

BAT FOR A CHANCE

England & Wales · Charity number 1200484

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2022-09-26

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

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Activities

Objects: THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE AMATEUR SPORT OF CRICKET, PRIMARILY, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, THROUGH THE COLLECTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF NEW AND USED CRICKET EQUIPMENT TO FINANCIALLY DISADVANTAGED YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WHO MAY OTHERWISE NOT AFFORD TO DUE TO POVERTY, OTHER FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR OTHER DISADVANTAGE.

Activities: We provide cricket kit and cricket related services for the benefit of those who would not otherwise have access to the game. We operate within the UK and in multiple destinations internationally.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Other Finance, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Disability, Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Barbados
- Pakistan
- South Africa
- Sri Lanka
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£375,831	£277,195	-	-
2024-12-31	£67,719	£41,570	-	-
2023-12-31	£66,511	£44,013	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Omar Khan	Chair	2021-11-10
Daniel Imison		2024-08-22
David John Hale		2026-03-19
Ebba Qureshi		2021-11-10
Gordon Lee		2021-11-10
Jamieson Lowe		2024-08-22
Leigh Burns		2024-08-22
Michael Webb		2024-08-22
Nicola Claire Gaffney		2021-11-10

Accounts

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Trustees' report and financial statements

For the year ended 31 December 2025

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Bat For A Chance**Reference and administrative details of the Charity, its Trustees and advisers
For the year ended 31 December 2025**

Trustees	O Khan G Lee E Qureshi N Gaffney C Brown D Imison L Burns M Webb J Lowe D Hale (appointed 19 March 2026)
Charity registered number	1200484
Principal office	2nd Floor Maritime Place Quayside Chatham Maritme Kent ME4 4QZ
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Trustees' report For the year ended 31 December 2025

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

The Charity's mission is to use cricket as a tool for social change through the collection and distribution of new and used cricket kit and clothing to those in need, both within the UK and Overseas and also creating and/or funding community cricket for social change ('CSC') projects in conjunction with our partners.

The Charity's objectives are to support and advance the playing of cricket in any part of the world, that aims to help underprivileged young men and women experience the joy of cricket and who may otherwise afford not to do so due to poverty, hardship or other disadvantage.

These objectives aim to transform lives via the power of cricket to enable young people to evolve and realise their full potential, enhancing their mental and physical well-being and leadership skills by creating the environment for them to thrive and leaving a lasting impact on their communities.

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

Achievements and performance

a. Main achievements of the Charity

Since its inception as a charity, Bat For A Chance has supported over 23,000 people in 30 different countries. This year was transformative for the charity, building on its kit redistribution programme and CSC projects via a partner network that harness the power of cricket as a tool for social change around the world.

The highlights for Bat For A Chance in numbers for the year is as follows:

- 3,130 items of kit donated and distributed across the globe
- 1,069 players benefitting from donated equipment
- 4 cricket for social change projects supported, including:
 - 100 girls coached in Barbados
 - 80 new coaches trained in South Africa townships
 - 50 girls playing structured sport in Pakistan
 - 245 bats refurbished in Sri Lanka
- Employment of 3 new team members operating across 2 warehouses
- Inaugural Fundraising Dinner held at the Oval with over 230 people attending

During the year, the Charity received a philanthropic grant from a Foundation. The grant is transformational for the Charity and is for specific purposes and restricted in its use. The activities and deliverables associated with the grant allowed the Charity to finance its kit recycling operation, support the funding of CSC projects and hire key personnel.

Bat For A Chance operates as a collector and distributor of new and used cricket kit and clothing, providing access to cricket within low socioeconomic or marginalised communities and making the cricket equipment industry more sustainable. With the investment this year in new staff, warehouses and a van, the Charity has been able to collect and distribute more kit than ever before and through simple, community-led reuse, the Charity is reducing waste, lowering carbon emissions, and demonstrating how cricket can be part of the climate solution.

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Trustees' report (continued) For the year ended 31 December 2025

Achievements and performance (continued)

The key demographics of some of our beneficiaries of cricket kit and equipment domestically include a wide range of refugee and community organisations. Internationally, the charity completed projects in East Timor, Germany, Kenya, and Uganda, each linked to structured cricket for development initiatives. These distributions supported both grassroots participation and organised coaching environments.

During the year, the Charity supported the funding of a CSC project in South Africa, being a coaching and development programme designed to empower aspiring coaches from township communities in association with the Charity's partner, the Catch Trust. The programme achieved an 80% pass rate, with 25% female participation, and is on track to support 100 coaches in its first full funded year (80 supported to date). Graduates of the programme are now delivering sessions in township schools and local clubs, creating structured, safe spaces for youth development with longer-term outcomes emerging, as some graduates have gained employment.

