bar. In 2022/23 there were 605 organised football matches as opposed to 380 in 2023/24. As the season lasts twenty-eight weeks, this severely compromised participation and continuity. Football clubs sensing the likelihood of cancellations in the new year were forced to switch from the Trust to other venues. The picture of usage before Christmas largely influences the overall performance.

Within the season, there were 340 weekend games and 40 weekday games providing a roughly similar proportion of provision by weekend (89%) to weekday (11%) to previous years.

In the 2022/23, season 73% of weekend games involved junior footballers whilst this season it was 77% of weekend fixtures. For all football matches (weekends and midweek) the split of age groups dropped to 74% junior and 26% senior matches. It is clearly reflecting the aims of the charity that local young people gain access to our facilities and the participation numbers show that aim being achieved.

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Junior football takes place on Saturday mornings and over most of Sundays totalling 278 games. A simple sum of the matches by say 25 players and officials is just short of 7,000 player opportunities. If that sum was multiplied by only one hour, it shows a huge amount of time devoted to junior football participation. The number of players is often matched by local families, friends and coaches.

A major user is Dulwich Village FC who played 158 matches for both girls' and boys' junior teams. It is pleasing to see that one third of the matches are girl's football. Even with heavy usage on Sunday mornings, Dulwich Hamlet Juniors managed 53 matches. Other prominent junior football clubs included AFC Brixton, AFC Lions, AFC Naasa, Julians FC and Palace Knights. A feature of Saturday mornings is the block booking with the Lambeth and Southwark Primary Schools league whose schools booked thirty-nine matches throughout the season.

Senior football on Saturday afternoons was dominated by South Bank CUACO FC who ran eight teams in playing 56 games with Grantonians FC a one team club, playing eight matches. The Trust has been seeking more adult clubs on Sundays. So far only Harbut Rovers FC, SWAG and Battersea Veterans have returned after the COVID pause. Perhaps next season, we may see more adult teams.

Weekday football is perceived as an opportunity to showcase Trust facilities to local schools-and colleges. Despite the weather in the second half of the season, Cedars School, Bishop Thomas Grant School, Evelyn Grace Academy School, Ark Globe Academy School, St Francis Xavier and the Ark All Saints Academy School shared twenty-five matches. Kings College London Students Union continued to play regularly at the Trust with the University of the Arts football club.

Organised school and club matches are only part of the football usage as weekday evening training sessions are organised by member clubs. Over the year, the Trust hosted football academy training camps and schools training activities. It is significant that players and football clubs based in Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham travelled to play at the Turney Road facilities.

### **Financial review**

As of the year ending 31st March 2024, the financial position of the charity is very sound. Charitable revenues for the second year since registration rose to £186,668 against annual costs of £179,516. In addition profits were received from Southwark Community Sports Ground Limited of £32,310. Interestingly revenue rose by 5% year by year with expenditure rising by £28,285 (19%). The healthy balance sheet shows that the Trust has net assets of £340,251 including grounds equipment at £59,543 (2023: £44,670). There is a healthy contingency fund held at the bank with creditors and debtors being reflected at manageable levels.

For the first time, the second year of the registered charity can be more easily be benchmarked against the previous year. The relevant comparisons are shown in the attached financial statements.

The primary purpose of the charity is the provision of sporting activity. Sporting income grew from £177,226 to £183,278. The growth is not uniform across all sports revenues - rugby activity remained depressed whilst Football and cricket income grew.

The detail of expenditure is shown in note 7. There was a significant fluctuation in the utilities caused by billing volatility of the water bills and major tariff changes following war in Ukraine. In the year 2023-2024 the Trust made a surplus of £39,462 as opposed to the previous year where the surplus was £26,519.

### **Principal risks and uncertainties**

The Charity operates a large sports ground with associated buildings and infrastructure. The facilities are well managed and are used by a wide membership of local sports clubs and schools. With a wide client base, the Trust is able to offer opportunity to different groups around the Dulwich area or withstand changes in local sporting structures. The Trust has a thirty-year lease and there are no uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

As a sports facility, we face periods of climatic uncertainty and sometime extreme conditions. Excessive rain or perhaps drought can affect the income generating activities. So far, the Trust has managed to deal with seasonal weather extremes. Investment in drainage schemes has become a part of the annual expenditure. Cricket is using more artificial surfaces, perhaps in the future winter sports may need to follow.

The management board carry out operational risk assessments during the normal course of the sports season and for one-off events. However, the trustees examine risks and uncertainty in the wider context.

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Sports facilities are very popular within the local community with demand exceeding our capacity. Pitches and training areas are much in demand. The Trust is perceived as a high- quality venue with strong support from the governing bodies. The trustees would like to see more paid management in the next few years as volunteer effort is better focused at strategic level. However, to achieve more paid management, the revenue position of the Trust must continue to improve. The volunteers managing and providing sport have done very well to maximise the usage of the facilities. The trustees believe that the next steps must include non-sporting income generation and the development of fund-raising streams of income. As a newly created charity, the SCST has an opportunity to leverage its charitable giving possibilities.

### **Reserves policy and going concern**

Over the past ten years, the Trust has sought to build up cash reserves to meet contingencies – failure of roof, heating or boilers failing and such associated equipment. Although the maintenance for major machinery for ground management is borne by the contractor.

