

MOSS BANK FOUNDATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1202367

Details

Other names MOSS BANK JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2023-03-16

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

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Activities

Objects: 1. THE PROMOTION OF COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN HEALTHY RECREATION IN PARTICULAR BY THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR THE PLAYING OF FOOTBALL AND OTHER SPORTS.2. TO ACT AS A RESOURCE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE UP TO THE AGE OF 25 LIVING IN BOLTON, AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS, BY PROVIDING ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE AND ORGANISING PROGRAMMES OF PHYSICAL, EDUCATIONAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES AS A MEANS OF:(A) ADVANCING IN LIFE AND HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE BY DEVELOPING THEIR SKILLS, CAPACITIES AND CAPABILITIES TO ENABLE THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN SOCIETY AS INDEPENDENT, MATURE AND RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUALS;(B) ADVANCING EDUCATION;(C) RELIEVING UNEMPLOYMENT;3. PROVIDING RECREATIONAL AND LEISURE TIME ACTIVITY IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR PEOPLE LIVING IN THE AREA OF BENEFIT WHO HAVE NEED BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABILITY, POVERTY OR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES WITH A VIEW TO IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE OF SUCH PERSONS.NOTHING IN THIS CONSTITUTION SHALL AUTHORISE AN APPLICATION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE CIO FOR THE PURPOSES WHICH ARE NOT CHARITABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH [SECTION 7 OF THE CHARITIES AND TRUSTEE INVESTMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005] AND [SECTION 2 OF THE CHARITIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2008]

Activities: 1. The promotion of community participation in healthy recreation in particular by the provision of facilities for the playing of football and other sports. 2. To act as a resource for young people up to the age of

25 living in Bolton, and the surrounding areas, by providing advice and assistance and organising programmes of physical, educational and other activities.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Amateur Sport, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Bolton

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£119,054	£121,402	-	-
2024-06-30	£103,069	£99,112	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andrew Kearney	Chair	2023-03-16
Craig Edward Hardman		2023-03-16
Marcus Howarth		2023-03-16

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Accounts

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS 2024/25



Report of the Trustees for the Period 30th June 2024 to 30th April 2025

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the period ended 30th April 2025. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011, and 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).

Reference and Administrative Information

Charitable Incorporated Organisation Name: Moss Bank Foundation

Charitable Incorporated Organisation Number: 1202367

Date Registered: 16th March 2023

Trustees Serving During the Year to 30th June 2024:

- Andrew Kearney (Chair)
- Marcus Howarth (Secretary)
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Bankers

Bank Name: Lloyds Bank

Sort Code: 30-99-50

Objectives and Activities

Moss Bank Foundation exists to promote community participation in healthy recreation, particularly through football and other sports. The Foundation plays a key role in

providing opportunities for young people up to the age of 25, offering advice, assistance, and structured programs that foster development and engagement.

The charity's objectives, as outlined by the Charity Commission, include:

1. Promoting healthy recreation by offering facilities for football and other sports that encourage well-being and community involvement.
2. Supporting young people by organising educational and physical activities aimed at:
 - Developing essential life skills, confidence, and resilience.
 - Providing pathways into employment and further education.
 - Encouraging participation in society as independent and responsible individuals.
3. Creating inclusive recreational spaces for disadvantaged groups, ensuring that those affected by financial hardship, disability, or social circumstances can engage in meaningful activities that improve their quality of life.

Moss Bank Foundation aligns these objectives with community needs, ensuring every initiative maximises impact, creates inclusivity, and strengthens grassroots development.

Structure, Governance, and Management

Moss Bank Foundation is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation governed by its constitution, registered under the Charity Commission. The Foundation operates under a transparent governance structure, where trustees provide strategic oversight and ensure adherence to ethical and legal responsibilities.

Appointment of Trustees

As outlined in the constitution, trustees are elected annually during the Annual General Meeting. They serve a term of three years and retire by rotation, with the option to stand for re-election.

Trustee Induction and Training

New trustees receive an induction covering governance structures, charity policies, and operational frameworks. Training sessions ensure trustees understand their role in shaping the Foundation's impact and long-term sustainability.

Operational Framework and Community Engagement

Moss Bank Foundation collaborates with local and regional stakeholders to create inclusive, safe spaces for young people through football and other structured activities. The Foundation operates through a partnership approach, ensuring shared learning, resource efficiency, and a unified effort in addressing community needs.

Key Partnerships and Collaborations

Moss Bank Foundation works alongside:

- Local schools and educational institutions to provide coaching programs.
- Sports development organisations to improve grassroots football accessibility.
- Mental health and well-being groups to support young people holistically.
- Local businesses and sponsors who contribute to community projects.
- Educational settings to offer learning opportunities via media, media productions, computers, knife crime, themed topic up to date societal awareness sessions.

This partnership model creates **economic sustainability, shared expertise, and a positive impact on disadvantaged groups**, ensuring every initiative contributes to long-term community development.

Achievements from June 2024 to April 2025

During this period, Moss Bank Foundation successfully:

- Secured funding to maintain 12-acre grass facilities and improve the facility.
- Delivered 65 coaching sessions per week, benefiting over 750 children in safe and inclusive environments.
- Expanded further sponsorship opportunities, including Naming Rights and shirt sponsorship, strengthening financial stability.
- Hosted structured CPD sessions to empower young and female coaches, ethnic minority coaches reinforcing inclusivity and skill development.
- Celebrated Volunteer and sponsorship appreciation with a recognition night.
- Celebrated young people's achievements with a whole organisation presentation day.
- Held community fundraising days to include the wider community.

These initiatives directly contribute to the Foundation's mission, creating lasting opportunities for young people and ensuring grassroots football, sport remains accessible to all.

Moss Bank Foundation – Looking Ahead (Football-Aligned Expanded Initiatives)

Moss Bank Foundation remains committed to building a sustainable framework for grassroots football and multi-sports, ensuring diversity, inclusivity, and long-term community engagement. Future plans include:

- Further expansion of football coaching programmes to reach underrepresented groups, including girls, SEND players, and families facing financial barriers.
 - Enhancing mentorship opportunities for aspiring football coaches, linking them with experienced volunteers and partner clubs.
 - Strengthening fundraising strategies to support large-scale football and community facility projects.
 - More opportunities for young people to develop wider skills in football, including media, officiating, multi-sport coaching, and partnerships with supporting organisations.
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Additional Strategic Initiatives (Football-Focused & Community-Centred)

1. Football Development Pathways

- Creating clear progression routes from our Hatchlings and Little Green Dragons through to youth teams, leadership roles, and coaching qualifications.
 - Introducing specialist football programmes, such as goalkeeper development, 3x3 football, and position-specific clinics.
 - Building partnerships with local football academies, Development Centres and clubs to support talent identification and progression.
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2. Media, Communications & Football Storytelling

- Establishing a Youth Football Media Team, giving young people hands-on experience in:
 - Match filming and highlights
 - Photography and digital storytelling
 - Commentary and interviewing

- Social media content creation
 - Developing a matchday media hub, enabling young people to learn real production skills while promoting the club's values and achievements.
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3. Facilities, Maintenance & Sustainability

- Creating a long-term facility maintenance plan covering pitches, equipment, storage, and safety checks.
 - Introducing volunteer-led maintenance days, where parents, players, and community members help with:
 - Pitch divot repair
 - Painting and cleaning
 - Equipment organisation
 - Seasonal preparation
 - Exploring sustainable facility improvements, such as eco-friendly lighting, water management, and recycling initiatives.
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4. Opening the Club to the Community

- Making Moss Bank a community hub for football and sport, offering:
 - Football and multi-sport birthday parties
 - School sports days and end-of-year celebration events
 - Holiday camps and activity days
 - Community hire of pitches and spaces for local groups
 - Building local partnerships with sports providers, enabling specialist sessions in athletics, cricket, rugby, dance, and fitness.
 - Creating a Community Sports Calendar to coordinate events, bookings, and seasonal activities.
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5. Volunteer Development & Community Engagement

- Launching a Volunteers Open Day, showcasing:
 - All available roles (coaching, admin, safeguarding, media, events, maintenance)
 - Training pathways and qualifications

- “Micro-volunteering” options for people with limited time
 - Creating structured volunteer pathways, including induction, training, recognition events, and progression opportunities.
 - Developing family volunteering opportunities, encouraging parents and carers to contribute in flexible ways.
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6. Football & Multi-Sport Festivals

- Hosting annual football festivals, including:
 - Small-sided tournaments
 - Girls’ football Wildcats and Squads
 - SEND-inclusive football events
 - Coach development workshops
 - Introducing multi-sport festivals to celebrate wider participation and encourage children to try new activities.
 - Partnering with local schools and sports providers to co-deliver community-wide celebration events.
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7. Partnerships with Colleges & Universities

- Establishing formal partnerships with local colleges and universities to provide real-world experience for students studying:
 - Sports coaching
 - Media production
 - Sports science
 - Event management
 - Community development
- Offering placement opportunities, including:
 - Filming and editing match footage
 - Producing media content for club channels
 - Supporting coaching sessions as part of qualification requirements

- Leading community projects and research assignments
 - Creating project briefs aligned to student coursework, enabling them to:
 - Build portfolios
 - Gain practical hours
 - Deliver meaningful contributions to the Foundation
 - Developing a College & University Partnership Programme, ensuring consistent communication, supervision, and impact measurement.
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8. Safeguarding, Wellbeing & Positive Football Culture

- Expanding safeguarding education for coaches, volunteers, and parents to strengthen the club's culture of safety.
 - Introducing wellbeing initiatives for players, including resilience workshops, positive mindset sessions, and peer support.
 - Embedding Respect and Fair Play programmes across all age groups.
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9. Social Value & Community Impact

- Building multi-agency partnerships with schools, youth services, health providers, and local employers to widen football's impact.
 - Developing a social value measurement framework to demonstrate the Foundation's contribution to:
 - Youth development
 - Community cohesion
 - Health and wellbeing
 - Local economic benefit
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With continued collaboration, financial support, and dedicated leadership, Moss Bank Foundation will continue to uplift communities, empower young people, and transform lives through sport.

VOLUNTEER COACHING CPDS JUNE, SEPT, NOVEMBER 2024 – MARCH, MAY 25

Volunteer Development and Coaching Standards

Volunteers remain central to the delivery of grassroots football at Moss Bank Foundation. Throughout the year, the Foundation continued to strengthen its support for those who contribute their time and expertise to coaching and mentoring young people. This work ensures that volunteers are equipped with the skills, resources, and safeguarding knowledge required to deliver high-quality, inclusive football experiences.