A year ahead of schedule, the Charity designed and funded a pilot girls' cricket and education programme in Pakistan. Delivered in partnership with King's Trust International and PAGE Foundation, the programme integrates cricket into the ACHIEVE education programme in Islamabad and Rawalpindi. In its first three months, the programme reached over 50 girls across two schools, many accessing structured sport for the first time. The programme has created safe spaces for girls to build confidence, leadership skills, and peer relationships, while challenging social norms that often restrict girls' participation in sport.

During the year, the Charity also continued to support its first CSC project, being the first grass roots cricket club for girls in Barbados, providing the infrastructure that also supports the girls with their education and running workshops for parents. At the date of this report the project supports over 100 girls in attending the club.

During the year, the Charity also continued to fund a bat refurbishment centre in Sri Lanka, alongside our Sri Lankan charity partner, upskilling over 100 children with carpentry skills and repairing over 245 bats for their re-use in communities.

During the year, the Charity continued as the sustainability impact partner of the Desert Vipers, an International League T20 franchise who pledged to donate new and used kit to the Charity in order for it to reach schools, clubs and academies in need. The Desert Vipers assisted the Charity to deliver a mental fitness programme to the CSC South Africa project, helping coaches build resilience, manage stress, and better support the young people they work with.

The Charity held its inaugural Fundraising dinner at the Oval, home of Surrey County Cricket Club. The evening was a huge success with over 230 people attending to support the Charity in its causes.

The Charity has also appointed global ambassadors, being current and ex-England men and women cricketers and a current West Indies women's cricketer. The Charity has also appointed a Patron who is an ex-India test player, coach and administrator. The Charity is hugely grateful for the support they provide in promoting the Charity's causes.

Financial review

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

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Trustees' report (continued) For the year ended 31 December 2025

b. Reserves policy

The Charity had cash reserves of £149,592 as at 31 December 2025 (2024: £255,748). The Charity believes that supporting longer term programmes provides greater impact and benefits for individuals as opposed to one-off initiatives.

The Charity aims to ensure that future commitments to programmes are maintained to cover a period of one year together with six months of future operational costs, that are fixed in their nature. This is to ensure that the Charity can deliver on its future programmes and projects whilst having the headroom to withstand unexpected events or otherwise.

As at 31 December 2025, the Charity had total reserves of £147,283 of which £99,512 was unrestricted and £47,771 was restricted (2024: total reserves of £48,647 of which £26,096 was unrestricted and £22,551 was restricted). The amount of targeted reserves held to cover future commitments was £36,405 (2024: £23,380) comprising both restricted and unrestricted funds. The Charity plans to utilise the surplus funds of £110,878 by delivering its charitable activities.

c. Financial review

The Charity's total income was £375,831 for the year (2024: £67,719), of which £209,417 comprises donations that are restricted on their usage (2024: £34,445).

Fundraising events generated £121,475 (2024: nil). The Charity's funding mainly derives from trusts and foundations, private individuals and some corporate support.

The Charity's total expenditure was £277,195 for the year (2024: £41,570). Expenditure on grants was £58,959 (2024: £15,293). Fundraising activity and event expenditure was £73,784 (2024: £4,704). Kit and clothing purchases and their associated storage, collection and delivery costs was £43,594 (2024: £15,479). Staff costs were £46,989 (2024: £Nil) and the remainder of expenditure relate to governance and support costs.

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

Bat For A Chance is a registered charity, number 1200484, and is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation under the Charity Commission's Foundation Model.

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

The management of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Foundation Model. The current Trustees are listed on Page 1.

Plans for future periods

The Charity aims to secure the sustainability of its kit recycling operation and develop existing and new CSC projects in conjunction with its partners within their countries of operation. The Charity aims to accomplish this through additional funding and fundraising in order to achieve kit delivery efficiency as well as expanding the Charity's global reach.

The Charity has been successful in receiving the second year of funding via a philanthropic grant from a Foundation. The activities and deliverables associated with the grant will allow the Charity to finance its kit recycling operation and CSC projects.

The Trustees recognise the requirement to safeguard the Charity's assets and will only operate within the Charity's own financial capabilities, ensuring that in order to finance initiatives, expenditure is only committed where there is sufficient income and cash balances held.

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Trustees' report (continued) For the year ended 31 December 2025

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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



Carl Brown 15 Apr 2026 11:09:12 BST (UTC +1)

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C W Brown

Date: 15 April 2026

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Independent examiner's report For the year ended 31 December 2025

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Bat For A Chance ('the Charity')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 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 Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the Charity has prepared the accounts in accordance with 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) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019.

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.