To demonstrate the continuing robustness of the Trust, the trustees have spent some time considering the risks and have implemented a policy on the management and allocation of the reserves. As the attached accounts show the Trust has a substantial amount of money held at the bank.

For the future years, the trustees have reserved £210,000 in total as funds reserved for contingencies. The breakdown is

- £125,000 has been set aside as contingency for failure of income or a national pandemic or problem. The Trust was able to survive long spells of inactivity during the COVID-19 lockdowns but not without use of reserve funds. The Trust wishes to be better prepared in future years.
- £19,000 has been designated as contingency against bad debt.
- £36,000 is designated to meet any shortfalls upon funding to the Football Foundation grant.
- £30,000 has been designated for repair of the car park and internal road.

This leaves a balance of £51,032 as free reserves, after fixed assets.

The continued existence of the Trust since the early days of the take- over from the London South Bank University demonstrates the persistence and strength of the volunteers managing the facility which is backed up by a cautious financial policy.

### **Plans for the future**

At the heart of the Trust activity, is the provision and playing of sport. The Trust continues to spend volunteer hours and revenues on the weekly fixtures and elsewhere the Trustees have noted the need to recruit paid management.

Most of the equipment is supplied by the contractors but some important items are owned by the SCST. The trustees and the Board have identified a replacement roller as a priority for fund raising.

Managing and improving the estate of the SCST has been a significant responsibility since the launch of the Trust twelve years ago. The Trust does not have the resources for major renovation schemes nor the opportunity to set aside the revenue generating playing surfaces for years at a time. The Trustees have embarked upon a series of small-scale drainage and water flow schemes. received seeking external advice for an incremental drainage and surface water management scheme to improve the Hollies ground.

There has been a pause in the ground improvement grant from the Football Foundation (FF). The seven- year programme required both the FF and the Trust to jointly fund materials and works. The project required much volunteer time. The Trust hopes to restart the scheme by the start of the 2024 football season.

With sponsorship by the Cedars school, a fourth artificial cricket pitch has been commissioned to open in the summer of 2024. The Trust has completed a consultation with winter users to change pitch locations. The major change is for a rugby pitch to be constructed in the Hollies allowing football pitches to be re-aligned on the Dulwich Sports ground.

The Trust manages two pavilions. The main Pavilion was refurbished in 2020 with more recent focus on the Hollies Pavilion. Within the Hollies, the small multi-user gym and training space has proved to be very popular. With the co-operation of enthusiastic fitness coaches, indoor facilities have been expanded and improved. It is nice to see the once vacant facility being used. Perhaps future years will see some investment in the Main Pavilion.

No charitable venture can continue to thrive without a pool of young and enthusiastic volunteers. The new management board is seeking to widen the scope of volunteer participation from the winter sports clubs and to harness the local goodwill of neighbours. The trustees continue to place emphasis on succession and continuity. The new group of Board members hold the key to future developments and robust growth.

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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### Structure, governance and management

The Southwark Community Sports Trust was formed as a Community Interest Company (CIC) in 2010. The newly created organisation took over the lease of the Dulwich Sports Ground from London South Bank University in a crisis of ownership. The Trust subsequently leased the next-door ground now called "The Hollies". In 2019, the CIC secured a new lease for all the ground for thirty years from the Dulwich Estate providing a secure base for further growth. The Southwark Community Sports Trust transitioned to become a registered charity (CIO) and was incorporated on 3 February 2022. Commencing trading on 1st April 2022, the CIO enabled a continuation of a very successful sports provider.

Alongside the creation of the CIO, the Southwark Community Sports Ground company was established under a memorandum of association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its articles of association. The trading company manages the non-sporting activities including the bar within the Pavilion, the lease with the Children's Nursery, the flat within the pavilion and the telephone mast. The company trading performance is listed at Companies House.

Initially established as a CIC, the Trust welcomed local schools, sports clubs and organisations as members. The founding member clubs were expected to provide resources and volunteers to manage the facilities in return for priority access. The newly established charity required the trustees to initiate organisational changes to meet the new requirements of charitable status.

An operational board was established in 2023 to manage the day-to-day operation of the Trust. Each executive member of the Board took specific working roles with member clubs being represented in the summer and winter user groups. Founder member clubs were offered opportunities to become partners with opportunities to join the board and ensure the day to day running of the facilities. The Operational management board was created to meet the new challenges of managing a modern sports charity. The operational board is tasked to work closely with the trustees and has sought to bring in a more inclusive and managerially focused team. During the first year of the new operational board, fifteen volunteers stepped forward to take operational roles. It is important to acknowledge the prominent contributions from Dulwich Cricket Club, Ploughmans Cricket Club, South Bank Cricket Club and South Bank CUACO Football Club.

Within the financial year of 2023 to 2024, the Trust continued to manage an extensive sporting organisation whilst creating a new and robust structure to manage the resources of a modern charity. The transition was considerably aided by these key volunteers who continued to commit considerable time and effort to manage the sports and to develop the facilities.

### Appointment of trustees

The initial appointment of the SCST trustees was made on 16th February 2022. They are also directors under company law, who served during the period and up to the date of this report. The list of the four trustees is as follows:

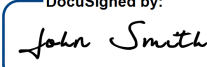
- John Smith
- Jon Thornton
- Richard Balmforth
- Sean Keaton

As the accounts show the trustees received no remuneration nor any expenses.