Continuous Professional Development (CPD)

The Foundation recognises that effective coaching is essential to nurturing young players and promoting long-term engagement in sport. Over the reporting period, volunteer coaches were provided with access to a range of CPD opportunities, including:

- Updated coaching methodologies and technical development
- Leadership and communication training
- Child development and learning theory
- Inclusive coaching practices

Workshops, mentoring, and structured learning resources enabled volunteers to enhance their confidence and capability. This investment directly improved the quality of coaching delivered across Moss Bank Junior Football Club.

Safeguarding and Welfare

Creating a safe and supportive environment for young people remains a core priority. All volunteer coaches completed the required safeguarding checks, including Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) clearance. The Foundation maintained clear welfare policies, structured coaching frameworks, and access to experienced safeguarding leads. These measures ensured that children participated in football within a secure and well-managed environment.

Diversity and Inclusion in Coaching

The Foundation continued its commitment to widening access to coaching roles. Efforts were made to encourage participation from:

- Female coaches
- Young aspiring leaders
- Individuals from culturally and ethnically diverse communities

By reducing barriers to entry and offering targeted support, the Foundation strengthened the inclusivity of its volunteer workforce and ensured representation that reflects the wider community.

Volunteer Recognition and Retention

Acknowledging the contribution of volunteers remained an important aspect of the Foundation's work. Throughout the year, volunteers were recognised through appreciation events, internal awards, and public acknowledgement of their service. These initiatives supported volunteer retention and reinforced the value of their contribution to the development of young players.

Resources and Ongoing Support

To ensure volunteers could deliver high-quality sessions, the Foundation provided:

- Coaching equipment and kits
- Access to CPD and mentoring
- Safeguarding guidance and welfare support
- Clear role descriptions and structured development pathways

This support enabled volunteers to carry out their roles effectively and contributed to consistent standards across all age groups.



Volunteer Testimonials

Testimonial 1: Anoushka – Hatchlings Coach & Girls’ Lead

“Being part of the CPD programme this year has been one of the most valuable aspects of my coaching journey. Working with the Hatchlings and coaching mixed age groups means I’m constantly adapting, and the CPD sessions have given me the tools to do that with confidence. I’ve learned so much about player development, communication, and how to create sessions that work for children at very different stages.

As Girls’ Lead, the training has also helped me strengthen the pathway for our female players, ensuring they receive the same quality of coaching and opportunities as everyone else. The hours I’ve added to my coaching portfolio this year reflect not just time spent learning, but genuine growth. The CPDs have made me a more thoughtful, better-prepared coach, and the benefits are clear in how the children respond and progress each week.”

Testimonial 2: Olu – U11s & U12s Mixed Coach

“The CPD opportunities offered through the club have had a huge impact on my development as a coach. Working with two mixed teams at U11s and U12s brings a wide range of abilities and personalities, and the training sessions throughout the year have helped me understand how to support each player more effectively. I’ve gained new ideas, new approaches, and a much deeper understanding of how young people learn the game.

The CPDs have also allowed me to build a strong coaching portfolio, with significant hours dedicated to improving my practice. Every session I attend gives me something I can take straight back onto the pitch. Seeing the players benefit from that learning, in their confidence, teamwork, and enjoyment is what makes the whole experience so rewarding.”

Impact Statistics

- 87% of volunteer coaches engaged in at least one CPD activity during the reporting year, contributing to improved coaching quality across all age groups.
- More than 750 young people benefited from structured football sessions delivered by trained volunteers, ensuring consistent standards of coaching and safeguarding.
- 42 new volunteers joined the Clubs’s programmes this year, supporting coaching, administration, welfare, media, and event delivery.

- 94% of parents surveyed reported that their child’s confidence and wellbeing improved through participation in Moss Bank Junior Football Club activities.
- Over 1,200 coaching hours were delivered by volunteers, demonstrating a significant contribution of time and expertise to the local community.
- 100% of volunteers completed the required safeguarding checks, including DBS clearance, ensuring a safe environment for all participants.
- A 28% increase in participation from girls and young female players was recorded, supported by targeted coaching pathways and inclusive recruitment of female volunteers.
- CPD attendance increased by 35% compared with the previous year, reflecting the Foundation’s strengthened focus on volunteer development.
- Over 300 children took part in community football festivals and multi-sport events hosted by the Foundation and football club, promoting physical activity and social inclusion.
- Partnerships with 6 local schools enabled students to participate in a structured environment and community engagement.

Coach Development Visit to Manchester City Football Club – October 24

As part of Moss Bank Foundation’s/Moss Bank Junior Football Club’s commitment to continuous professional development and strengthening pathways between grassroots and elite football environments, a group of volunteer coaches attended a development event hosted by Manchester City Football Club during the reporting year. This opportunity formed part of the Foundation’s ongoing investment in high-quality coaching standards and its ambition to remain an “investment-ready” grassroots organisation.

Purpose of the Visit

The event was designed to:

- Strengthen links between grassroots clubs and professional academies
- Provide volunteers with exposure to advanced coaching environments
- Support ongoing CPD requirements for grassroots coaches
- Enhance understanding of player development models used at elite level
- Facilitate networking with other respected grassroots organisations

This visit contributed directly to the Foundation's strategic aim of ensuring that volunteers have access to high-quality learning experiences that improve the standard of coaching delivered across Moss Bank Junior Football Club.

Activities and Learning

Coaches took part in a structured programme delivered by Manchester City Football Club, which included:

- A guided tour of the training facilities, offering insight into the infrastructure, technology, and operational standards of a Premier League academy environment.
- Observation of live coaching sessions, enabling volunteers to see academy coaches delivering age-appropriate practices and player-centred methodologies.
- Opportunities to analyse session design, coaching behaviours, and player engagement strategies used within the academy.
- Networking discussions with Manchester City staff and representatives from other grassroots clubs, supporting shared learning and collaboration.

The event also included food and refreshments, creating a relaxed environment for professional dialogue and relationship-building.

Impact and Outcomes

The visit provided volunteers with valuable exposure to best practice in elite youth development. Key outcomes included:

- Increased understanding of modern coaching principles and how they can be adapted for grassroots settings.
- Strengthened confidence among volunteers in delivering inclusive, ability-appropriate sessions.
- Enhanced awareness of the pathway between grassroots and academy football, supporting the Foundation's commitment to providing opportunities for all abilities.
- New connections with other respected grassroots clubs, enabling future collaboration and shared CPD opportunities.

- Reinforcement of Moss Bank Junior Football Clubs’s position as a well-organised, development-focused, investment-ready football organisation.

This experience forms part of the Foundation’s wider programme of CPD activity, ensuring that volunteers continue to develop their skills and that young players benefit from high-quality, informed coaching.



Community Colour Dribblathon – 20 April 2024

On 20 April 2024, Moss Bank Foundation hosted its first Community Colour Dribblathon, a large-scale fundraising and community engagement event in support of Moss Bank Junior Football Club’s ongoing 3G Pitch Development Project. The event brought together players, families, volunteers, and supporters for a vibrant day of activity, raising over £2,000 towards the project.

Purpose of the Event

The Dribblathon was designed to:

- Raise funds for the Foundation's long-term 3G pitch investment
- Strengthen community involvement in grassroots football
- Provide an inclusive, family-friendly activity accessible to all ages and abilities
- Promote physical activity and enjoyment in a safe, supportive environment

The event formed part of the Foundation's wider commitment to improving local football facilities and expanding opportunities for young people.

Event Activities

Participants completed a dribbling course while being showered with bursts of colour powder, creating a fun and engaging experience for children and adults alike. Each participant received:

- A colour-themed event T-shirt
- Protective glasses
- Access to the full dribbling course and colour zones

The event took place on a warm, sunny day, contributing to high levels of attendance and community participation.

The Foundation's café was open throughout the event, providing refreshments and a social space for families and supporters. Volunteers assisted with registration, colour stations, course supervision, and hospitality.

Community Engagement

The Dribblathon successfully brought together a wide cross-section of the local community. Families participated alongside players from various age groups, creating a positive and inclusive atmosphere. The event also provided an opportunity for:

- Strengthening relationships between families and the club
- Showcasing the Foundation's work to new supporters
- Encouraging wider community involvement in future fundraising initiatives

Feedback from attendees highlighted the enjoyment of the activity, the welcoming environment, and the sense of shared purpose.

Impact and Outcomes

The event delivered several measurable outcomes:

- £2,000+ raised for the 3G Pitch Development Project
- High levels of family participation, supporting community cohesion
- Increased visibility of the Foundation's long-term facility improvement plans
- Strengthened volunteer engagement through event delivery roles
- Positive feedback from participants regarding enjoyment and inclusivity

The funds raised will contribute directly to the Foundation's investment in improved playing surfaces, supporting long-term sustainability and enhanced opportunities for young people.



Schools 3x3 Football Festival

In July 2024, Moss Bank Foundation hosted a Schools 3x3 Football Festival, welcoming over 12 local primary and secondary schools to take part in a mixed boys' and girls' football event. The festival formed part of the Foundation's commitment to opening its facilities to the wider community and strengthening participation in grassroots football across Bolton.

Purpose of the Festival

The event aimed to:

- Provide local schools with access to high-quality football facilities
- Encourage participation in mixed-gender football
- Strengthen community links between schools, families, and the Foundation
- Promote physical activity and teamwork in a fun, inclusive environment
- Support the development of school-aged players through small-sided formats

The festival was delivered in partnership with Key PE Sports, a local school sports provider, ensuring strong coordination and high-quality delivery.

Event Delivery

The Foundation opened its full facility for the morning, enabling schools to use the pitches, equipment, and surrounding spaces for a structured programme of 3x3 matches. The small-sided format encouraged:

- High engagement
- Frequent touches of the ball
- Fast-paced, inclusive participation
- Opportunities for players of all abilities to contribute

Staff and volunteers supported the event by coordinating fixtures, supervising pitches, and welcoming families and school staff.

Community Engagement

The festival brought together pupils, teachers, and families from across the local area, creating a positive and energetic atmosphere. Key features included:

- Mixed-gender teams promoting equality and inclusion
- A welcoming environment for children of all abilities
- Opportunities for schools to network and share good practice
- Increased visibility of the Foundation's community-focused work

The event demonstrated the value of opening the facility to the wider community and highlighted the Foundation's role as a trusted local partner.