Signed: *S M Rouse*

Dated: 15 April 2026

S M Rouse FCCA DChA

Kreston Reeves LLP

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Bat For A Chance**Statement of financial activities
For the year ended 31 December 2025**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	163,676	209,417	373,093	67,618
Investments	4	2,738	-	2,738	101
Total income		166,414	209,417	375,831	67,719
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	7	92,998	184,197	277,195	41,570
Total expenditure		92,998	184,197	277,195	41,570
Net movement in funds		73,416	25,220	98,636	26,149
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		26,096	22,551	48,647	22,498
Net movement in funds		73,416	25,220	98,636	26,149
Total funds carried forward		99,512	47,771	147,283	48,647

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

The notes on pages 9 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

Bat For A Chance**Balance sheet
As at 31 December 2025**

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Current assets			
Debtors	11	2,628	316
Cash at bank and in hand		149,592	255,748
		152,220	256,064
Current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(4,937)	(207,417)
Total net assets		147,283	48,647
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	13	47,771	22,551
General funds	13	99,512	26,096
Total funds		147,283	48,647

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



Carl Brown 15 Apr 2026 11:09:12 BST (UTC +1)

C W Brown

Date: 15 April 2026

The notes on pages 9 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the financial statements For the year ended 31 December 2025

1. General information

Bat for a Chance is a charitable incorporated organisation, with charity number 1200484, and is registered in England and Wales. The Charity's registered office is 2nd Floor, Maritime Place, Quayside, Chatham Maritime, Chatham, Kent, ME4 4QZ

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.

Bat For A Chance 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.

The financial statements are presented in UK sterling, which is the Charity's functional currency, and rounded to the nearest pound.

2.2 Going concern

The Trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the Charity to continue as a going concern. The Trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of at least one year from the date of authorisation for issue of the financial statements and have concluded that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern, thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

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.

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Notes to the financial statements For the year ended 31 December 2025

2. Accounting policies (continued)

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.

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

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.5 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

2.6 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

2.7 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

2.8 Financial instruments

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.9 Operating leases

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of financial activities on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Bat For A Chance**Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 31 December 2025****2. Accounting policies (continued)****2.10 Fund accounting**

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

3. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Donations	42,201	5,000	47,201	39,423
Grants	-	204,417	204,417	-
Other income	121,475	-	121,475	28,195
	<u>163,676</u>	<u>209,417</u>	<u>373,093</u>	<u>67,618</u>
Total 2024	<u>33,173</u>	<u>34,445</u>	<u>67,618</u>	

4. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Bank interest	2,738	2,738	101
	<u>101</u>	<u>101</u>	
Total 2024	<u>101</u>	<u>101</u>	

Bat For A Chance**Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 31 December 2025****5. Analysis of grants**

	Grants to Institutions 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Grants paid	58,959	58,959	15,293
	<u>58,959</u>	<u>58,959</u>	
Total 2024	15,293	15,293	
	<u>15,293</u>	<u>15,293</u>	

6. Grants paid

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Barbados - BRGCC	15,000	-	15,000	699
Barbados - BRGCC Beyond Boundaries	-	-	-	11,894
Sri Lanka - FOG	4,000	-	4,000	1,950
Afghan Shirts - Croydon	-	-	-	750
South Africa - Catch Trust	6,250	18,750	25,000	-
Pakistan - The King's Trust	3,263	3,263	6,526	-
UK - Changing The Batting Order	-	7,753	7,753	-
Other grants paid	680	-	680	-
	<u>29,193</u>	<u>29,766</u>	<u>58,959</u>	<u>15,293</u>
	<u>29,193</u>	<u>29,766</u>	<u>58,959</u>	
Total 2024	3,399	11,894	15,293	
	<u>3,399</u>	<u>11,894</u>	<u>15,293</u>	

7. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Grant funding of activities 2025 £	Support costs 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Expenditure on charitable activities	58,959	218,236	277,195	41,570
	<u>58,959</u>	<u>218,236</u>	<u>277,195</u>	<u>41,570</u>
	<u>58,959</u>	<u>218,236</u>	<u>277,195</u>	
Total 2024	15,293	26,277	41,570	
	<u>15,293</u>	<u>26,277</u>	<u>41,570</u>	

Bat For A Chance**Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 31 December 2025****7. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)****Analysis of support costs**

	Activities 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Staff costs	46,989	46,989	-
Kit purchased	16,368	16,368	4,549
Storage/Warehouse costs	24,301	24,301	8,760
Website costs	1,378	1,378	428
Design services	747	747	513
IT costs	1,176	1,176	789
Insurance	1,942	1,942	923
Marketing	6,876	6,876	-
Event costs	73,612	73,612	3,786
Delivery costs	2,925	2,925	2,170
Accountancy costs	1,920	1,920	3,000
Training	86	86	-
Other costs	60	60	63
Bank charges	60	60	378
Fundraising costs	175	175	918
Staff related expenses	5,909	5,909	-
Motor expenses	8,845	8,845	-
Merchandising	3,373	3,373	-
Consultancy costs	21,494	21,494	-
	218,236	218,236	26,277
Total 2024	26,277	26,277	

8. Independent examiner's remuneration

	2025 £	2024 £
Fees payable to the Charity's independent examiner for the independent examination of the Charity's annual accounts	2,520	2,400

Bat For A Chance**Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 31 December 2025****9. Staff costs**

	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	46,531	-
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	458	-
	<u>46,989</u>	<u>-</u>

The average number of persons employed by the Charity during the year was as follows:

	2025 No.	2024 No.
Average employees	<u>3</u>	<u>-</u>

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

10. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

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

During the current period, no Trustee received reimbursement of expenses (2024: £NIL).

11. Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Due within one year		
Prepayments and accrued income	2,628	316
	<u>2,628</u>	<u>316</u>

12. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Accruals and deferred income	4,937	207,417
	<u>4,937</u>	<u>207,417</u>

Bat For A Chance**Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 31 December 2025****13. Statement of funds****Statement of funds - current year**

	Balance at 1 January 2025 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 December 2025 £
Unrestricted funds				
General funds	26,096	166,414	(92,998)	99,512
Restricted funds				
South Africa CSC project	6,250	-	(6,250)	-
Barbados CSC project	16,301	-	-	16,301
Foundation Grant	-	204,417	(174,860)	29,557
Corporate Donations	-	5,000	(3,087)	1,913
	22,551	209,417	(184,197)	47,771
Total of funds	48,647	375,831	(277,195)	147,283

The Charity carries restricted funds in respect of its Cricket for Social Change projects, supporting a coaching and development programme for aspiring coaches from township communities in South Africa and the first grass roots cricket club for girls in Barbados.

The Charity also carries restricted funds in respect of a Foundation grant that supports the Charity's kit recycling operation, costs of key personnel and funding for its Cricket for Social Change Projects in South Africa, Pakistan and UK.

The Charity also carries restricted funds in respect of co-branding with a Corporate organisation at certain events to promote the Charity.

Bat For A Chance**Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 31 December 2025****13. Statement of funds (continued)****Statement of funds - prior year**

	Balance at 1 January 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 December 2024 £
Unrestricted funds				
General funds	22,498	33,274	(29,676)	26,096
Restricted funds				
South Africa CSC project	-	6,250	-	6,250
Barbados CSC project	-	28,195	(11,894)	16,301
	-	34,445	(11,894)	22,551
Total of funds	22,498	67,719	(41,570)	48,647

14. Analysis of net assets between funds**Analysis of net assets between funds - current year**

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Current assets	102,037	50,183	152,220
Creditors due within one year	(2,525)	(2,412)	(4,937)
Total	99,512	47,771	147,283

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Current assets	29,096	226,968	256,064
Creditors due within one year	(3,000)	(204,417)	(207,417)
Total	26,096	22,551	48,647

Bat For A Chance**Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 31 December 2025****15. Operating lease commitments**

At 31 December 2025 the Charity had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Not later than 1 year	27,852	7,300
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	19,331	-
	47,183	7,300

16. Related party transactions

During the year, the charity received other income in relation to its inaugural fundraising dinner totalling £19,000 from the Trustees (2024: £Nil).

During the year, the charity made purchases of £3,937 from Lacuna Sports Limited of which L Burns is also a Director. The charity also received other income in relation to its inaugural fundraising dinner of £2,500 from Lacuna Sports Limited. There were no amounts outstanding at the year end.

During the year, the charity received other income in relation to its inaugural fundraising dinner of £7,000 from Alix Partners UK LLP, of which D Imison was a LLP member

During the prior year, the charity made purchases of £923 from Howden UK Brokers Limited of which S Lark (a Trustee up to his retirement as a Trustee in November 2024) is an employee. There were no amounts outstanding at the year end.

There were no other related party transactions during the current or prior period.

BAT FOR A CHANCE

England & Wales - Charity number 1200484

Accounts

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Trustees' report and financial statements

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Reference and administrative details of the Charity, its Trustees and advisers For the year ended 31 December 2024

Trustees	O Khan G Lee E Qureshi N Gaffney C Brown D Imison (appointed 22 August 2024) L Burns (appointed 22 August 2024) M Webb (appointed 22 August 2024) J Lowe (appointed 22 August 2024)
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Charity registered number	1200484
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Principal office	Linkhurst Station Road Stonegate Wadhurst TN5 7EP
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Accountants	Kreston Reeves LLP Chartered Accountants 37 St Margaret's Street Canterbury Kent CT1 2TU
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Independent Examiner	Samantha Rouse FCCA DChA Kreston Reeves LLP Chartered Accountants 37 St Margaret's Street Canterbury Kent, CT1 2TU
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Bat For A Chance

Trustees' report

For the year ended 31 December 2024

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

The Charity's objectives are to support and advance the playing of cricket in any part of the world, that aims to help underprivileged young men and women experience the joy of cricket and who may otherwise afford not to do so due to poverty, hardship or other disadvantage.

The Charity's objectives are to transform lives via the power of cricket to enable young people to evolve and realise their full potential, enhancing their mental and physical well-being and leadership skills by creating the environment for them to thrive and leaving a lasting impact on their communities.

The Charity's mission is to use cricket as a tool for social change through the collection and distribution of new and used cricket kit and clothing to those in need, both within the UK and Overseas and also creating and/or funding community cricket for social change ('CSC') projects in conjunction with our partners.