### Related parties and relationships with other organisations

The Trust has a subsidiary by control which is the Southwark Community Sports Ground. The charity owed the company £33,985 at the year end. The company has agreed to pay any profits to the charity and this year that amounted to £32,310.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

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**Mr J Smith**  
Chair, Southwark Community Sports Trust

Date: 31-Jan-2025

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# SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY SPORTS TRUST

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## INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT

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### Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Southwark Community Sports Trust ('the Charity')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2024.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

#### Independent examiner's statement

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 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.

This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed:  634F24DE92A4471...

Janice Matthews FCA

Dated: 31-Jan-2025

**Menzies LLP**  
Chartered Accountants  
Magna House  
18-32 London Road  
Staines-Upon-Thames  
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# SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY SPORTS TRUST

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
<b>Income from:</b>				
Donations and legacies	3	32,310	32,310	-
Charitable activities	4	183,278	183,278	177,226
Investments	5	3,390	3,390	524
<b>Total income</b>		<b>218,978</b>	<b>218,978</b>	<b>177,750</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Charitable activities	6	179,516	179,516	151,231
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>179,516</b>	<b>179,516</b>	<b>151,231</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>39,462</b>	<b>39,462</b>	<b>26,519</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>				
Total funds brought forward		300,789	300,789	274,270
Net movement in funds		39,462	39,462	26,519
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>340,251</b>	<b>340,251</b>	<b>300,789</b>

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

The notes on pages 11 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

# SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY SPORTS TRUST

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	10	<u>79,219</u>	<u>47,132</u>
		<b>79,219</b>	<b>47,132</b>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	11	3,829	20,219
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>353,388</u>	<u>356,650</u>
		<b>357,217</b>	<b>376,869</b>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(96,185)</u>	<u>(123,212)</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u><b>261,032</b></u>	<u><b>253,657</b></u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u><b>340,251</b></u>	<u><b>300,789</b></u>
<b>Total net assets</b>		<u><u><b>340,251</b></u></u>	<u><u><b>300,789</b></u></u>
<b>Charity funds</b>			
Unrestricted funds	13	<u>340,251</u>	<u>300,789</u>
<b>Total funds</b>		<u><u><b>340,251</b></u></u>	<u><u><b>300,789</b></u></u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

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*John Smith*

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**Mr J Smith**

Chair, Southwark Community Sports Trust

Date: 31-Jan-2025

The notes on pages 11 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

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# SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY SPORTS TRUST

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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### 1. General information

Southwark Community Sports Trust is a charity and registered in England and Wales. The address of the principle office is disclosed on the information on page.

### 2. Accounting policies

#### 2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - 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) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Southwark Community Sports Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

Prior year comparatives shown relates to the previous entity Southwark Community Sports Trust CIC. These figures have been added as a memo for understanding and transparency purposes only.

#### 2.2 Going concern

We confirmed that, having considered our expectations and intentions for the next twelve months and the availability of funds, the charity is a going concern.

#### 2.3 Income

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

#### 2.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, 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 classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

### 2. Accounting policies (continued)

#### 2.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £NIL or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Leasehold property	-	20%	Straight line
Plant and machinery	-	25%	Reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	-	25%	Reducing balance

### 3. Income from donations and legacies

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2024 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2024 £</b>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Donations	32,310	<b>32,310</b>	-

### 4. Income from charitable activities

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2024 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2024 £</b>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Football	67,369	<b>67,369</b>	62,681
Rugby	8,950	<b>8,950</b>	8,925
Cricket	86,385	<b>86,385</b>	88,788
Other income	20,574	<b>20,574</b>	16,832
	<b>183,278</b>	<b>183,278</b>	177,226
<i>Total 2023</i>	<i>177,226</i>	<i>177,226</i>	

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

### 5. Investment income

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2024 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2024 £</b>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Interest	3,390	<b>3,390</b>	524
<i>Total 2023</i>	<i>524</i>	<i>524</i>	

### 6. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

#### Summary by fund type

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2024 £</b>	<b>Total 2024 £</b>	<i>Total 2023 £</i>
Charitable activities	179,516	<b>179,516</b>	151,231
<i>Total 2023</i>	<i>151,231</i>	<i>151,231</i>	

### 7. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	<b>Support costs 2024 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2024 £</b>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Charitable activities	179,516	<b>179,516</b>	151,231
<i>Total 2023</i>	<i>151,231</i>	<i>151,231</i>	

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

### 7. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

#### Analysis of support costs

	Activities 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Ground maintenance	112,816	<b>112,816</b>	96,087
Utilities	11,953	<b>11,953</b>	(3,662)
Pavilion expenditure	13,795	<b>13,795</b>	16,087
Administration	6,568	<b>6,568</b>	15,327
Other expenditure	34,384	<b>34,384</b>	27,392
	<u>179,516</u>	<u><b>179,516</b></u>	<u>151,231</u>
<i>Total 2023</i>	<u>151,231</u>	<u>151,231</u>	

### 8. Independent examiner's remuneration

	2024 £	2023 £
Fees payable to the Charity's independent examiner for the independent examination of the Charity's annual accounts (excluding VAT)	<b>2,200</b>	2,000
Fees payable to the Charity's independent examiner in respect of: All other services not included above	<b>2,000</b>	1,800
	<u><b>2,000</b></u>	<u>1,800</u>

### 9. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year ended 31 March 2024, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2023 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 March 2024, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2023 - £NIL).

# SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY SPORTS TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

### 10. Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
<b>Cost or valuation</b>				
At 1 April 2023	-	221,404	11,772	233,176
Additions	21,665	29,912	-	51,577
At 31 March 2024	<u>21,665</u>	<u>251,316</u>	<u>11,772</u>	<u>284,753</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 1 April 2023	-	176,734	9,310	186,044
Charge for the year	4,333	15,039	118	19,490
At 31 March 2024	<u>4,333</u>	<u>191,773</u>	<u>9,428</u>	<u>205,534</u>
<b>Net book value</b>				
At 31 March 2024	<u>17,332</u>	<u>59,543</u>	<u>2,344</u>	<u>79,219</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>44,670</u>	<u>2,462</u>	<u>47,132</u>

### 11. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Due within one year</b>		
Trade debtors	-	14,949
Other debtors	3,829	5,270
	<u>3,829</u>	<u>20,219</u>

### 12. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Amounts owed to group undertakings	33,985	24,512
Corporation tax	-	1,793
Accruals and deferred income	62,200	96,907
	<u>96,185</u>	<u>123,212</u>

# SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY SPORTS TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

### 13. Statement of funds

#### Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
<b>Designated funds</b>					
Contingency Fund	-	-	-	125,000	125,000
Debt Fund	-	-	-	19,000	19,000
Football Foundation	-	-	-	36,000	36,000
Car Park Repairs	-	-	-	30,000	30,000
	-	-	-	210,000	210,000
<b>General funds</b>					
General Funds - all funds	300,789	218,978	(179,516)	(210,000)	130,251
<b>Total Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>300,789</b>	<b>218,978</b>	<b>(179,516)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>340,251</b>

#### Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General Funds - all funds	274,270	177,750	(151,231)	300,789

### 14. Analysis of net assets between funds

#### Analysis of net assets between funds - current period

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	79,219	79,219
Current assets	357,217	357,217
Creditors due within one year	(96,185)	(96,185)
<b>Total</b>	<b>340,251</b>	<b>340,251</b>

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# SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY SPORTS TRUST

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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### 14. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

#### Analysis of net assets between funds - prior period

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Tangible fixed assets	47,132	47,132
Current assets	376,869	376,869
Creditors due within one year	(123,212)	(123,212)
<b>Total</b>	<u>300,789</u>	<u>300,789</u>

### 15. Related party transactions

The charity has a subsidiary by control which is Southwark Community Sports Ground Ltd. The charity owed the company £33,985 (2023: £24,512) at the year end. The company has agreed to pay any profits up to the charity and in this year that amounted to £32,310.

The results of Southwark Community Sports Ground Ltd have not been consolidated in the accounts of Southwark Community Sports Trust due to the charity taking the exemptions to not produce consolidated accounts available to smaller charities.

**SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY SPORTS TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1197935

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# Accounts

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 MARCH 2023

SOUTHWARK  
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# SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY SPORTS TRUST

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## REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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<b>Trustees</b>	Mr J Smith Mr R Balmforth Mr S Keaton Mr J Thornton
<b>Charity registered number</b>	1197935
<b>Principal office</b>	Dulwich Sports Ground Turney Road London Dulwich SE21 7JH
<b>Accountants</b>	Menzies LLP Chartered Accountants Magna House 18-32 London Road Staines-Upon-Thames TW18 4BP
<b>Bankers</b>	Barclays Bank, West Norwood Branch
<b>Solicitors</b>	Milbank 100 Liverpool Street London EC2M 2AT

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# SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY SPORTS TRUST

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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Trustees report for the period ended 31st March 2023

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the period ended 31st March 2023.

The reference and administrative information have been set out on page 1 and forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the memorandum and articles of association, the requirements of a directors' report as required under company law, and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: SORP applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102.

### Objectives and activities

#### Purposes and aims

The Southwark Community Sports Trust ("SCST") was incorporated on 22nd February 2022.

The charity's purposes are "To promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of Southwark and the surrounding area the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the condition of life of the said inhabitants."

In accordance with these principles, the mission of the charity is to continue to provide high quality and affordable sports facilities to the people of Southwark and the surrounding area.

To pursue this mission, the charity:

- provides facilities for cricket, football, rugby and other sporting, recreational and educational pursuits for member clubs and the general community;
- manages the multi-use Dulwich Sports Ground and the Hollies Sports ground in Dulwich, south London.
- promotes the use of the Facility within the community;
- encourages the use by local schools, community groups, additional sports and sporting organisations;
- works with the English Cricket Board, the Football Foundation, the Rugby Football Union and Sport England to provide the requisite facilities for their sports,

The SCST took out a 30-year lease on the ground from the Dulwich Estate in 2019.

