



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the Period

From 25.05.22 To 30.04.23

Charity name: Buxton Football Club Foundation

Charity registration number: 1199080

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The Buxton Football Club Foundation (registered charity number 1199080) was set up primarily to create opportunities for children and young people to play football, who might otherwise be unable to do so due to financial hardship. This is done by subsidising fees and kit costs, which would otherwise be a barrier to participation.</p> <p>Additionally, the charity considers requests from individuals or organisations for other needs that meet our objectives, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the promotion of community participation in football and other sports• assisting in providing facilities for sport for such persons who have need by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, poverty or social and economic circumstances, or for the public at large in the interest of social welfare• relieving sickness and preserving or promoting physical and mental health• advancing the education of children and other persons including academic, social and physical education <p>The charity works to establish strong links with the local community, to support the identification of where there are needs that fall within our objectives, thus allowing any charitable work that takes place to target where there is a need and maximise the positive impact the Foundation can have.</p>

<p>Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.</p>	<p>Para 1.17 and 1.19</p>	<p>The charity fulfils its objectives through grant making, with requests falling into two categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Funding applications for help with subs and/or kit fees from local families with children wishing to play junior football which are assessed based on a review of household income against a set threshold for support or; - Other ad hoc financial support requests which may come from individuals or organisations, either as one-off or project proposals, which are assessed on a case-by-case basis against whether they meet the charity's objectives, alignment with our overall mission, potential impact, feasibility, and budgetary considerations
<p>Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit</p>	<p>Para 1.18</p>	<p>In accordance with our responsibilities as trustees, we confirm that we have given due regard to guidance issues on public benefit as outlined in the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) reference 1.18.</p> <p>Throughout the reporting period, the Trustees regularly reviewed and assessed the impact and outcomes of our charitable activities to ascertain their contribution to our own objectives and therefore to the public benefit.</p> <p>With the charity being in its relative infancy during the period, much importance was put by the Trustees on consulting varying groups that we work alongside to support. We know the need is there from our initial consultations, prior to setting the charity up, but this year was used as an opportunity to build our reserves and put into practice all our planning for the activities we wished to carry out, with our previously-formed plans and processes remaining under regular review and assessment.</p> <p>This was done both through regular meetings of the Trustees involved operationally, as well as at the more formal Board meetings involving all Trustees. Charity activities were regularly reviewed, as was the process for granting applications and awarding funds. We have actively engaged with stakeholders including potential beneficiaries, donors, and community groups, to solicit feedback and ensure that our charitable endeavours remain responsive to the evolving needs of the communities we serve.</p> <p>Where necessary, amends to operational practice were made, i.e. following feedback from potential service users and low uptake for applications to support with junior football, the threshold for household income was set higher to allow more families to apply the following year.</p> <p>As a charity, we are aware of the responsibility we hold to spend funds raised wisely and recognise the paramount importance of ensuring that our activities align with our charitable objectives, to effectively serve the public benefit. Factors including our reach, the diversity of beneficiaries served, and the long-term sustainability of our charitable activities underpinned all discussions that took place as part of our on-going review processes.</p> <p>In conclusion, the trustees of Buxton Football club Foundation affirm that our duty to have due regard to guidance issues on public benefit as set out in SORP reference 1.18 has been upheld for the period to which this review applies.</p>

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>As we began the first year of the charity, our objectives were to focus on fundraising in order to build up our desired reserves (identified at point of registration as £10,000), after which everything raised could go into the pot to begin granting applications.</p> <p>Our first and most significant achievement was that our reserve target was met, which was a real positive as a starting point financially and put us in a robust position moving forward as we proceed to planning for events, grant applications and other fundraising activities, knowing that moving forward everything we raise can go to our own grant-making.</p> <p>The launch of the support offering for the juniors was unfortunately delayed this first year and missed the start of the season, where junior players sign up to pay fees and order kit. This then resulted in a very low uptake of applications for this tranche of funding. Much learning was taken from this process, all of which has been incorporated into plans for the next year, including workable timescales and some additional marketing activities.</p> <p>An application was received for ad hoc financial support in this period, however the Trustees did not feel that it met the threshold for assistance from the charity, and it was not approved.</p> <p>Donations were strong for our first year, however did fall short of projected figures, which in hindsight were perhaps overly ambitious but which gave us a strong target to aim for. Some learning was taken on board around obtaining corporate sponsorship and grants, all of which was in turn incorporated into planning for the next season to ensure the charity was in an even stronger position in terms of income for year 2.</p>