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

Achievements and performance

a. Main achievements of the Charity

Since its inception as a charity, Bat For A Chance has been operating as a collector and distributor of new and used cricket kit and clothing, providing access to cricket within low socioeconomic or marginalised communities and making the cricket equipment industry more sustainable. The Charity has supported over 20,000 individuals across 21 different countries and 4 different continents through donations of used and new kit and purchases of new kit.

The key demographics of some of our beneficiaries of cricket kit and equipment have included refugees in camps across Europe and the Middle East, women and girls empowerment programs in Pakistan and the Caribbean and grass roots cricket schemes run by partner charities in the UK and overseas.

Building on our success with the kit recycling concept, the Charity launched the CSC arm of the charity. The first CSC project was the creation of the first grass roots cricket club for girls in Barbados, providing the infrastructure that also supports the girls with their education and running workshops for parents. At the date of this report the project supports over 75 girls in attending the club.

During the year, the Charity funded a bat refurbishment centre in Sri Lanka, alongside our Sri Lankan charity partner, upskilling over 100 children with carpentry skills and repairing over 270 bats for their re-use in communities.

During the year, the Charity was confirmed as the sustainability impact partner by the Desert Vipers, an International League T20 franchise who pledged to donate new and used kit to the Charity in order for it to reach schools, clubs and academies in need.

The Charity has also appointed three global ambassadors, a current England cricketer, an ex-England cricketer and a current West Indies women's cricketer. The Charity is hugely grateful for the support they provide in promoting the Charity's causes.

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Trustees' report (continued) For the year ended 31 December 2024

Financial review

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

b. Reserves policy

The Charity had cash reserves of £255,748 as at 31 December 2024. The Charity believes that supporting longer term programmes provides greater impact and benefits for individuals as opposed to one-off initiatives.

The Charity aims to ensure that future commitments to programmes are maintained to cover a period of one year together with six months of future operational costs, that are fixed in their nature. This is to ensure that the charity can deliver on its future programmes and projects whilst having the headroom to withstand unexpected events, financial or otherwise.

As at 31 December 2024, the amount of aimed reserves to be held was £23,380 (2022: £19,380) compared to total funds within the balance sheet of £48,647 (2022: £22,498). The Charity plans to utilise the surplus funds of £25,267 by delivering its charitable activities.

c. Financial review

The Charity's total income was £67,719 for the year (£66,511 for the period 26 September 2022 to 31 December 2023), of which £34,445 comprises donations that are restricted on their usage. The Charity's funding mainly derives from private individuals, trusts and foundations and some corporate support.

The Charity's total expenditure was £41,570 for the year (£44,013 for the period 26 September 2022 to 31 December 2023) with the most significant item being kit and clothing purchases and their associated storage, collection and delivery costs with the remainder relating to governance and support costs and fund-raising activity.

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

Bat For A Chance is a registered charity, number 1200484, and is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation under the Charity Commission's Foundation Model.

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

The management of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Foundation Model. The current Trustees are listed on Page 1. Four Trustees retired at the end of their term in November 2024, namely:

S Hameed
S Haria-Shah
C Tooley
S Lark.

Trustees' report (continued)
For the year ended 31 December 2024

Plans for future periods

The Charity aims to secure the sustainability of its kit recycling operation and develop existing and new CSC projects in conjunction with its partners within their countries of operation. The Charity aims to accomplish this through additional funding and fundraising in order to achieve kit delivery efficiency as well as expanding the Charity's global reach.

The Charity has been successful in an application to receive a philanthropic grant from a Foundation. The grant is transformational for the Charity and is for specific purposes and is restricted in its use. The activities and deliverables associated with the grant will commence in 2025 and allows the Charity to finance its kit recycling operation and hire key personnel.

In addition, the grant in 2025 will support the funding of a CSC project in South Africa, being a coaching and development programme designed to empower 100 aspiring coaches from township communities in association with the Charity's partner, the Catch Trust.

The Trustees recognise the requirement to safeguard the Charity's assets and will only operate within the Charity's own financial capabilities, ensuring that in order to finance initiatives, expenditure is only committed where there is sufficient income and cash balances held.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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


.....
C W Brown

Date: 7 April 2025

Bat For A Chance

Independent examiner's report For the year ended 31 December 2024

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Bat For A Chance ('the Charity')

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

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the Charity has prepared the accounts in accordance with 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) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019.

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.