The ground covers 39 acres. The area bounded by Turney Road, Burbage Road and Gallery Road is used to provide in winter:

- Six senior football pitches
- Three junior and one intermediate pitch
- Four mini pitches
- Two five a side pitches
- Four training grids and a training area
- One senior rugby pitch

In summer the grounds accommodate:

- Four grass cricket squares
- Three artificial cricket wickets
- Three lanes of cricket nets

The SCST maintains a large Pavilion on the Dulwich Sports Ground with twelve changing rooms, toilets and shower facilities together with a recreation area. In addition, the SCST is in the process of gradually improving the condition of a delapidated smaller pavilion on the Hollies ground. In addition to the changing rooms and toilets within the building, the Trust has been working to develop a working gymnasium and outdoor exercise area for member clubs.

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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The Trust was established as a CIC with founder member clubs in 2010 as part of a rescue after the London University of South Bank handed the lease over to the SCST. Many of those clubs have remained as users of the facility. Significant volunteer input has been made in this year by:

Dulwich Cricket Club  
Dulwich Village FC  
Kings College Hospital RUFC  
South Bank Cricket Club  
South Bank CUACO FC

The ground is used extensively by a range of sports clubs, local state schools, local and London based companies and individual users.

The trustees review the aims, objectives and activities of the charity each year. This report looks at what the charity has achieved and the outcomes of its work in the reporting period. The trustees report the success of each key activity and the benefits the charity has brought to those groups of people that it is set up to help.

The review also helps the trustees ensure the charity's aims, objectives and activities remained focused on its stated purposes. The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning its future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives that have been set.

### **Achievements and performance**

The Southwark Community Sports Trust was incorporated following an application to the Charities Commission in 2022. The charity continued to build upon the Community Interest Company (CIC) of the same name. The CIC had successfully grown from a start-up in 2012 to a healthy and large provider of sports facilities. The organisation had taken over the lease of the Dulwich Sports Ground from the London South Bank University and subsequently leased the next-door ground called "The Hollies". In 2019, the CIC concluded negotiations with the landlords, the Dulwich Estate to secure a new lease for thirty years. The new lease provided a secure base for further growth and eventual recognition as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

Recent legislation enabled the Trust to transition taking all the assets and responsibilities into the new charity. The report describes the charity's main activities.

The CIC did not have individuals as members but welcomed clubs and organisations as members. The founding member clubs were expected to provide resources and volunteers to manage the facilities in return for priority access. In the final year of the CIC, the founder member clubs included:

Dulwich Cricket Club  
Dulwich Village FC  
King's College Rugby Football Club  
South Bank Cricket Club  
South Bank CUACO FC  
The Lambeth and Southwark Primary Schools Football league.

During the first year of operation as a charity, the thirty-nine-acre estate allowed the Trust to offer extensive access for playing sports in winter and summer during the day and in evenings both on weekdays and weekends. In the first year of operation, the Trust offered pitches and facilities to large number of sports clubs, schools and local organisations.

The following analysis looks at first winter sports and then summer sports.

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# SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY SPORTS TRUST

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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### Winter sports

The trust financial year includes the end of the 2022 football and rugby season and the majority of the 2022 to 2023 season.

**605 organised football matches** took place in the 28 weeks of the first year. The weekly total average at an impressive twenty-one matches per week. The following splits can be seen -:

- 505 weekend games and 100 weekday games
- 73% of weekend games involved junior football while all weekday fixtures involved local schools, academies and colleges.

The principal senior football clubs at weekends were dominated by South Bank CUACO FC who ran eight teams in playing 78 games. The other major users were Grantonians FC, Harbut Rovers FC, SWAG, AFC Nasaa, AFC Brixton and West Norwood FC. In addition, there were five local senior clubs who also played at the Trust on weekend afternoons.

Junior football takes place on Saturday mornings and over most of Sundays which totalled 373 games. A simple sum of the matches by say 25 players and officials is just short of 10,000 which when multiplied by only one hour is huge amount time given over for junior participation. The number players are often matched by local families, friends and coaches. A major user is Dulwich Village FC who played 255 matches at the Trust who offer both girls and boys junior teams.

Despite such high usage other junior clubs included the Lambeth and Southwark Primary Schools league on Saturday mornings. The other substantial users were Dulwich Hamlet Juniors, AFC Lions, Julians FC, Palace Knights and Brixtone FC Juniors with some representative games and a few smaller junior clubs.

Weekday football is dominated by eight local schools- Ark Globe Academy, Charter School in East Dulwich, Ark Evelyn Grace Academy, Cedars School, SFX Balham, Norwood School, Ark All Saints Academy and Bishop Thomas Grant School. In addition, the Trust was pleased to welcome Kings College London Students Union who organised 34 games of football and the Aspire Academy in association with Dulwich Hamlet FC.

Matches are only part of football usage as weekday evening training sessions were organised by member clubs. Over the year, the Trust hosted football academy training camps and schools training activities.

It is significant that football clubs based in Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham travelled to play at the Turney Road facilities. Clearly there is a need for continued use of our grass.

**Rugby Union** is recovering slowly from the impact of COVID-19. The Trust supported King's College Hospital RFC as the club sought to recruit players to form two competitive teams. In the year KCH RFC only were able to play 15 home games. The Club has been making efforts to recruit emphasising thier Tuesday evening training nights. The rugby pitch was used by Cedars School but all were concerned by the low utilisation. In the spring of 2023, some football matches were played on the rugby surface held. The trustees and the rugby club are seeking to make better use of the pitch in future seasons.