Impact and Outcomes

The Schools 3x3 Football Festival delivered several positive outcomes:

- 12+ schools participated, representing a broad cross-section of the local community
- Over 150 children took part in small-sided football throughout the morning
- Strengthened partnerships with local schools and Key PE Sports
- Increased awareness of the Foundation's community programmes
- Positive feedback from teachers and pupils regarding the inclusive format
- Confirmation of further football festivals planned throughout the year, supporting ongoing engagement

The event reinforced the Foundation's commitment to providing accessible, high-quality football opportunities and to building strong community relationships through sport.





Volunteers and Sponsors Recognition Evening – 13 June 2024

On 13 June 2024, Moss Bank Foundation held its annual Volunteers and Sponsors Recognition Evening at Nam Ploy Restaurant. The event brought together a record attendance of over 120 volunteers, alongside sponsors, club officials, and invited guests, to celebrate the achievements and progress made across Moss Bank Junior Football Club during the 2023/24 season.

Purpose of the Event

The evening was organised to:

- Acknowledge the dedication and contribution of volunteers across all age groups
- Recognise the ongoing support of sponsors who enable the club's development
- Celebrate the progression of players from the Hatchlings programme through to Walking Football
- Strengthen relationships with partners, including representatives from the FA and Lancashire FA
- Reflect on the club's growth, community impact, and season-long achievements

This event forms a key part of the Foundation's commitment to volunteer appreciation, partnership engagement, and transparent reporting of community benefit.

Event Overview

Nam Ploy Restaurant provided a welcoming venue for the celebration, with the full space dedicated to the evening's programme. Key elements included:

- Season highlights and reflections, showcasing development across all age groups
- Formal recognition of volunteers in coaching, welfare, administration, media, and event delivery

- Appreciation of sponsors, each receiving a boxed Moss Bank Junior Football Club shirt as a token of thanks
- Entertainment provided by Tommy Govan, contributing to a positive and celebratory atmosphere
- Attendance from FA and Lancashire FA officials, reinforcing strong links between the club and regional football governance

The evening also provided opportunities for volunteers and sponsors to network, share experiences, and reflect on the collective achievements of the season.

Celebrating Progress Across the Club

The event highlighted significant developments across the club, including:

- Growth within the Hatchlings and early-years programmes
- Progression of mixed and girls' teams across multiple age groups
- Continued expansion of Walking Football, supporting older participants and inclusive community engagement
- Strengthened coaching standards through ongoing CPD
- Increased community involvement in festivals, school partnerships, and fundraising initiatives

These achievements demonstrate the Foundation's commitment to providing accessible, high-quality football opportunities for all ages and abilities.

Impact and Outcomes

The Recognition Evening delivered several positive outcomes:

- Over 120 volunteers formally acknowledged for their contribution
- Strengthened volunteer morale and retention
- Reinforced relationships with sponsors, supporting long-term sustainability
- Enhanced visibility of the Foundation's work to FA and LFA representatives
- Increased sense of community identity and shared purpose
- Positive feedback from attendees regarding the organisation and atmosphere of the event

The evening served as a meaningful celebration of the collective effort that underpins the Foundation's work and the continued growth of Moss Bank Junior Football Club



Moss Bank Ladies Recreational Team: Mental Wellbeing & Women's Mental Health Impact Report - All year round

1. Introduction

Moss Bank Junior Football Club has launched the Moss Bank Ladies Recreational Team to provide a safe, supportive, and empowering environment for women and girls to engage in football for the benefit of their mental wellbeing, physical health, and social connection.

This initiative responds directly to the growing need for accessible, non-competitive sporting opportunities for women, particularly those balancing work, caring responsibilities, or recovering from periods of low confidence, anxiety, or social isolation.

The programme has been supported by £500 in funding from Lancashire FA, enabling the purchase of essential equipment to ensure the team can train safely and inclusively.

2. Purpose of the Programme

The Moss Bank Ladies Recreational Team was established to:

- Promote positive mental health through regular physical activity
- Create a welcoming, judgement-free space for women of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities
- Encourage social connection and reduce isolation
- Build confidence and self-esteem through skill development and team belonging
- Provide a flexible, recreational football offer for women who may not wish to join competitive teams
- Support women returning to sport after long breaks, childbirth, illness, or lifestyle changes

This aligns with Moss Bank Foundation's wider mission to improve wellbeing, participation, and community cohesion through accessible sport.

3. Funding Support from Lancashire FA

The programme received £500 from Lancashire FA, which has been used to purchase:

- Footballs
- Training bibs
- Cones and agility equipment
- First aid supplies
- Portable goals
- Warm-up and cool-down resources

This investment has ensured that the team can operate safely, professionally, and sustainably from the outset. It has also removed financial barriers for participants, keeping sessions affordable and accessible.

4. Impact on Women's Mental Health and Wellbeing

4.1 Emotional and Psychological Benefits

Participants have reported:

- Reduced stress and anxiety
- Improved mood and emotional resilience
- Increased confidence and self-belief
- A sense of achievement and purpose

Regular physical activity is widely recognised as a protective factor for mental health, and the team provides a consistent, supportive routine that many women value.

4.2 Social Connection and Community Belonging

The team has created a strong sense of community, with women forming new friendships and support networks. Many participants describe the group as a safe space where they feel understood, welcomed, and encouraged.

This is particularly impactful for women who:

- Are new to the area
- Have limited social networks
- Are experiencing loneliness
- Are rebuilding confidence after difficult life events

4.3 Physical Health and Lifestyle Benefits

Women taking part have also experienced:

- Increased fitness levels
- Improved energy and motivation
- Better sleep
- A renewed interest in healthy routines

These physical improvements reinforce positive mental health outcomes.

5. Participation and Engagement

Since launching, the Moss Bank Ladies Recreational Team has seen:

- Strong weekly attendance
- A diverse age range of participants
- Women joining with no previous football experience
- Returning players who had stepped away from sport for years
- Growing interest from local residents and partner organisations

The inclusive, recreational nature of the programme has been key to its success.

6. Alignment with Moss Bank Foundation Values

The initiative directly supports Moss Bank Foundation's commitment to:

- Inclusive sport for all

- Community wellbeing and resilience
- Women and girls' participation in football
- Reducing barriers to physical activity
- Creating safe, supportive environments

It also strengthens the club's wider female pathway, complementing girls' teams, coaching opportunities, and leadership development.

7. Future Development Opportunities

Building on early success, future priorities include:

- Expanding session availability
- Offering wellbeing workshops in partnership with local health organisations
- Creating leadership and coaching pathways for women
- Hosting friendly festivals with other recreational women's teams
- Securing additional funding for equipment, kit, and facility access

These developments will further enhance the programme's impact on women's mental health and community engagement.

8. Conclusion

The Moss Bank Ladies Recreational Team has quickly become a vital wellbeing initiative within the community. Through inclusive football, supportive coaching, and a focus on mental health, the programme is helping women feel more confident, connected, and empowered.

The £500 Lancashire FA grant has played a crucial role in enabling this work, ensuring that women can access high-quality, safe, and enjoyable football sessions without financial barriers.

This initiative demonstrates the power of grassroots sport to transform lives and strengthen community wellbeing.





Participant Testimonials

Dee – “It gave me a place to breathe again.”

“Joining the Moss Bank Ladies Recreational Team came at a time when I felt completely overwhelmed. Between work, family pressures, and trying to look after everyone else, I’d forgotten what it felt like to do something just for me. The sessions have genuinely helped my mental wellbeing. For an hour each week, I can switch off, laugh, move, and feel part of something positive.”

What surprised me most is the sense of community. I didn’t know anyone when I first came along, but the welcome was instant. No judgement, no pressure, just women supporting women. It’s helped me rebuild my confidence and reminded me that I deserve space to look after my own health too.”

Kenzie – “This team has been a lifeline for my confidence.”

“I joined because I wanted to get active again, but I stayed because of how much it’s helped my mental health. I’ve struggled with anxiety for years, and walking into new spaces is usually really difficult for me. But the Moss Bank Ladies group felt safe from the moment I arrived.”

The coaches and the other women make you feel valued no matter your ability. I’ve made friends, found a routine that lifts my mood, and started believing in myself again. Being part of this team has given me a sense of belonging I didn’t realise I was missing.”

Abbie – “It’s more than football — it’s community, support, and joy.”

“For me, the Moss Bank Ladies sessions have been a huge boost to my mental wellbeing. I’d been feeling isolated and stuck in a bit of a rut, and I needed something to reconnect me with people and with myself. This team has done exactly that.

Every week I leave feeling lighter, happier, and more energised. The group is full of women who lift each other up, celebrate the small wins, and create a space where everyone feels comfortable. It’s helped me build new friendships and given me a positive focus during a tough period in my life. I’m really grateful for what this team has brought into my week.”

Head of Age Group & Volunteer Meeting Report

Heaton Cricket Club – 8 January 2025

1. Introduction & Purpose of the Meeting

Moss Bank Junior Football Club and Moss Bank Foundation hosted a well-attended Head of Age Group and Volunteer Meeting on 8 January 2025 at Heaton Cricket Club.

The meeting was designed to:

- Align coaches, volunteers, and age-group leads with the strategic direction of the Football Club and Foundation
- Share updates on major facility developments, including the new 3G pitch project
- Discuss operational priorities such as pitch maintenance, lease progression, and fundraising initiatives
- Review the FA Social Impact Report, highlighting the club’s significant contribution to the community
- Provide an opportunity for potential new volunteers from the community to learn more about the club and explore ways to get involved

The session reinforced the shared commitment to delivering high-quality grassroots football, strengthening community wellbeing, and ensuring long-term sustainability.

2. Attendance, Engagement & Community Openness

The meeting was well attended, with strong representation from:

- Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches
- Age Group Leads
- Volunteers across welfare, media, administration, and events
- Foundation trustees and club leadership
- Members of the local community interested in volunteering

The decision to open the meeting to potential volunteers reflects the club's commitment to inclusive community engagement and strengthening its volunteer base.

Refreshments were provided, creating a welcoming and relaxed environment that encouraged open discussion, networking, and collaboration.