Signed: *S M Rouse*

Dated: 7 April 2025

S M Rouse FCCA DChA

Kreston Reeves LLP
Chartered Accountants
37 St Margaret's Street
Canterbury
Kent
CT1 2TU

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Statement of financial activities For the year ended 31 December 2024

		Restricted funds 12 months ended 31 December 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 12 months ended 31 December 2024 £	Total funds 12 months ended 31 December 2024 £	Total funds 15 months ended 31 December 2023 £
	Note				
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	34,445	33,173	67,618	66,467
Investments	4	-	101	101	44
Total income		34,445	33,274	67,719	66,511
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	7	11,894	29,676	41,570	44,013
Total expenditure		11,894	29,676	41,570	44,013
Net movement in funds		22,551	3,598	26,149	22,498
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		-	22,498	22,498	-
Net movement in funds		22,551	3,598	26,149	22,498
Total funds carried forward		22,551	26,096	48,647	22,498

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

The notes on pages 8 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance sheet As at 31 December 2024

	Note		2024 £	2023 £
Current assets				
Debtors	10	316	-	
Cash at bank and in hand		255,748	25,258	
		<u>256,064</u>	<u>25,258</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(207,417)	(2,760)	
Total net assets		.	<u>48,647</u>	<u>22,498</u>
Charity funds				
Restricted funds	12	22,551	-	
General funds	12	26,096	22,498	
Total funds			<u>48,647</u>	<u>22,498</u>

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



C W Brown

Date: 7 April 2025

The notes on pages 8 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

**Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 31 December 2024**

1. General information

Bat for a Chance is a charitable incorporated organisation, with charity number 1200484, and is registered in England and Wales. The Charity's registered office is Linkhurst, Station Road, Stonegate, Wadhurst, TN5 7EP.

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.

Bat For A Chance 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.

The financial statements are presented in UK sterling, which is the Charity's functional currency, and rounded to the nearest pound.

2.2 Going concern

The Trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the Charity to continue as a going concern. The Trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of at least one year from the date of authorisation for issue of the financial statements and have concluded that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern, thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

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.

**Notes to the financial statements
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2. Accounting policies (continued)

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.

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

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.5 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

2.6 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

2.7 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

2.8 Financial instruments

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.9 Operating leases

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of financial activities on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Notes to the financial statements
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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.10 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

3. Income from donations and legacies

	Restricted funds 12 months ended 31 December 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 12 months ended 31 December 2024 £	Total funds 12 months ended 31 December 2024 £	Total funds 15 months ended 31 December 2023 £
Donations	6,250	33,173	39,423	65,639
Other income	28,195	-	28,195	828
	<u>34,445</u>	<u>33,173</u>	<u>67,618</u>	<u>66,467</u>
Total 2023	-	66,467	66,467	

4. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 12 months ended 31 December 2024 £	Total funds 12 months ended 31 December 2024 £	Total funds 15 months ended 31 December 2023 £
Bank interest	101	101	44
	<u>44</u>	<u>44</u>	
Total 2023	44	44	

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Notes to the financial statements For the year ended 31 December 2024

5. Analysis of grants

	Grants to Institutions 12 months ended 31 December 2024 £	Total funds 12 months ended 31 December 2024 £	Total funds 15 months ended 31 December 2023 £
Grants paid	15,293	15,293	-

6. Grants paid

	Restricted funds 12 months ended 31 December 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 12 months ended 31 December 2024 £	Total funds 12 months ended 31 December 2024 £
Barbados - BRGCC	-	699	699
Barbados - BRGCC Beyond Boundaries	11,894	-	11,894
Sri Lanka - FOG	-	1,950	1,950
Afghan Shirts - Croydon	-	750	750
	11,894	3,399	15,293
Total 2023	-	-	-

7. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Grant funding of activities 12 months ended 31 December 2024 £	Support costs 12 months ended 31 December 2024 £	Total funds 12 months ended 31 December 2024 £	Total funds 15 months ended 31 December 2023 £
Expenditure on charitable activities	15,293	26,277	41,570	44,013
Total 2023	-	44,013	44,013	

Notes to the financial statements
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7. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs

	Activities 12 months ended 31 December 2024 £	Total funds 12 months ended 31 December 2024 £	Total funds 15 months ended 31 December 2023 £
Kit purchased	4,549	4,549	21,410
Storage costs	8,760	8,760	6,234
Website costs	428	428	2,019
Design services	513	513	1,968
IT costs	789	789	2,480
Insurance	923	923	1,161
Travel costs	-	-	1,114
Event costs	3,786	3,786	720
Delivery costs	2,170	2,170	3,508
Accountancy costs	3,000	3,000	2,760
Training	-	-	390
Other costs	63	63	8
Bank charges	378	378	35
Fundraising costs	918	918	206
	<u>26,277</u>	<u>26,277</u>	<u>44,013</u>
Total 2023	<u>44,013</u>	<u>44,013</u>	

8. Independent examiner's remuneration

	12 months ended 31 December 2024 £	15 months ended 31 December 2023 £
Fees payable to the Charity's independent examiner for the independent examination of the Charity's annual accounts	2,400	2,220
Fees payable to the Charity's independent examiner in respect of:		
Taxation compliance services	600	540

**Notes to the financial statements
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9. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

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

During the current period, no Trustee received reimbursement of expenses (2023: £500 regarding a due diligence visit).

10. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Due within one year		
Prepayments and accrued income	316	-
	316	-

11. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals and deferred income	207,417	2,760

Deferred income relates to income received from a philanthropic Foundation grant and is expected to be released during the year to 31 December 2025.

