

STAFFORD RANGERS IN THE COMMUNITY

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024

The trustees present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30th September 2024. In this the second year of the charity's existence, income and expenditure remain relatively low. The trustees have therefore prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis. All references to 'the charity' in this report mean Stafford Rangers in the Community, charity number 1200424.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

In setting the objectives for the charity, the trustees have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

The aims of the charity are to promote community participation in healthy recreation by providing facilities for the playing of association football and other sports capable of improving health, including organising football and other sporting activities and provide, and assist in providing, facilities for sport, recreation and other leisure time occupation of people who have need of such facilities because of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, poverty or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large with the object of improving their conditions of life.

In furtherance of these aims, the charity has the usual powers with regard to fundraising, borrowing, landholding and investment, and to employ and remunerate staff.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The charity's second year of existence was rather disappointing in terms of the level of activity achieved. The final tranche of the National Lottery grant for sports camps was spent in October. Despite being badly affected by the weather, the camp, which provides both free coaching and a free meal every day, was enjoyed by the participants. Much of the coaching was done by members of our Coaches of the Future programme who were all sponsored by the charity to obtain their coaching qualifications. A second Warm Spaces initiative, run in conjunction with Stafford based charity, House of Bread, was held in February and March but, despite widespread publicity, including house to house leaflets, was poorly attended. Although those who did attend greatly appreciated the warmth and companionship, we will not repeat the event in 2025. Early in 2024, we lost the services of our Community Liaison Officer, Andy Turner, when he resigned from Stafford Rangers FC and we have not been able to replace him. Attempts to obtain further grants for sports camps were unsuccessful and a year long sponsored walk by our chairman during which he walked 6,000,000 paces, raised less than £800 some of which was received after the financial year end..

Future challenges

There is clearly a significant need for the kind of sports camps which we ran in our first year and new areas of need for such camps have been identified e.g for disadvantaged adults, refugee groups etc. Because each camp should be led by a UEFA qualified coach with other coaches in support, the staff costs are relatively high, as is the cost of providing free food. We have yet to find a sustainable way of funding these camps. The trustees are now exploring ways to create a permanent home for junior football in Stafford including but not limited to obtaining funding for a 3G pitch at Marston Road.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with a Foundation Model constitution. It was registered as a charity on 21st September 2022. The charity may have a maximum of 7 trustees of whom a maximum of 5

are appointed and a maximum of 3 nominated. Trustees may be nominated by Stafford Rangers FC Ltd (a maximum of 2) and any Associate Members of the charity. There are currently 4 appointed trustees, one trustee nominated by the football club and two by Stafford Rangers junior section. The charities constitution prevents trustees nominated by the football club from being in the majority at meetings, thus guaranteeing the independence of the charity.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered charity number

120042

Principal address

The Football ground,
Marston Road,
Stafford
ST16 3BX

Trustees

Throughout

Chair of Trustees and appointed – Mr J K Macmillan

Appointed – Mr M P Alcock

Appointed – Mr G Bloor

Appointed – Mr T B Glayshier

Nominated – Mr A P Fearn

From 7th August 2024

Nominated – Mr T J Tantram

Nominated – Mt T J Thomson

Approved by order of the trustees on and signed on its behalf



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J K Macmillan - Chairman

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024**

		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	202/24 Total funds £	2022/23 Total funds £
	Notes				
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations		768	-	768	2,132
Grants	2		8,850	8,850	10,725
TOTAL		<u>768</u>	<u>8,850</u>	<u>9,618</u>	<u>12,858</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Activities undertaken directly	3	330	11,823	12,153	7,036
Support costs	4	934		934	1,212
		<u>1,264</u>	<u>11,823</u>	<u>13,088</u>	<u>8,248</u>
(SURPLUS/DEFICIT RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENT		(496)	(2,973)	(3,470)	4,610
 OPENING BANK BALANCE				4,610	
DEFECIT				<u>(3,470)</u>	
BANK BALANCE AS AT 30TH SEPRTEMBER 2024				<u>1,140</u>	

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024

1, ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

2 GRANTS

	£
National Grid	8,250
The Community Foundation (Warmspace)	<u>600</u>
	<u>8,850</u>

3 ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN DIRECTLY

	£
Sports camps	
Facilities hire	1,450
Food	600
Staff costs	340
Supporting women's football	<u>450</u>
Warm spaces initiative	
Facilities hire	5,000
Warm clothing, blankets etc	960
Food bags	570
Games etc	163
Unspent grant refunded to National Grid	<u>2,290</u>
	<u>8,983</u>

4 SUPPORT COSTS

	£
Just Giving subscriptions	216
Insurance	618
Book-keeping	<u>100</u>
	<u>934</u>