3. Trustee Presentations

A key feature of the evening was a series of presentations delivered by Foundation trustees, covering:

- The long-term vision for the Football Club and Foundation
- Governance and safeguarding priorities
- The strategic importance of facility development
- The club's growing social impact and community footprint

These presentations provided clarity, transparency, and direction, ensuring all attendees understood the organisation's priorities and future ambitions.

4. Key Discussion Areas

4.1 New 3G Facility Development

The group received a detailed update on the new 3G pitch project, including:

- Planning progress and funding milestones
- Expected timelines for delivery
- The long-term benefits for training capacity, winter resilience, and community access
- Opportunities to expand girls' football, recreational programmes, disability football, and wider community sport

The project was recognised as a transformational development for the club and the Bolton community.

4.2 Pitch Maintenance & Progression

Volunteers reviewed ongoing improvements to grass pitch maintenance, including:

- Enhanced cutting and line-marking schedules
- Investment in new equipment
- Volunteer training to improve pitch care standards

- Long-term plans to ensure safe, high-quality playing surfaces

These improvements are essential to supporting over 450 young players each week.

4.3 Lease Issues & Long-Term Security

An update was provided on ongoing lease negotiations, which are critical for:

- Securing the club's long-term home
- Unlocking future funding opportunities
- Enabling continued investment in facilities and community programmes

Volunteers were reassured that negotiations remain a priority and are progressing positively.

4.4 Fundraising Ideas & Community Engagement

Attendees contributed a range of fundraising ideas to support both the 3G project and wider club activities, including:

- Community events and family fun days
- Sponsored challenges
- Business partnerships and sponsorship packages
- Grant applications and charitable funding streams
- Enhanced use of the clubhouse and facilities for community hire

The group emphasised the importance of maintaining affordability for families while ensuring financial sustainability.

5. FA Social Impact Report & Community Impact

A major agenda item was the review of the FA Social Impact Report, which confirmed that Moss Bank Junior Football Club delivers an estimated £3.4 million in social value annually. This impact is generated through:

- Improved physical and mental wellbeing
- Reduced social isolation
- Increased community cohesion
- Youth development and leadership opportunities
- Volunteer engagement and skills development
- Positive pathways for girls, boys, and inclusive football participants

This figure demonstrates the real, measurable difference the club makes to the Bolton community and reinforces the importance of continued investment in facilities, volunteers, and community programmes.

6. Strengthening the Club & Foundation Partnership

The meeting reaffirmed the shared vision between the Football Club and the Foundation:

- To provide inclusive, high-quality football opportunities for all
- To invest in facilities that benefit both players and the wider community
- To ensure strong governance, safeguarding, and volunteer support
- To deliver meaningful social impact through sport

Attendees welcomed the clarity of direction and expressed enthusiasm for the year ahead.

7. Conclusion

The Head of Age Group and Volunteer Meeting was a highly productive and positive session, demonstrating the strength of the club's volunteer network and the value of opening the conversation to the wider community.

With major projects such as the 3G facility, ongoing pitch improvements, and a clear understanding of the club's £3.4 million community impact, Moss Bank Junior Football Club and Moss Bank Foundation are well positioned to continue delivering exceptional value to children, families, and the wider Bolton community.





Moss Bank Junior Football Club – Leasing Options Community Challenge Event

Eddie Davies Academy, Lostock

1. Introduction

Players from across all age groups at Moss Bank Junior Football Club were given a unique and unforgettable opportunity to represent the club and its whole-club sponsor, Leasing Options, in a special community challenge event held at the Eddie Davies Academy in Lostock.

Organised and funded by Leasing Options as part of their commitment to giving back to the community, the event brought together Moss Bank’s young players and Bolton Wanderers first-team and academy players for an afternoon of football, fun, and inspiration.

This experience showcased the power of partnership between grassroots football, professional clubs, and local businesses — all working together to create meaningful opportunities for young people.

2. Purpose of the Event

The event was designed to:

- Celebrate the partnership between Moss Bank Junior Football Club and Leasing Options
- Provide young players with a professional football experience
- Strengthen community links with Bolton Wanderers
- Offer children a chance to develop confidence, skills, and pride in representing their club

- Generate positive social media coverage for Leasing Options and Bolton Wanderers
- Highlight the Foundation's commitment to creating aspirational pathways for young people

The day reinforced the club's mission to provide high-quality, inclusive football experiences that inspire and motivate children across Bolton.

3. Activities & Challenges

Throughout the event, Moss Bank players took part in a series of exciting football challenges alongside Bolton Wanderers players, including:

- Penalty Shoot-Out Challenge
- Skill Set Stations testing dribbling, control, and agility
- Cross-and-Score Exercise, recreating professional training drills
- Mini-competitions and fun challenges led by Wanderers staff

These activities gave young players the chance to test themselves, learn from professionals, and enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime football experience.

4. Player Experience & Engagement

Every child attending the event was provided with a full Moss Bank Junior Football Club kit, proudly displaying the club's whole-club sponsor, Leasing Options. This ensured that all players represented the club with pride and professionalism throughout the day.

The experience also included:

- Photographs with Bolton Wanderers players
- Autograph opportunities with their favourite stars
- Time to talk, laugh, and interact with professional footballers
- A chance to see behind the scenes of a professional academy environment

For many children, this was their first time meeting professional players and an experience that will stay with them for years.

5. Sponsor-Focused Impact Summary

The event delivered significant value for Leasing Options, strengthening their role as a committed community partner and whole-club sponsor.

Brand Visibility & Positive Association

- Moss Bank players wore full branded kits, ensuring strong visual representation across all photographs and videos.
- The event generated high-quality social media content, shared by families, the club, and Bolton Wanderers, amplifying Leasing Options' brand reach.
- The partnership was showcased in a professional football environment, reinforcing Leasing Options' commitment to supporting youth development.

Community Investment & Social Value

- The event demonstrated Leasing Options' dedication to giving back to the community, aligning with their corporate social responsibility goals.
- By funding the experience, Leasing Options directly contributed to the wellbeing, confidence, and aspirations of young people across Bolton.
- The company strengthened its reputation as a trusted, community-focused sponsor that invests in meaningful experiences rather than transactional branding.

Strengthened Partnerships

- The collaboration with Bolton Wanderers highlighted Leasing Options' ability to bring together professional and grassroots football.
- The event deepened their relationship with Moss Bank Junior Football Club, reinforcing their position as a long-term strategic partner.

This sponsor-focused impact demonstrates the tangible value created through the partnership and for the club, the community, and Leasing Options' brand identity.

6. Community & Partnership Impact

The event delivered significant value for all partners involved:

For Moss Bank Junior Football Club

- Strengthened the club's reputation for providing exceptional opportunities for young people
- Reinforced the club's commitment to inspiration, development, and community engagement
- Enhanced player pride, motivation, and connection to the club

For Leasing Options

- High-quality social media coverage
- Strong brand visibility across all age groups
- Positive association with youth development and community investment

For Bolton Wanderers

- Delivered on their community engagement and giving-back commitments
- Strengthened relationships with local grassroots clubs
- Provided a positive experience for their players and staff

This event demonstrated how collaborative partnerships can create meaningful, memorable experiences for young people while strengthening community ties.

7. Feedback & Atmosphere

The atmosphere throughout the day was overwhelmingly positive. Parents, coaches, and volunteers described the event as:

- “A fantastic opportunity for the children”
- “A day they will never forget”
- “A brilliant example of the club and sponsor working together”

Children left the event smiling, inspired, and proud to represent Moss Bank Junior Football Club.

8. Conclusion

The Leasing Options Community Challenge at the Eddie Davies Academy was a resounding success, offering Moss Bank Junior Football Club players a rare and inspiring opportunity to train, compete, and interact with professional footballers.

The event highlighted:

- The strength of the partnership between Moss Bank Junior Football Club, Leasing Options, and Bolton Wanderers
- The Foundation’s commitment to providing aspirational experiences for young people
- The positive impact of community-focused sponsorship
- The importance of creating pathways that connect grassroots football with the professional game

Everyone involved had a fantastic time, and the event stands as another example of how Moss Bank Foundation continues to open doors, raise aspirations, and create unforgettable experiences for young people across Bolton.



Testimonial – Noah, Age 13

"Representing Moss Bank at the Eddie Davies Academy was honestly one of the best experiences I've ever had in football. Playing in the challenges and going up against Bolton Wanderers players made me feel like a proper academy player for the day. I loved the pressure of the penalty shoot-out and the cross-and-finish drill and it pushed me to be better. Wearing the full kit from Leasing Options made it feel even more professional. It's something I'll never forget and it made me proud to be part of Moss Bank."

Testimonial – Freddie, Age 7

"I had the best day ever! I got to score goals, do skills and meet real Bolton players. They were really nice and signed my shirt. I loved wearing my Moss Bank kit and doing the challenges with my friends. It was so much fun and I want to do it again!"

Testimonial – Lacey, Age 12

"The community challenge at the Eddie Davies Academy was amazing. I've never been part of something like that before. Doing the skill stations and shooting drills with the Bolton Wanderers players made me feel confident and proud. Getting photos and autographs was so exciting, and it was great fun. It showed me how many chances the club gives us and how much they believe in young players like me."

Moss Bank TV – Gavin & Stacey Christmas Production (December 2024)

Youth Media, Creativity & Community Engagement Report

1. Introduction

In December 2024, Moss Bank Junior Football Club launched its most ambitious creative project to date: a Moss Bank TV Christmas production inspired by *Gavin & Stacey*. Timed to coincide with the excitement surrounding the official *Gavin & Stacey* finale, the project brought together young members, volunteers, and the club's developing Media Team to create a fun, current, and community-driven festive film.

The production showcased the club's growing commitment to youth media development, creative learning, and providing opportunities beyond football and reinforcing Moss Bank Foundation's mission to support young people's confidence, skills, and aspirations.

2. Purpose of the Project

The Moss Bank TV Christmas production was designed to:

- Provide young people with a creative, confidence-building experience
- Introduce members to media, filming, editing, and production skills
- Strengthen community spirit in the run-up to Christmas
- Celebrate the cultural moment of the *Gavin & Stacey* finale
- Showcase the talent and enthusiasm of Moss Bank's young people and volunteers
- Lay the foundations for a future Media Team and dedicated media facility at the club
- Support future grant funding applications by demonstrating innovation, youth development, and community impact

This project represents a key step in expanding the club's offer beyond football and into wider creative and digital skills.