Notes to the financial statements
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12. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 January 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 December 2024 £
Unrestricted funds				
General funds	22,498	33,274	(29,676)	26,096
Restricted funds				
South Africa CSC project	-	6,250	-	6,250
Barbados CSC project	-	28,195	(11,894)	16,301
	-	34,445	(11,894)	22,551
Total of funds	22,498	67,719	(41,570)	48,647

The Charity carries restricted funds in respect of its Cricket for Social Change projects, supporting a coaching and development programme for aspiring coaches from township communities in South Africa and the first grass roots cricket club for girls in Barbados.

Statement of funds - prior year

		Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
Unrestricted funds				
General funds		66,511	(44,013)	22,498

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Notes to the financial statements For the year ended 31 December 2024

13. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 January 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 December 2024 £
General funds	22,498	33,274	(29,676)	26,096
Restricted funds	-	34,445	(11,894)	22,551
	<u>22,498</u>	<u>67,719</u>	<u>(41,570)</u>	<u>48,647</u>

Summary of funds - prior year

		Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
General funds		66,511	(44,013)	22,498
		<u>66,511</u>	<u>(44,013)</u>	<u>22,498</u>

14. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current period

	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Current assets	226,968	29,096	256,064
Creditors due within one year	(204,417)	(3,000)	(207,417)
Total	<u>22,551</u>	<u>26,096</u>	<u>48,647</u>

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior period

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Current assets	25,258	25,258
Creditors due within one year	(2,760)	(2,760)
Total	<u>22,498</u>	<u>22,498</u>

Notes to the financial statements
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15. Operating lease commitments

At 31 December 2024 the Charity had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Not later than 1 year	7,300	8,760
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	-	7,300
	7,300	16,060

16. Related party transactions

During the year, the charity made purchases of £923 (period 26 September 2022 to 31 December 2023: £1,161) from Howden UK Brokers Limited of which S Lark (a Trustee up to his retirement as a Trustee in November 2024) is an employee. There were no amounts outstanding at the year end.

There were no other related party transactions during the current or prior period.

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Charity registered number	1200484
Principal office	Linkhurst Station Road Stonegate Wadhurst TN5 7EP
Accountants	Kreston Reeves LLP Chartered Accountants 37 St Margaret's Street Canterbury Kent CT1 2TU
Independent Examiner	Samantha Rouse FCCA DChA Kreston Reeves LLP Chartered Accountants 37 St Margaret's Street Canterbury Kent, CT1 2TU

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Trustees' report

For the period ended 31 December 2023

The Charity was incorporated on 26 September 2022, and the Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the period 26 September 2022 to 31 December 2023.

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

The Charity's objectives are to support and advance the playing of cricket in any part of the world, that aims to help underprivileged young men and women experience the joy of cricket and who may otherwise afford not to do so due to poverty, hardship or other disadvantage.

The Charity's objectives are to transform lives via the power of cricket to enable young people to evolve and realise their full potential, enhancing their mental and physical well-being and leadership skills by creating the environment for them to thrive and leaving a lasting impact on their communities.

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In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

Achievements and performance

a. Main achievements of the Charity

Since its inception as a charity, Bat For A Chance has been operating as a cricket kit recycling charity providing access to cricket within low socioeconomic or marginalised communities and making the cricket equipment industry more sustainable.

In 2023 our expansion of the kit and distribution side required the Charity to lease a new warehouse facility to store the cricket kit and clothing and at the date of this report, the Charity has supported over 18,000 individuals across 21 different countries and 4 different continents through donations of used and new kit and purchases of new kit.

The key demographics of some of our beneficiaries of cricket kit and equipment have included refugees in camps across Europe and the Middle East, women and girls empowerment programs in Pakistan and the Caribbean and grass roots cricket schemes run by partner charities.

In December 2023, building on our success with the kit recycling concept, the Charity launched the CSC arm of the charity. The first CSC project was the creation of the first grass roots cricket club for girls in Barbados, providing the infrastructure that also supports the girls with their education and running workshops for parents. At the date of this report the project supports over 60 girls in attending the club.

During the period, the Charity funded a bat refurbishment centre in Sri Lanka, alongside our Sri Lankan charity partner, upskilling over 100 children with carpentry skills and repairing over 200 bats for their re-use in communities.

The Charity has also appointed a global ambassador, who is a current England cricketer and the Charity is hugely grateful for the support he provides in promoting the Charity's causes.

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Trustees' report (continued) For the period ended 31 December 2023

Financial review

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

b. Reserves policy

The Charity had cash reserves of £25,258 as at 31 December 2023. The Charity believes that supporting longer term programmes provides greater impact and benefits for individuals as opposed to one-off initiatives.

The Charity aims to ensure that future commitments to programmes are maintained to cover a period of one year together with six months of future operational costs, that are fixed in their nature. This is to ensure that the charity can deliver on its future programmes and projects whilst having the headroom to withstand unexpected events, financial or otherwise.