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The financial statements show that the charity has raised £11,789 in the first year since inception. No expenses were paid in the first year as all fund raising and work to set-up the charity was undertaken by trustees so external resources were not required, saving the charity funds which will be expended on delivering support where it is required.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>At the time it was set up, BFCF set its desired reserves' figure at £10,000. This was following discussion amongst the Trustees as to what a sensible figure would be, based on our projected income and expenditure. £10,000 was agreed by Trustees based on the following factors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - it was felt to be a suitable amount in terms of providing financial stability; with predicted levels of fundraising being only projections at the time the charity was created, Trustees agreed that £10,000 would give a strong financial buffer against unforeseen circumstances, such as economic downturn, a higher than expected level of applications for financial support or fluctuations in donations, and would ensure our ability to continue operations, even during potentially challenging times.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In maintaining this amount of reserves, the charity can better navigate periods of instability or uncertainty and £10,000 was thought to be a strong figure to help mitigate possible risks. - strategic usage to invest in long-term sustainability and growth initiatives, such as expanding programs, possible investments in infrastructure, or developing new fundraising strategies, as well as providing the flexibility to pursue opportunities for positive impact and organisational advancement. - building and maintaining reserves demonstrates financial prudence and responsibility, which enhances the charity's credibility and reputation with donors, stakeholders, and regulatory authorities - although not an emergency-service charity, the Covid-19 pandemic highlighted the key role that smaller, local charities can play in responding swiftly to emergencies, disasters, or urgent needs within the communities they serve. Should any such emergency arise again, having funds readily available would allow us to provide immediate assistance when required, without having to wait for additional donations or external support. <p>In summary, at the start of the period in question, Trustees agreed that establishing strong reserves was essential for ensuring the financial stability, resilience, and sustainability of the charity. That being said, the decision to set the figure at £10,000 was always made with a view to reassessing the amount on an on-going basis, taking into account the funds raised each year and the level of requests for financial support the charity received. The Trustees have always been in agreement that the desire to ensure financial stability should be balanced with ensuring that the charity's activities can have a real impact on the communities we serve. If at any point the level of reserves is felt to be too high, i.e. if the amount could be lowered without compromising financial prudence and some of the money could be better-used in delivering charity activities and meeting our objectives, the figure of £10,000 would of course be reduced.</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£10,000.00
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A – no concerns about the charity continuing as a going concern. Reserves have been raised, established and are protected moving forward, charitable activities are planned to allow fundraising efforts to be maximised and grant-making can begin using this pot as it grows over the coming year(s).

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Buxton Football Club Foundation's principal sources of funds are donations, fundraising events and corporate sponsorship.
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A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<p>Buxton Football Club Foundation faces very little risk moving forward in terms of its continuation.</p> <p>Reserves have been established in this first year, meaning that, even if fundraising efforts fall short of predicted levels in coming years, there is a comfortable level of funds for Trustees to call upon, should this be needed to continue with the charity's planned activities.</p> <p>Out-goings are kept as low as possible; wherever we can, the Trustees ensure that costs are met through gifts in-kind, for example, the decision not to create a stand-alone website for the charity, but rather to host all information about us on the Buxton Football Club website, which BFC kindly agreed to, in order to ensure no charge is payable for IT/site hosting services.</p>

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	The charity's governing document is its Constitution ('The Buxton Football Club Foundation Constitution').
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	BFCF is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), whose only voting members are its charity trustees ('Foundation' model constitution).
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<p>The charity's Constitution outlines eligibility for Trusteeship as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Every charity trustee must be a natural person. - No individual may be appointed as a charity trustee of the CIO if he or she is under the age of 16 years; or if he or she would automatically cease to hold office under disqualification by virtue of sections 178-180 of the Charities Act 2011. - No one is entitled to act as a charity trustee whether on appointment or on any re-appointment until he or she has expressly acknowledged, in whatever way the charity trustees decide, his or her acceptance of the office of charity trustee. - At least one of the trustees of the CIO must be 18 years of age or over. If there is no trustee aged at least 18 years, the remaining trustees may only act to call a meeting of the charity trustees or appoint a new charity trustee. <p>There must be at least three charity trustees. If the number falls below this minimum, the remaining trustee or trustees may act only to call a meeting of the charity trustees or appoint a new charity trustee. The maximum number of charity trustees is 12. The charity trustees may not appoint any charity trustee if as a result the number of charity trustees would exceed the maximum.</p> <p>Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.</p> <p>In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.</p>

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Buxton Football Club Foundation
Other name the charity uses	BFCF
Registered charity number	1199080
Charity's principal address	The Tarmac Silverlands Stadium Silverlands Buxton SK17 6QH

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Jennifer McBain			
2	David Hopkins			
3	Lorraine Kilvert			
4	Daniel Hopkins			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A – no corporate trustees		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A – no title to property held		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A – no funds held as custodians on behalf of others
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Exemptions from disclosure



Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A – information provided as required

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Jennifer McBain	David Hopkins
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	

Date

11.03.24



Charity Registration Number: 1199080

Charity Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 30 April 2023

CHARITY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR TO 30 APRIL 2023

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Buxton Football Club Foundation
Statement of Financial Activities for the year end 30th April
2023

	30th April 2023
	£
Income	
Donations and legacy	11,789
Charitable activities	-
Other trading activities	-
Investments	-
Separate material item of income	-
Other	-
Total	11,789
Expenditure	
Raising Funds	-
Charitable activities	-
Separate material expense item	-
Other	-
Total	-
Net Income/(expenditure)	11,789
Net movement in funds	11,789
Total Funds brought forward	-
Total funds carried forward	11,789



Buxton Football Club Foundation
Balance Sheet as at 30th April 2023

30/04/2023

Unrestricted funds

£

Current Assets

Debtors

-

Cash at bank and in hand

11,789

Total Current Assets

11,789

Current Liabilities

Creditors : amounts falling due within one year

-

-

Net Current Assets/(liabilities)

11,789

**Total Assets less Current
Liabilities:**

11,789

Total net Assets

11,789


Funds of the Charity

Unrestricted Funds

11,789

Total Funds

11,789

 CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES	Charity Name Buxton Football Club in the Community		No (if any) 1199080		CC16a
	Receipts and payments accounts				
	For the period from	Period start date 01/05/2022	To	Period end date 30/04/2023	

Section A Receipts and payments					
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
donations from local businesses	3,950	-	-	3,950	-
In memoriam donation	100	-	-	100	-
Donation from Hopkins family	1,360	-	-	1,360	-
Donation from NFU	6,379	-	-	6,379	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	11,789	-	-	11,789	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	11,789	-	-	11,789	-
A3 Payments					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	-	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	11,789	-	-	11,789	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	11,789	-	-	11,789	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	cash funds this year	11,789	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	11,789	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	