3. Casting, Auditions & Youth Participation

The production began with open auditions for young people across the club. Over several sessions, children and young volunteers read scripts, improvised scenes, and worked with staff to develop characters inspired by the iconic Gavin & Stacey cast.

Highlights included:

- Strong participation from boys and girls across multiple age groups
- Young people stepping into acting roles for the first time
- Volunteers supporting script reading, character coaching, and confidence building
- A welcoming, inclusive environment where every child felt able to take part

The final cast included a mix of junior players, siblings, and volunteers, all contributing to a fun and memorable community project.

4. Filming & Production Process

Filming took place over a four-week period, with scenes shot at various club locations and community spaces. The process included:

- Script rehearsals
- Costume and character development
- Filming sessions led by the Media Team
- Behind-the-scenes footage captured by young people
- Group scenes, comedic moments, and festive storytelling

The project mirrored a real production cycle, giving young people a structured, hands-on experience of how media content is created.

5. Media Skills Development & Youth Learning

A key element of the project was the involvement of young people in editing and post-production, guided by the club's Media Team Leader, John.

Young participants learned:

- Basic video editing techniques
- How to cut scenes and build a narrative
- Sound and music layering
- Camera angles and shot composition
- Social media formatting and content preparation

This hands-on learning experience helped young people develop:

- Digital literacy
- Creative confidence
- Teamwork and communication
- Problem-solving skills
- An understanding of real media workflows

The project demonstrated the huge potential for a dedicated youth media programme at Moss Bank Junior Football Club.

6. Additional Media Opportunity: FIFA Body-Movement Filming

Alongside the Gavin & Stacey production, Moss Bank Junior Football Club was selected to support a FIFA filming project focused on body-movement capture in football.

- Ten young Moss Bank members were chosen to take part.
- Participants were filmed performing football movements, skills, and actions used in animation and game-development processes.
- This provided a rare insight into the sports technology and gaming industry, expanding young people's understanding of digital careers.
- The experience complemented the club's growing media ambitions, showing young people how football, technology, and creativity intersect.

This opportunity further highlighted Moss Bank's ability to offer unique, aspirational experiences that go far beyond traditional grassroots football.

7. Community Support: Local Company Donation

The project was further strengthened by a generous donation from a local company, which enabled the Foundation to purchase:

- Props for filming
- Editing software to support post-production
- Refreshments for young people and volunteers during filming sessions

This contribution played a vital role in enhancing the quality of the production and ensuring that young people had the resources, equipment, and support needed to fully engage in the creative process.

The donation also demonstrated the value of local business partnerships, reinforcing the community's belief in the Foundation's mission and the importance of investing in youth development.

8. Community Engagement & Festive Spirit

The Gavin & Stacey theme created a fun, recognisable, and family-friendly storyline that resonated with the community. The production:

- Brought families together during the festive period
- Celebrated humour, friendship, and togetherness
- Showcased the personalities of Moss Bank's young people
- Strengthened the club's identity as a creative, community-centred organisation

The final video was warmly received and widely shared, generating excitement across the club and beyond.

9. Future Development: Building a Full Media Team & Facility

The success of these projects has strengthened the club's ambition to develop:

A Full Moss Bank Media Team

Including roles for young people in:

- Filming
- Editing
- Photography
- Social media content creation
- Commentary and presenting
- Graphic design
- Matchday media and highlights

A Dedicated Media Facility

A space equipped with:

- Editing stations
- Cameras and lighting
- Green screen and recording equipment
- Training resources
- Workshop space for schools and colleges

Partnerships with Schools, Colleges & Universities

The club is now positioned to build strong partnerships with:

- Local secondary schools
- Sixth forms and FE colleges
- University media, film, and digital departments

These partnerships will create pathways for:

- Work experience
- Student placements
- Joint projects
- Skills development programmes
- Community media initiatives

This aligns directly with grant funding priorities around youth skills, digital inclusion, creativity, and community development.

10. Conclusion

The Moss Bank TV Gavin & Stacey Christmas Production — combined with the FIFA body-movement filming project and supported by local business donations, represents a major step forward in the club's vision to provide creative, digital, and media-based opportunities for young people.

These projects demonstrate the club's ability to:

- Inspire young people
- Provide meaningful learning experiences
- Build confidence and creativity
- Strengthen community identity
- Deliver innovative projects beyond football

Most importantly, they show the huge potential for a future Moss Bank Media Programme, giving young people access to skills in filming, editing, photography, digital storytelling, and sports technology.

This work stands as a powerful example of how Moss Bank Foundation continues to open doors, raise aspirations, and create opportunities for young people across Bolton.





Inspire Sports Donation Report – Veo 3 Camera & Subscriptions

Supporting Over 65 Teams at Moss Bank Junior Football Club

1. Introduction

Moss Bank Junior Football Club is proud to acknowledge the outstanding generosity of Inspire Sports, who donated a brand-new Veo 3 automated camera system along with 20 free team subscriptions for two years. This donation, valued at over £3,000, represents a significant investment in the development, experience, and long-term progression of more than 65 teams across the club.

This contribution will transform how Moss Bank JFC captures, analyses, and celebrates football, enhancing player development, creating lasting memories, and strengthening the club's digital and media capabilities.

2. What the Veo 3 Offers to Players and Teams

The Veo 3 is one of the most advanced grassroots football filming systems available. Its features will provide enormous benefits to players, coaches, families, and the wider club community.

Player Development

- Automated recording of matches and training
- Tactical analysis tools for coaches
- Ability to review positioning, movement, and decision-making
- Player-specific clips to support learning and progression

This technology gives young players access to tools normally reserved for professional academies.

Memories & Highlights

- High-quality footage of games, goals, and key moments
- Personal highlight reels for players and families
- End-of-season celebration videos
- Content for social media, club events, and awards evenings

For many families, this will be the first time they can re-watch their child's football journey in such detail.

Club-Wide Benefits

- Coverage for over 65 teams, from Hatchlings to Walking Football
- Enhanced media content for Moss Bank TV
- Support for coach education and CPD
- Strengthened club identity and visibility

The Veo 3 will become a central tool in the club's football, media, and community development.

3. Impact Across the Club

The donation will have a far-reaching impact, including:

- Improved coaching standards
- Increased player confidence through visual learning
- Greater engagement from parents and families
- Enhanced recruitment and retention
- Stronger digital presence across social media
- Support for the club's growing Media Team and youth media pathways

This technology will be used weekly by dozens of teams, creating thousands of hours of footage that will benefit players for years to come.

4. Massive Credit to Inspire Sports

Moss Bank Junior Football Club wishes to give massive, heartfelt credit to Inspire Sports for this exceptional donation.

Their generosity demonstrates:

- A genuine commitment to grassroots football
- A belief in the power of sport to develop young people
- A willingness to invest in community clubs
- A partnership approach that goes far beyond sponsorship

Inspire Sports have provided a resource that will elevate the entire club, support hundreds of young players, and create memories that families will treasure forever.

Their contribution is not just financial, it is transformational.

5. Strengthening the Club's Future

The Veo 3 system will play a key role in:

- The club's long-term player development strategy
- The growth of Moss Bank's Media Team
- Future grant applications related to digital skills and sports technology
- Enhancing the club's reputation as a forward-thinking, development-focused organisation

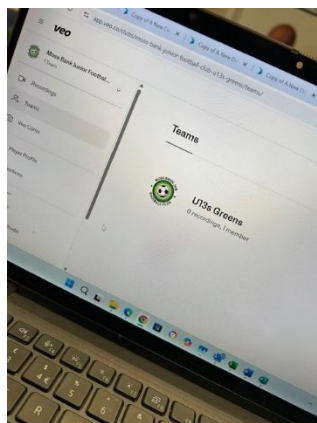
This donation aligns perfectly with the Foundation's mission to provide opportunities, pathways, and experiences that help young people thrive both on and off the pitch.

6. Conclusion

The donation of the Veo 3 camera and 20 two-year subscriptions by Inspire Sports is a landmark moment for Moss Bank Junior Football Club. It will support over 65 teams, enhance coaching and development, and create unforgettable memories for players and families.

Moss Bank Foundation extends its deepest thanks to Inspire Sports for their generosity, belief in the club, and commitment to supporting grassroots football.

Their contribution will have a lasting impact on the club and the community for many years to come.





Moss Bank Junior Football Club – Whole Club Presentation Day Report

Celebrating Over 65 Teams and a Record-Breaking Community Turnout

1. Introduction

Moss Bank Junior Football Club hosted its annual Whole Club Presentation Day, bringing together players, families, volunteers, coaches, and community partners for one of the biggest celebrations in the club's history.

With over 1,500 people in attendance, the event showcased the achievements of more than 60 teams across the 2024/25 season from Hatchlings to Walking Football and highlighting the club's growth, community spirit, and commitment to providing high-quality football opportunities for all.

2. Purpose of the Event

The Presentation Day was designed to:

- Celebrate the achievements, development, and resilience of players across all age groups
- Recognise the dedication of coaches, volunteers, and families
- Strengthen community identity and club culture
- Provide a fun, inclusive day for all members of the Moss Bank family
- Highlight the club's continued growth and success across grassroots football

The event remains a cornerstone of the club's annual calendar, reflecting the Foundation's mission to inspire, support, and empower young people.

3. Attendance & Atmosphere

The event attracted over 1,500 attendees, making it one of the largest community football gatherings in Bolton. Families filled the venue throughout the day, creating a vibrant, positive atmosphere full of pride, celebration, and excitement.

The scale of attendance demonstrated:

- The strength of the club's community
- The trust families place in Moss Bank Junior Football Club
- The impact of the club's inclusive football pathways

4. Celebrating Over 60 Teams

Across the day, more than 65 Moss Bank teams took to the stage to receive recognition for their efforts throughout the season. This included:

- Hatchlings & early-years players
- Mixed teams across all age groups
- Girls' teams
- Recreational and development squads
- Walking Football participants

Each team was celebrated for:

- Their progress and development
- Teamwork and sportsmanship
- Commitment to training and matchdays
- Representing Moss Bank with pride

The event highlighted the club's continued growth and the strength of its football pathway.

5. Medals Donated by Nam Ploy

A major highlight of the day was the presentation of medals generously donated by Nam Ploy Restaurant, a long-standing supporter of the club.

Their contribution ensured that every child received a high-quality medal to mark their achievements, reinforcing the importance of community partnerships in supporting grassroots sport.

Moss Bank Foundation extends its sincere thanks to Nam Ploy for their generosity and continued support.