As at 31 December 2023, the amount of aimed reserves to be held was £19,380 compared to total funds within the balance sheet of £22,498. The Charity plans to utilise the surplus funds of £3,118 by delivering its charitable activities.

c. Financial review

The Charity's total income was £66,511 in the period 26 September 2022 to 31 December 2023, the majority of which comprises donations that are unrestricted on their usage. The Charity's funding mainly derives from private individuals, trusts and foundations, with some corporate support.

The Charity's total expenditure was £44,013 in the period with the most significant item being kit and clothing purchases and their associated collection and delivery cost with the remainder relating to governance and support costs and fund-raising activity.

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

Bat For A Chance is a registered charity, number 1200484, and is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation under the Charity Commission's Foundation Model.

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

The management of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Foundation Model. The Trustees are listed on Page 1. Four Trustees are retiring at the end of their term, in November 2024.

Trustees' report (continued)
For the period ended 31 December 2023

Plans for future periods

The Charity aims to secure the sustainability of its kit recycling operation and develop existing and new CSC projects in conjunction with its partners within their countries of operation. The Charity aims to accomplish this through additional funding and fundraising in order to achieve kit delivery efficiency as well as expanding the Charity's global reach.

The Trustees recognise the requirement to safeguard the Charity's assets and will only operate within the Charity's own financial capabilities, ensuring that in order to finance initiatives, expenditure is only committed where there is sufficient income and cash balances held.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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



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C W Brown

Date: 25/10/2024

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Independent examiner's report For the period ended 31 December 2023

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Bat For A Chance ('the Charity')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the period ended 31 December 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

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the Charity has prepared the accounts in accordance with 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) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019.

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.

Signed:



Dated: 25 October 2024

S M Rouse FCCA DChA

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Statement of financial activities For the period ended 31 December 2023

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	3	66,467	66,467
Investments	4	44	44
Total income		66,511	66,511
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	5	44,013	44,013
Total expenditure		44,013	44,013
Net movement in funds		22,498	22,498
Reconciliation of funds:			
Net movement in funds		22,498	22,498
Total funds carried forward		22,498	22,498

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

The notes on pages 8 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance sheet As at 31 December 2023

	Note	2023 £
Current assets		
Cash at bank and in hand		25,258
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	(2,760)
Total net assets		<u>22,498</u>
Charity funds		
Unrestricted funds	9	<u>22,498</u>
Total funds		<u>22,498</u>

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



C W Brown

Date: 25/10/2024

The notes on pages 8 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

**Notes to the financial statements
For the period ended 31 December 2023**

1. General information

Bat for a Chance is a charitable incorporated organisation, with charity number 1200484, and is registered in England and Wales. The Charity's registered office is Linkhurst, Station Road, Stonegate, Wadhurst, TN5 7EP.

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.

Bat For A Chance 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.

The financial statements are presented in UK sterling, which is the Charity's functional currency, and rounded to the nearest pound.

2.2 Going concern

The Trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the Charity to continue as a going concern. The Trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of at least one year from the date of authorisation for issue of the financial statements and have concluded that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern, thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

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.

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.

**Notes to the financial statements
For the period ended 31 December 2023**

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.5 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

2.6 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

2.7 Financial instruments

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.8 Operating leases

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of financial activities on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

2.9 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

3. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Donations	65,639	65,639
Other income	828	828
	66,467	66,467

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Notes to the financial statements For the period ended 31 December 2023

4. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Bank interest	44	44

5. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Kit purchased	21,410	21,410
Storage costs	6,234	6,234
Website costs	2,019	2,019
Design services	1,968	1,968
IT costs	2,480	2,480
Insurance	1,161	1,161
Travel costs	1,114	1,114
Event costs	720	720
Delivery costs	3,508	3,508
Accountancy	2,760	2,760
Training	390	390
Other costs	249	249
	44,013	44,013

6. Independent examiner's remuneration

	2023 £
Fees payable to the Charity's independent examiner for the independent examination of the Charity's annual accounts	2,220
Fees payable to the Charity's independent examiner in respect of: All other services not included above	540

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Notes to the financial statements For the period ended 31 December 2023

7. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the period, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits.

During the period, one Trustee received reimbursement of expenses amounting to £500 regarding a due diligence visit.

8. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £
Accruals and deferred income	2,760

9. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current period

	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
Unrestricted funds			
General funds	66,511	(44,013)	22,498

10. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current period

	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
General funds	66,511	(44,013)	22,498

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Notes to the financial statements For the period ended 31 December 2023

11. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current period

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Current assets	25,258	25,258
Creditors due within one year	(2,760)	(2,760)
Total	22,498	22,498

12. Operating lease commitments

At 31 December 2023 the Charity had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2023 £
Not later than 1 year	8,760
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	7,300
	16,060

13. Related party transactions

During the period, the charity made purchases of £1,161 from Howden UK Brokers Limited (previously Aston Lark Limited), of which S Lark (a Trustee) is an employee. There were no amounts outstanding at period end.

There were no other related party transactions during the period.