### Summer sports

**The sport of Cricket** sees the Trust fully exploiting its grass and artificial wickets with 479 organised matches in the 2022 season. Prepared grass wicket cricket was played on 255 pitches – 53% of the overall number of games.

The artificial pitches offered 224 games (47%). In addition, on Saturday and Sunday mornings, Dulwich Cricket Club juniors have a block booking running from May until the end of July using all four artificial wickets. Dulwich send teams of boys and girls to play from under 8 through to under 13. The other major user, Last Man Stands is described in the section on midweek use.

The trust takes weekend afternoon cricket bookings from seventeen local clubs with the highest take up as shown in the table below. The summer season extending over twenty- two weeks has a very high utilisation rate with 167 matches played on Saturday and Sunday afternoon grass wickets:

Dulwich Cricket Club	56
Ploughmans Cricket Club	37
South Bank Cricket Club	27
Barbados Overseas Cricket Association	10
London Indian Premier League	8

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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The high take up from the five member clubs reflects league commitments, historic friendly fixtures and club status. Dulwich CC offers both men and women's cricket at weekends. Dulwich enter league teams in the Surrey Championship and Kent League, BOCA play in the Kent League and Ploughmans CC play in the Surrey Challenger league. The Trust was able to offer bookings to Alleyn Club and local school parents X1s. Nine of the teams also using the weekend facilities are clubs do not have their own club pitches.

Mid-week cricket is split between use of artificial pitches and grass wickets. Last Man Stands has been a major user for two seasons. The 2022 season offered the opportunity of playing on the three astroturf surfaces. Last Man Stands is well regarded as an entry vehicle in to organised cricket. The eight-man teams compete in a league based upon work based groups, some social sides or just friends playing limited overs on artificial wickets. The league booked 144 games across Monday to Thursday evenings over the summer. A huge commitment for all parties.

Cricket played on midweek summer evenings on grass wickets has become a major part of the Trust cricket workload with 88 games played largely from June to early August. Apart from junior clubs, 28 different teams played mid-week games at the Trust offering the opportunity to offer cricket to many groups of the local community.

Midweek not only sees organised games but training evenings and use of the three lane outdoor nets for clubs such as South Bank CC, Ploughmans CC and Streatham & Marlborough CC. The nets facility offers the opportunity for one-to-one sessions run by six ECB recognised coaches. The busy nature of the ground is further emphasised by allowing football and rugby training during the late summer evenings.

Senior cricket depends upon recruitment from junior teams. Dulwich played over eighty games on the artificial pitches in mid-week evenings and on weekend mornings. Weekend mornings saw children and parents involved in a fourteen-week season with 33 league and friendly games on Saturdays and 35 on Sunday. The astro turf pitches enable more participation for local children aged 7 to 13 years old. Dulwich CC introduced a ten-week cricket programme for young Afghan cricketers on Sunday mornings in the nets. The project was named "Snow Leopards" reflecting one of the national animals from Afghanistan.

The summer months allow local companies to hold sports days and team building exercises. The Trust was able to hold ten such events.

In short, very intensive use of the facilities by a range of sports and users drawn across the local community.

### **Financial review**

As of 31st March 2023, the financial position of the charity was sound with revenues for the period since registration of £177,750 substantially covering costs of £151,231.

The balance sheet shows assets such as grounds equipment at £47,132. There is a healthy contingency fund held at the bank with creditors and debtors being reflected at manageable levels. The Trust hold £300,789 in unrestricted funds.

The performance of the registered charity cannot easily be benchmarked as the previous years have seen the Trust operate solely as a CIC. Therefore, the trustees have shown the previous year of operation from the CIC accounts.

As the SCST charitable activities are shown in the CIO and the trading activities in Southwak Community Sports Ground Ltd, direct comparison is difficult as there has been a separation of financial allocation.

The primary purpose of sporting activity shows income growing from £154,732 to £177,750. The growth is not uniform across all sports revenues. Football and cricket incomes were roughly similar, the slightly longer winter sports income was slightly reduced due to a wet winter whilst cricket benefitted from a long and hot summer.

Expenditure is shown in the tables split between the charity and the trading company. In the year 2022-2023 the Trust made a small surplus of £26,519.

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# SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY SPORTS TRUST

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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### Principal risks and uncertainties

The Charity operates a major sports ground with associated buildings and infrastructure. The Trust has a thirty-year lease and has always paid rent promptly.

There are no uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

As a sports facility, we face periods of rain or perhaps drought which affect the income generating activities. So far, the Trust has managed to deal with seasonal weather extremes. Cricket is using more artificial surfaces, perhaps in the future winter sports may need to follow.

The sports facilities are very popular within the Community with football and cricket clubs and schools demand exceeding our capacity. Participation in rugby although only using one pitch has recovered slowly post COVID.

Operational risk assessments are carried out by the management team during the normal course of the sports season and for one-off events.

### Reserves policy and going concern

The Trust has sought to build up cash reserves to meet most building contingencies – failure of roof or fabric, heating or boilers failing and such associated equipment. The maintenance for machinery for ground management is borne by the contractor.