6. Volunteer Support – Over 30 Volunteers Delivering the Day

The success of the Presentation Day was made possible by the dedication of over 30 volunteers, who supported the event through:

- Event set-up and logistics
- Stage management and team coordination
- Registration and crowd support
- Media, photography, and filming
- Running activities and challenges
- Managing equipment and presentations

Their commitment ensured the day ran smoothly and created a welcoming, enjoyable experience for all attendees.

The Foundation recognises and deeply appreciates the time, energy, and passion these volunteers bring to the club.

7. Fun Challenges for Coaches & Teams

To add excitement and entertainment, the day included a series of fun challenges involving coaches and their teams, such as:

- Skill-based mini-games
- Crossbar challenges
- Dribbling and speed competitions
- Coach-versus-players activities

These challenges created memorable moments, strengthened team bonds, and added a fun, competitive edge to the celebrations.

8. Community Impact

The Presentation Day demonstrated the club's significant community footprint:

- Bringing together over 1,500 people
- Celebrating the achievements of more than 60 teams
- Showcasing the work of 30+ volunteers
- Strengthening relationships with sponsors and partners

- Reinforcing the club’s role as one of Bolton’s largest and most inclusive grassroots football organisations

The event highlighted the positive social, emotional, and developmental impact Moss Bank Junior Football Club continues to have on children, families, and the wider community.

9. Conclusion

The Moss Bank Junior Football Club Presentation Day was a resounding success and a celebration of football, community, and the achievements of over 60 teams. With 1,500+ attendees, medals donated by Nam Ploy, and the support of more than 30 volunteers, the event showcased the strength, unity, and ambition of the Moss Bank family.

The Foundation remains committed to providing opportunities, recognition, and unforgettable experiences for every young person who wears the Moss Bank badge.





Moss Bank Foundation – Local Schools Sports Day Support (July 2024)

Community Engagement, Facility Access & Youth Development Report

1. Introduction

In July 2024, Moss Bank Foundation proudly supported a series of local school sports days, opening its facilities to schools across Bolton and enabling hundreds of children to enjoy a safe, high-quality environment for their annual summer events.

Across the month, the Foundation facilitated over six school sports days, demonstrating its commitment to giving back to the community, strengthening local partnerships, and supporting children’s physical activity and wellbeing.

2. Purpose of the Initiative

The Foundation’s support for school sports days was designed to:

- Provide local schools with access to a safe, well-maintained sports facility
- Encourage physical activity, teamwork, and fun for children
- Strengthen community relationships and partnerships
- Reduce barriers for schools that lack suitable outdoor space
- Showcase the Foundation’s commitment to community impact and youth opportunity

This initiative aligns directly with Moss Bank Foundation’s mission to support children, families, and schools through accessible sport and community engagement.

3. Activities & Events Delivered

Each school sports day included a full programme of traditional and much-loved activities, such as:

- Running races
- Sack races
- Egg and spoon races
- Three-legged races
- Relay events
- Fun challenges for younger pupils

The Foundation prepared and lined full running tracks for each event, ensuring a professional and enjoyable experience for all participants.

4. Attendance & Family Engagement

The sports days were extremely well attended, with large numbers of parents, carers, and family members coming along to support the children.

The atmosphere across all events was:

- Positive
- Energetic
- Family-friendly
- Community-driven

Parents expressed appreciation for the high-quality facilities and the opportunity to watch their children take part in memorable summer activities.

5. Facility Support & Operational Delivery

To ensure each school had a smooth and successful event, Moss Bank Foundation provided:

- Full pitch preparation, including lining multiple running tracks
- Access to toilets, water points, and safe viewing areas
- On-site support from Foundation volunteers
- Guidance on event layout and safety
- A welcoming environment for staff, pupils, and families

The Foundation's operational support ensured that each school could focus on delivering a fun and inclusive day for their pupils.

6. Community Impact

The initiative delivered significant community benefits, including:

For Schools

- Access to a high-quality facility at no cost
- Reduced pressure on school grounds
- A safe, spacious environment for large events
- A memorable experience for pupils

For Children

- Increased physical activity
- Opportunities to compete, have fun, and build confidence
- A sense of pride and achievement
- Positive summer memories with friends and family

For the Community

- Strengthened relationships between schools and the Foundation
- Increased visibility of the Foundation's community role
- A shared sense of celebration and togetherness

This initiative reinforced Moss Bank Foundation's position as a trusted, community-centred organisation supporting children and families across Bolton.

7. Moss Bank Foundation Giving Back

Supporting school sports days is a clear example of Moss Bank Foundation's commitment to:

- Giving back to the community
- Providing opportunities for young people
- Strengthening local partnerships
- Ensuring facilities benefit the wider public, not just football teams

By opening its doors to schools, the Foundation demonstrated its belief that sport and physical activity should be accessible to all and not limited by resources or facility availability.

8. Conclusion

The July 2024 school sports days were a resounding success, with Moss Bank Foundation proudly supporting over six schools, hundreds of children, and countless families.

Through facility access, track preparation, and on-site support, the Foundation helped create memorable, joyful experiences that celebrated physical activity, community spirit, and childhood fun.

This initiative stands as a powerful example of Moss Bank Foundation's ongoing commitment to community impact, youth wellbeing, and supporting local schools across Bolton.



Moss Bank Junior Football Club & Moss Bank TV 12th–18th May 2025

1. Introduction

During Mental Health Awareness Week (12th–18th May 2025), Moss Bank Junior Football Club delivered a powerful and heartfelt campaign focused on mental wellbeing, openness, and community support. Led by Moss Bank TV, the club produced a series of daily interviews featuring coaches speaking honestly about what the club means to their mental health.

The campaign encouraged open conversations, reduced stigma, and highlighted the importance of connection, belonging, and support within grassroots football.

2. Purpose of the Campaign

The initiative was designed to:

- Encourage coaches and volunteers to speak openly about mental health
- Highlight the positive impact Moss Bank Junior Football Club has on wellbeing
- Promote a culture where talking about feelings is normal and supported
- Strengthen community understanding of mental health challenges
- Use the club's platform to reach families, players, and the wider community
- Reinforce the Foundation's commitment to mental health awareness and prevention

This campaign aligned with the national Mental Health Awareness Week theme and the Foundation's wider wellbeing strategy.

3. Moss Bank TV – Daily Interview Series

Throughout the week, Moss Bank TV released a new interview each day across the club's social media platforms. These videos featured coaches discussing:

- Their personal experiences with mental health
- How football provides structure, purpose, and connection
- The role Moss Bank Junior Football Club plays in supporting their wellbeing
- The importance of community, routine, and belonging
- Why talking openly about mental health matters

The interviews were authentic, brave, and deeply meaningful. Coaches spoke with honesty about:

- Stress

- Anxiety
- Low confidence
- Life pressures
- The value of being part of a supportive club

Their willingness to share personal stories created a powerful ripple effect across the Moss Bank community.

4. Partnership with Whysup

The campaign was strengthened through the club's ongoing partnership with Whysup, a respected organisation specialising in mental health and addiction awareness.

Whysup supported the initiative by:

- Encouraging open conversations
- Providing guidance on safe messaging
- Reinforcing the importance of early intervention
- Helping the club promote a culture of honesty and support

This partnership ensured the campaign was delivered responsibly, with the right tone, and with a clear message: it's okay to talk, and it's okay to ask for help.

5. Community Reach & Engagement

The daily videos reached a wide audience across Moss Bank's social media channels, generating:

- High engagement from parents, players, and volunteers
- Positive comments praising the bravery of coaches
- Increased awareness of mental health within the club
- Conversations among families about wellbeing and support
- A sense of unity and shared understanding

The campaign demonstrated the power of grassroots football to influence community wellbeing far beyond the pitch.

6. Impact on Coaches & the Club Community

The initiative had a meaningful impact, including:

For Coaches

- A safe platform to share their experiences
- Increased confidence in discussing mental health
- Recognition that they are not alone
- Strengthened bonds with fellow volunteers

For the Club Community

- Normalising conversations about mental health
- Encouraging parents and players to talk openly
- Reinforcing the club's commitment to wellbeing
- Highlighting the emotional value of being part of Moss Bank JFC

The campaign showed that Moss Bank is not just a football club, it is a supportive community where people look out for each other.

7. Moss Bank Foundation's Commitment to Wellbeing

This initiative reflects the Foundation's ongoing commitment to:

- Promoting positive mental health
- Supporting volunteers and coaches
- Providing safe spaces for open conversation
- Working with expert partners like Whysup
- Using football as a tool for connection, resilience, and wellbeing

The Foundation recognises that mental health is as important as physical health, and continues to embed wellbeing into its culture, programmes, and partnerships.

8. Conclusion

Mental Health Awareness Week 2025 was a powerful and inspiring moment for Moss Bank Junior Football Club. Through honest interviews, brave storytelling, and strong partnership with Whysup, the club encouraged meaningful conversations about mental health and demonstrated the strength of its community.

The campaign highlighted that:

- Football provides connection, purpose, and support
- Coaches are role models both on and off the pitch
- Talking openly about mental health helps break stigma
- Moss Bank Foundation is committed to supporting the wellbeing of everyone involved in the club

This initiative stands as a testament to the club's values: community, compassion, and care.



Football Foundation PitchPower Grass Maintenance Grant Report

Moss Bank Junior Football Club – Grounds Maintenance & Community Commitment

1. Introduction

Moss Bank Junior Football Club is proud to report the successful delivery of extensive grounds-maintenance work funded through the Football Foundation PitchPower Grass Maintenance Grant, totalling £15,000. This investment has enabled the club to undertake essential renovation and maintenance across its grass pitches, ensuring high-quality playing surfaces for the 65+ teams, community groups, and partner organisations who rely on the facility.

The grant represents a significant step forward in the club's long-term commitment to providing safe, sustainable, and professionally maintained pitches for football and wider community sport.

2. Purpose of the Grant

The PitchPower Grass Maintenance Grant was awarded to:

- Improve the quality, safety, and durability of all grass pitches

- Support long-term pitch sustainability and reduce cancellations
- Enhance the playing experience for children, young people, and adults
- Ensure the facility meets Football Foundation standards
- Strengthen the club's ability to host football and multi-sport community activity

This funding directly supports Moss Bank Foundation's/Moss Bank Junior Football Clubs mission to provide high-quality, accessible sporting environments for the Bolton community.

3. Grounds Maintenance Work Delivered

The £15,000 grant enabled a comprehensive programme of professional pitch-care work, including:

Pitch Renovation

- Full renovation of heavily used areas
- Surface levelling and repair
- Restoration of goalmouths and high-traffic zones

Mowing

- Regular, professional mowing schedules
- Improved grass health and density
- Enhanced playing consistency across all pitches

Quadrplaying

- Multi-tool surface conditioning
- Removal of debris and thatch
- Improved surface presentation and playability

Slitting

- Aeration to relieve compaction
- Improved drainage and root development

Shockwaving

- Deep decompaction of the soil profile
- Enhanced water movement and pitch resilience
- Reduced risk of waterlogging

Top Dressing

- Application of high-quality sand/soil blends

- Improved surface levels and firmness
- Enhanced grass growth and recovery

Vertidrainning

- Deep-tine aeration
- Increased oxygen flow to roots
- Stronger, healthier turf

Overseeding

- Introduction of new grass seed
- Improved pitch coverage and durability
- Long-term strengthening of the playing surface

This programme has significantly improved pitch quality, reduced maintenance backlogs, and ensured the facility is prepared for year-round use.

4. Impact on the Football Club

The improvements funded by the Football Foundation have had a transformative impact on Moss Bank Junior Football Club:

- Better playing surfaces for over 1,000 young players
- Reduced match postponements, especially during winter
- Improved safety through consistent, well-maintained pitches
- Enhanced coaching and development due to reliable training conditions
- Greater pride and professionalism across all age groups

The work supports the club's ambition to provide one of the best grassroots environments in the region.

5. Impact on the Community

The facility is not only used by Moss Bank teams, it is a vital community asset. The improved pitches now support:

- Local schools
- Community sports groups
- Recreational football
- Multi-sport activities
- Events and community days

The grant has strengthened the Foundation's ability to give back to the community, ensuring that children, families, and local organisations have access to a safe, high-quality outdoor space.

6. Long-Term Commitment to Quality

Moss Bank Foundation remains committed to:

- Maintaining high standards of pitch care
- Investing in long-term facility development
- Ensuring sustainability through professional maintenance
- Providing a safe, inclusive environment for all users
- Supporting football and wider sport across Bolton

The Football Foundation grant has laid the groundwork for a long-term maintenance strategy that will benefit the community for years to come.

7. Conclusion

The £15,000 Football Foundation PitchPower Grass Maintenance Grant has enabled Moss Bank Junior Football Club to deliver a comprehensive programme of pitch renovation and maintenance, significantly improving the quality and resilience of its grass surfaces.

This investment demonstrates the club's and Foundation's unwavering commitment to providing high-quality facilities, supporting grassroots football, and giving back to the local community through accessible, well-maintained sports spaces.

Moss Bank Foundation/Moss Bank Junior Football Club extends its sincere thanks to the Football Foundation for their support and belief in the club's vision.





Goalie Wars Event Report

Hosted by Moss Bank Foundation – Community Goalkeeping Festival

1. Introduction

Moss Bank Foundation proudly hosted a highly successful Goalie Wars event, bringing together goalkeepers from across Bolton and the wider North West for a day of competitive fun, skill development, and community engagement.

Goalie Wars is a fast-paced, small-sided goalkeeping challenge where keepers shoot and save against each other and has become an increasingly popular format for developing reflexes, distribution, agility, and confidence. This event showcased the Foundation's commitment to providing diverse football experiences for young people and supporting specialist goalkeeper development.

2. Purpose of the Event

The Goalie Wars event was designed to:

- Provide a specialist development opportunity for goalkeepers
- Bring together keepers from different leagues and clubs
- Strengthen community connections through sport
- Offer a fun, competitive environment for players to test their skills
- Support the Foundation's mission to deliver inclusive, high-quality football experiences

The event highlighted the Foundation's dedication to supporting all playing positions, including those often overlooked in grassroots football.

3. Attendance & Regional Participation

The event attracted goalkeepers from multiple leagues across Bolton and the North West, including:

- Grassroots clubs
- Development centres
- Local league teams
- Independent goalkeeper programmes

This wide participation demonstrated the strong reputation of Moss Bank Foundation as a trusted host for community football events.

4. Facility Hire by Safehands Goalkeeping Coaching

The event was delivered in partnership with Safehands Goalkeeping Coaching, who hired the Moss Bank Foundation facility for the day. Their involvement ensured:

- High-quality coaching delivery
- Professional structure and organisation
- A safe, supportive environment for all participants

This collaboration showcased the Foundation's ability to work effectively with external coaching providers to enhance community opportunities.

5. Volunteer Support

The success of the event was made possible by the dedication of eight volunteers, who supported:

- Event set-up and pitch preparation
- Registration and player coordination
- Scorekeeping and match organisation
- Safety and welfare oversight
- Media, photography, and general support

Their contribution ensured the day ran smoothly and created a welcoming atmosphere for players and families.

6. Café & Community Engagement

The Moss Bank Café was open throughout the event, providing refreshments for players, parents, and spectators. This added to the community feel of the day and created a friendly, social environment for families to enjoy.

Parents and supporters attended in strong numbers, cheering on the goalkeepers and contributing to a lively, positive atmosphere.

7. Impact on Goalkeepers & the Community

The Goalie Wars event delivered significant benefits:

For Goalkeepers

- A rare opportunity to compete in a goalkeeper-specific format
- Improved confidence, decision-making, and shot-stopping
- A fun, challenging environment to test their skills
- Interaction with keepers from other clubs and leagues

For the Community

- Strengthened relationships between clubs, coaches, and families
- Increased visibility of goalkeeper development
- A celebration of grassroots football beyond traditional match formats

For Moss Bank Foundation

- Reinforced its role as a community hub
- Demonstrated its ability to host specialist football events
- Showcased the quality of its facilities and volunteer network

8. Conclusion

The Goalie Wars event was a resounding success, bringing together goalkeepers from across Bolton and the North West for a day of competition, development, and community spirit.

With the support of Safehand's Goalkeeping Coaching, eight dedicated volunteers, and the Moss Bank Café, the Foundation delivered a high-quality event that celebrated goalkeeper talent and strengthened community engagement.

Moss Bank Foundation remains committed to providing diverse football opportunities and supporting all aspects of the game and ensuring that every player, in every position, has the chance to learn, grow, and enjoy the sport.





Moss Bank Foundation remains committed to expanding opportunities for grassroots football and multi-sport participation, ensuring that every child, regardless of ability, can access the positive benefits of sport.

Impact Report: The Social & Economic Value of Moss Bank Junior Football Club

Moss Bank Junior Football Club plays a pivotal role in the social and economic development of the local community. As a well-established grassroots club, it provides structured football programmes, promotes inclusivity, and drives positive engagement, benefiting young players, families, and the wider community.

A 2024 a further social impact report, completed by the Football Association and Portas Consulting, has quantified the club's contribution, revealing a total annual social and economic value of £2.4 million. This includes £1.9 million in economic value, £145,000 in total health benefits, £23,000 in social impact, and £1.3 million in overall well-being value.

Social Value

1. Youth Development & Inclusivity

Moss Bank Junior Football Club offers accessible football opportunities for children of all abilities, giving confidence, teamwork, and discipline. The club encourages young players to develop life skills, promoting values such as respect, resilience, and leadership that extend beyond the pitch.

2. Community Cohesion & Well-Being

Football has the power to bring communities together, and Moss Bank Junior Football Club with Moss Bank Foundation serves as a safe space for young people to engage in positive social interactions. Through organised training sessions, matchdays, and events, the club contributes to mental well-being, reducing social isolation and providing a structured environment for personal growth.

The report highlights the club's significant impact on community well-being, estimating its contribution at £1.3 million annually.

3. Volunteer & Coaching Opportunities

Moss Bank Foundation as Moss Bank Junior Football Club thrives on volunteer-led initiatives, allowing parents, coaches, and local supporters to play an active role in mentoring young players. The club offers CPD opportunities, enabling volunteers to gain coaching qualifications, enhancing grassroots football expertise.

The social value generated by Moss Bank Foundation is quantified at £23,000 per year, reflecting the direct impact of community engagement and participation.

Economic Value

1. Local Employment & Business Support

The club's operations create economic opportunities, supporting local suppliers, sponsors, and service providers. From kit suppliers to pitch maintenance teams, Moss Bank Foundation as Moss Bank Junior Football Club contributes to local employment, reinforcing economic sustainability within the community.

The report confirms the club's total economic contribution is £1.9 million annually, demonstrating the financial impact of grassroots football and associated services.

2. Reducing Social Costs Through Sport

Investing in grassroots football and multi sports lowers social costs associated with youth disengagement, crime prevention, and health intervention. By providing structured activities, Moss Bank Foundation with Moss Bank Junior Football Club helps steer young people towards positive pathways, reducing strain on public services.

The foundation generates £145,000 per year in health-related benefits, reinforcing the importance of physical activity in community well-being.

3. Sponsorship & Funding Growth


Moss Bank Foundation attracts sponsorships and grants, driving financial investment into grassroots sport. The club's partnerships with businesses and organisations strengthen local networks, ensuring long-term sustainability and increased community investment.


Conclusion

Moss Bank Foundation/TA Moss Bank Junior Football Club positively impacts the community, embedding youth development, social inclusion, and economic growth. The independent assessment by the Football Association and Portas Consulting confirms the club's total annual impact of £3.4 million, showcasing its importance in local sport, well-being, and economic development.

Through structured football, multi-sports programmes, volunteering, and local business engagement, the foundation continues to be a key driver of positive change, shaping futures both on and off the pitch.