To demonstrate the continuing robustness of the Trust, the trustees expect to have at least six months of reserve as contingency. The Trust was able to survive long spells of inactivity during the COVID-19 lockdowns.

The continued existence of the Trust since the early days of take over from the London South Bank University demonstrates the persistence and strength of the volunteers managing the facility.

### Plans for the future

Managing and improving the estate of the SCST has been a significant responsibility for the past twelve years. The Trust does not have the resources for major renovation schemes nor the opportunity to set aside the revenue generating playing surfaces for years at a time. The Trustees have received seeking external advice for an incremental drainage and surface water management scheme based in the Hollies in the first instance. A positive contribution has been a ground improvement grant from the Football Foundation (FF). This seven- year programme requires both the FF and the Trust to support the purchase of materials and the use of improvement techniques such as hollow-tining. The grant is managed by Dulwich Village FC.

The grass surfaces are maintained by a contractor with a brief to maintain good standards and annual improvement. An additional artificial pitch has been commissioned for play in 2023. The surface will be part financed by the Surrey Cricket Foundation with the Trust paying 30% of the costs. New ground equipment has been acquired by the Trust with a plan for more efficient machinery. The efficient use of facilities has been a major area of focus by ground managers. The Trust is planning changing pitch locations in a move to seek the best balance of winter sports.

The Trust manages two significant pavilions. The main Pavilion has been recently refurbished as part of the lease renewal buildings and the main requirement is continue planned maintenance to maintain the level of good condition. The Hollies Pavilion is at best a storage facility. However, through replacement of the roof, the facility is now watertight and a gradual upgrade has been undertaken. Dressing rooms and shower facilities have been completed. A small multi-user gym and training space has been created. These small projects have moved the Trust forward in a gradual path to better utilisation.

The Main Pavilion bar has been extended and an extended range of drinks installed. As use of the bar grows, the need for regular bar workers has been highlighted.

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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The Trustees established a monthly bar staff payroll through an external contractor. A lively and well used social facility is an aspiration for the trustees and member clubs.

### Structure, governance and management

The Southwark Community Sports Trust is a registered charity incorporated on 3 February 2022 which commenced trading on 1st April 2022.

The Southwark Community Sports Ground company was established under a memorandum of association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its articles of association.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity.

Both organisations are successor organisations to the Southwark Community Sports Trust CIC. The trustees wished to carry forward the aims and objectives as set out earlier. The challenge of managing a charity was recognised in the last year of the CIC. The management board of the CIC recognised that new systems of reporting and new management structures would need to be established and more volunteers would be needed.

The CIC had a board comprised of volunteers, some of whom took management roles and some represented the Founder member clubs. The challenge was to create an operational board bringing in new volunteers and asking existing board members to cover the new responsibilities. Throughout the financial year, the Trustees have been seeking more contributions from all the member sports club.

The trustees through their previous experience of managing the CIC and with considerable assistance from existing volunteers were able to maintain the functions of the new CIO and trading company. The transition to new structures and attracting more voluntary effort is a continuing challenge.

With the permission of the Dulwich Estate, the SCST was able to offer membership of the social facilities to local neighbours. It is hoped that more social members will join from the houses near to the sports grounds.

### Appointment of trustees

The initial appointment of the SCST trustees was made on 16th February 2022. They are also directors under company law, who served during the period and up to the date of this report The trustees are as follows:

John Smith  
Jon Thornton  
Richard Balmforth  
Sean Keaton

As the accounts show the trustees received no remuneration nor any expenses.

### Related parties and relationships with other organisations

The Trust has a subsidiary by control which is the Southwark Community Sports Ground. The charity owed the company £24,512 at the year end. The company has agreed to pay any profits to the company.

The Southwark Community Sports Trust has member clubs including Dulwich Cricket Club, Dulwich Village FC, King's College Rugby Football Club, Ploughmans CC, South Bank Cricket Club and South Bank CUACO FC , who with other member clubs derive benefit through using the grounds. The Trust intends to develop active partnerships with those listed clubs.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

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**Mr J Smith**

Chair Southwark Community Sports Trust 3880960FFF449...

Date:

31-Jan-2024

DocuSigned by:  
*John Smith*

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# SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY SPORTS TRUST

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## INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY SPORTS TRUST

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### Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Southwark Community Sports Trust ('the Charity')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2023.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

#### Independent examiner's statement

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 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.

This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed:   
Janice Matthews FCA

Dated: 31-Jan-2024

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# SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY SPORTS TRUST

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 CIC £
<b>Income from:</b>				
Charitable activities	3	177,750	177,750	154,732
Other trading activities		-	-	215,004
<b>Total income</b>		<b>177,750</b>	<b>177,750</b>	<b>369,736</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Charitable activities	4	151,231	151,231	286,748
Other trading activities		-	-	37,644
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>151,231</b>	<b>151,231</b>	<b>324,392</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>26,519</b>	<b>26,519</b>	<b>45,344</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>				
Total funds brought forward		274,270	274,270	228,926
Net movement in funds		26,519	26,519	45,344
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>300,789</b>	<b>300,789</b>	<b>274,270</b>

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


The notes on pages 11 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

# SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY SPORTS TRUST

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 CIC £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	8	47,132	40,385
		<u>47,132</u>	<u>40,385</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Stocks		-	3,264
Debtors	9	20,219	3,929
Cash at bank and in hand		356,650	337,321
		<u>376,869</u>	<u>344,514</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(123,212)	(110,629)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>253,657</u>	<u>233,885</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>300,789</u>	<u>274,270</u>
<b>Total net assets</b>		<u>300,789</u>	<u>274,270</u>
<b>Charity funds</b>			
Unrestricted funds	11	300,789	274,270
<b>Total funds</b>		<u>300,789</u>	<u>274,270</u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

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**Mr J Smith**  
 Chair Southwark Community Sports Trust  
 Date: 31-Jan-2024

The notes on pages 11 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

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# SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY SPORTS TRUST

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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### 1. General information

Southwark Community Sports Trust is a charity and registered in England and Wales. The address of the principal office is disclosed on the information on page.

### 2. Accounting policies

#### 2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - 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) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Southwark Community Sports Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

Prior year comparatives shown relates to the previous entity Southwark Community Sports Trust CIC. These figures have been added as a memo for understanding and transparency purposes only.

#### 2.2 Going concern

We confirmed that, having considered our expectations and intentions for the next twelve months and the availability of funds, the charity is a going concern.

#### 2.3 Income

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

#### 2.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, 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 classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

# SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY SPORTS TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

### 2. Accounting policies (continued)

#### 2.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £NIL or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, on a reducing balance basis.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Plant and machinery	-	25%
Fixtures and fittings	-	25%

### 3. Income from charitable activities

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2023 £</b>	<i>Total funds 2022 CIC £</i>
Football	62,681	<b>62,681</b>	70,502
Rugby	8,925	<b>8,925</b>	100
Cricket	62,500	<b>62,500</b>	60,198
Other hire	26,288	<b>26,288</b>	16,629
Other income	17,356	<b>17,356</b>	7,303
	<u>177,750</u>	<u><b>177,750</b></u>	<u>154,732</u>
<i>Total 2022</i>	<u>154,732</u>	<u>154,732</u>	

### 4. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

#### Summary by fund type

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</b>	<b>Total 2023 £</b>	<i>Total 2022 CIC £</i>
Charitable activities	151,231	<b>151,231</b>	286,748
	<u>151,231</u>	<u><b>151,231</b></u>	<u>286,748</u>
<i>Total 2022</i>	<u>286,748</u>	<u>286,748</u>	

# SOUTHWARK COMMUNITY SPORTS TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

### 5. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	<b>Support costs 2023 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2023 £</b>	<i>Total funds 2022 CIC £</i>
Charitable activities	151,231	<b>151,231</b>	286,748
<i>Total 2022</i>	<u>286,748</u>	<u>286,748</u>	

### Analysis of support costs

	<b>Activities 2023 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2023 £</b>	<i>Total funds 2022 CIC £</i>
Ground maintenance	96,087	<b>96,087</b>	102,619
Utilities	(3,662)	<b>(3,662)</b>	38,137
Pavilion expenditure	16,087	<b>16,087</b>	64,783
Administration	15,327	<b>15,327</b>	24,207
Other expenditure	27,392	<b>27,392</b>	57,002
	<u>151,231</u>	<u>151,231</u>	<u>286,748</u>
<i>Total 2022</i>	<u>286,748</u>	<u>286,748</u>	

### 6. Independent examiner's remuneration

	<b>2023 £</b>
Fees payable to the Charity's independent examiner for the independent examination of the Charity's annual accounts (excluding VAT)	<b>2,000</b>

### 7. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2022 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 March 2023, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2022 - £NIL).

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### 8. Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
<b>Cost or valuation</b>			
At 1 April 2022	204,764	11,772	216,536
Additions	16,640	-	16,640
At 31 March 2023	<u>221,404</u>	<u>11,772</u>	<u>233,176</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1 April 2022	167,388	8,763	176,151
Charge for the year	9,346	547	9,893
At 31 March 2023	<u>176,734</u>	<u>9,310</u>	<u>186,044</u>
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 31 March 2023	<u>44,670</u>	<u>2,462</u>	<u>47,132</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>37,376</u>	<u>3,009</u>	<u>40,385</u>

### 9. Debtors

	2023 £	2022 CIC £
<b>Due within one year</b>		
Trade debtors	14,949	3,315
Other debtors	5,270	614
	<u>20,219</u>	<u>3,929</u>

### 10. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 CIC £
Trade creditors	-	24,317
Other creditors	26,305	-
Accruals and deferred income	96,907	86,312
	<u>123,212</u>	<u>110,629</u>

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### 11. Statement of funds

#### Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General Funds - all funds	274,270	177,750	(151,231)	300,789

### 12. Analysis of net assets between funds

#### Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	47,132	47,132
Current assets	376,869	376,869
Creditors due within one year	(123,212)	(123,212)
<b>Total</b>	<b>300,789</b>	<b>300,789</b>

### 13. Related party transactions

The charity has a subsidiary by control which is Southwark Community Sports Ground Ltd. The charity owed the company £24,512 at the year end. The company has agreed to pay any profits up to the charity.

The results of Southwark Community Sports Ground Ltd have not been consolidated in the accounts of Southwark Community Sports Trust due to the charity taking the exemptions to not produce consolidated accounts available to smaller charities.