OUR IMPACT






558 youth players, generating £409K value

YOUTH PLAYERS




40 adult players, generating £118K value

ADULT PLAYERS



436 members of the workforce, generating £2.9M value

WORKFORCE




1,045 community members reached


WIDER COMMUNITY

Source: Moss Bank Junior; Portas Consulting Socio-economic Model





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Overall, our club generates £3.4M in social value every year



Engagement with Moss Bank Junior provides a range of benefits to different individuals


-  **558 youth players**
-  **436 volunteers and paid staff**
-  **40 adult players**
-  **1,045 community programme participants**

This translates to value generated for society

-  **£1.9M** Total economic value
-  **£145K** Total health value
-  **£23K** Total social value
-  **£1.3M** Total wellbeing value

Source: Moss Bank Junior; Portas Consulting Socio-economic Model

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Volunteers see improved wellbeing and sense of community from their club

Volunteering benefits peoples' wellbeing in a variety of ways:

9% higher satisfaction with their lives for volunteers than those who don't volunteer

People who volunteer are **8% happier** than those who don't volunteer

4x higher social trust levels for people who volunteer in sport compared to those who do not volunteer in sport

111K positive social interaction hours are generated by volunteers at our club



8% higher confidence in people that volunteer than those who do not volunteer

Resilience, leadership and communication are employability skills developed by volunteering

People who volunteer are **15% more connected** to their local community than those who do not volunteer



Source: 1. Volunteering: Supporting Transitions, Gaskin, K; Moss Bank Junior; Portas Consulting Socio-economic Model



Our youth players create a combined social and economic value of £409K from health savings, youth spending, and reduced crime rates

£18K saving from **reduction in depression and anxiety** in youth participants

£18K

£290K

£289,782 directly contributed to the economy through youth participant spend

£79K

£79,342 saving from reduction in youth obesity cases

£22K

£22,258 total savings associated with a reduction in juvenile crimes and the number of young people not in education, employment or training



Source: Moss Bank Junior; Portas Consulting Socio-economic Model



Consultation with Users

Moss Bank Foundation actively engages with local residents and volunteers to assess both their immediate needs and long-term aspirations for community initiatives. Regular consultations take place at events, activities, and wellbeing, ensuring we understand the priorities of those we serve.

In January 2023, Moss Bank Foundation conducted the Big Survey, gathering insights into the most pressing issues facing the community. The survey identified key areas of concern, ranked by importance, including:

- Crime & Anti-Social Behaviour (195 respondents)
- Children's Mental Health (194 respondents)
- Activities for Young People (191 respondents)
- Sports Activities (183 respondents)
- Parental Mental Health (174 respondents)
- Education, Positive Parenting, Food Poverty, and Life Skills Development, among others

The community also provided valuable feedback on projects and activities they would like to see implemented locally. The most frequently requested initiatives included:

- Youth Clubs & Structured Activities (Football, youth groups, social programmes)
- Sports Development & Community Engagement (Increased access to football and other sporting opportunities)
- Mental Health & Wellbeing Support (Mindfulness sessions, affordable CBT access)
- Support Groups for Families Facing Hardship (Financial aid, parenting support)
- Crime Prevention & Safer Streets Initiatives (Community safety programmes, stronger police presence)
- Food Banks & Free Meal Services (Expanding food poverty relief efforts)

A total of 99.7% of respondents expressed strong support for these initiatives, confirming the critical role Moss Bank Foundation plays in ensuring accessible and impactful community services.

Volunteers also engage in continuous dialogue, discussing training needs, improvements to their roles, and ways to enhance the volunteering experience. This feedback informs the Training and Development Coordinator, who works to provide opportunities for skill-building and personal growth that benefit both individuals and the wider community.

Moss Bank Foundation – Strategic Development & Community Impact Report

Building the Future of Football, Wellbeing and Opportunity in Bolton

1. Introduction

Moss Bank Foundation continues to evolve as one of the most progressive and community-driven grassroots organisations in the North West. Building on a year of significant growth, expanded partnerships, and increased community engagement, the Foundation is now entering a new phase of strategic development designed to

strengthen facilities, widen participation, enhance wellbeing, and create long-term pathways for young people.

This report outlines the Foundation's forward-looking ambitions, supported by key partners including Whysup, Leasing Options, the Football Foundation, and local education providers. Together, these partnerships are shaping a sustainable, inclusive, and high-impact future for Moss Bank Junior Football Club and the wider Bolton community.

2. Strengthening Partnerships for Social Impact

Whysup – Mental Health & Wellbeing

The Foundation's partnership with Whysup continues to deepen, supporting the club's commitment to mental health awareness, early intervention, and open conversations. This collaboration will expand into:

- Workshops for players, parents, and volunteers
- Mental health signposting and support pathways
- Embedding wellbeing into the club's culture and operations

Leasing Options – Community Investment & Club Development

As whole-club sponsor, Leasing Options remains a key strategic partner. Their support will help drive:

- Social impact initiatives
- Facility improvements
- Media and digital development
- Increased visibility for community programmes

Together, these partnerships strengthen the Foundation's ability to deliver meaningful change across Bolton.

3. Facility Development & Infrastructure Improvements

The Foundation is committed to maintaining and improving its facilities to ensure long-term sustainability and community access.

Drainage Improvements at the Pavilion Site

Plans are in place to install enhanced drainage systems to improve pitch resilience, reduce cancellations, and support year-round usage.

Football Foundation Equipment Expansion

The Foundation will continue to seek additional Football Foundation support for:

- Maintenance machinery
- Training equipment
- Grass-care tools
- Long-term pitch sustainability

Clubhouse & Toilet Refurbishment

A full refurbishment programme is being developed to modernise:

- Clubhouse interior
- Toilet facilities
- Accessibility features
- Community-use spaces

This will create a more welcoming, inclusive environment for families, volunteers, and visiting teams.

Media Team Facility Development

A dedicated Media Team workspace will be created, equipped with:

- New editing computers
- Cameras and microphones
- Lighting and recording equipment
- Software for digital production

This will support the Foundation's growing media programme and youth digital-skills pathways.

4. Expanding Football Pathways & Inclusion

Girls' Football Growth

The Foundation will continue to expand girls' football through:

- New teams
- Female-focused development sessions
- Recruitment of female coaches
- Increased visibility and role models

Appointment of a Disability Lead

To strengthen inclusive provision, the Foundation will look to appoint a Disability Football Lead to develop:

- SEND-friendly sessions
- Inclusive football pathways
- Partnerships with disability organisations

This ensures football is accessible to every child.

5. Youth Development, Education & Pathways

Media, Digital & Creative Pathways

The Foundation will expand its media programme by partnering with:

- Local secondary schools
- Colleges
- Universities

This will create opportunities for young people to learn:

- Filming
- Editing
- Photography
- Social media management
- Commentary and presenting

Referee Development Programme (Age 14+)

Young people aged 14 and above will be offered the opportunity to complete a referee qualification, supporting:

- Referee shortages
- Youth leadership
- Matchday sustainability

Young Coach Development

The Foundation will increase opportunities for young people to gain:

- FA coaching qualifications
- Mentoring from experienced coaches
- Leadership roles within the club

Research into Youth Drop-Off at Age 16

The Foundation will undertake research into why young people drift away from football at 16, exploring:

- Education pressures
- Social factors
- Confidence and wellbeing
- Lack of pathways

This research will inform new retention strategies.

6. Community Support & Hardship Funding

The Foundation will seek additional funding to expand its **Hardship Fund**, ensuring that:

- No child is excluded due to financial barriers
- Families facing hardship receive support
- Football remains accessible and inclusive

This aligns with the Foundation's core values of fairness, opportunity, and community care.

7. Volunteer Growth & Operational Support

To sustain the club's growth, the Foundation will launch a volunteer recruitment drive targeting older age groups to support:

- Pitch maintenance
- Club operations
- Administration
- Matchday support
- Event delivery

This will strengthen the club's long-term sustainability and reduce pressure on existing volunteers.

8. Long-Term Planning & Strategic Alignment

Five-Year Foundation Plan

The Foundation will develop a comprehensive five-year strategic plan focusing on:

- Facility development
- Participation growth
- Community engagement
- Financial sustainability
- Volunteer development
- Digital and media expansion

Longer Lease for Larger Funding Opportunities

Securing a longer-term lease remains a priority, enabling the Foundation to access:

- Larger capital grants
- Facility investment funds
- Long-term development opportunities

Alignment with FA, LFA & Council Strategies

The Foundation will continue to work closely with:

- The FA
- Lancashire FA
- Bolton Council

to support:

- The National Pitch Strategy
- 3G investment planning
- Grassroots facility development

This ensures Moss Bank remains aligned with regional and national priorities.

9. Conclusion

Moss Bank Foundation is entering a transformative period of growth, driven by strong partnerships, community commitment, and a clear vision for the future. From facility improvements and digital innovation to youth pathways and inclusive football, the Foundation is building a sustainable, forward-thinking model that will benefit thousands of young people for years to come.

This strategic direction reflects the Foundation's core belief: Football is more than a game. It is a platform for opportunity, wellbeing, and community impact.

Acknowledgement & Gratitude for Funding & Sponsorship

Moss Bank Foundation extends its sincere gratitude to the Football Foundation, Lancashire Football Association, Inspire Sports for their generous grant funding, which has been instrumental in supporting our projects and improving our facilities. Their contributions enable us to continue delivering high-quality sports and community programmes, ensuring lasting benefits for local residents.

We also wholeheartedly thank our incredible sponsors, whose unwavering support allows us to sustain and grow our grassroots initiatives. Their commitment to the club helps us create safe, engaging spaces for young players and the wider community.

Our Valued Sponsors

- Leasing Options
- Whysup
- Churchill Machine Tools
- Nam Ploy
- Dermalift Silhouette
- Sull Systems
- Wilcox Estate Agents
- Mitchell & Davies
- RopeSource
- Orlando Carpets
- Abstract Flooring
- Adam Lawson Joinery
- Under Pressure Power Washing
- ForwardRole
- SignTech
- Colquit Decorators
- Bolton Roofing & Cladding
- PMJ Capital
- EDU Lettings
- Bright Leaders
- Essential Employment
- SofaBed
- Price & Co
- Chris Ashton Brickwork
- Harrisons Estate Agents
- Jenna Salmon Mortgage
- Locksafe
- RSD Transportation
- Tower Roofing
- RRG Toyota
- 365 Engines
- Kenwood Builders

Thanks to the generosity and long-term commitment of our funders and sponsors, Moss Bank Foundation continues to grow, innovate, and provide life-changing

opportunities for young people. Their support ensures that our community programmes, football pathways, and facility developments remain strong and sustainable. We are sincerely thankful for their belief in what we do, and we look forward to continuing this journey side by side as we create even greater impact for our community.

Trustees' Responsibilities in Relation to Financial Statements

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing an annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable laws and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (UK GAAP). These statements provide a true and fair view of the charity's financial position, income, and expenditure.

In preparing the financial statements, trustees are required to:

- Select appropriate accounting principles and apply them consistently.
- Adhere to Charities SORP methods and principles.
- Make reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates.
- Ensure compliance with applicable accounting standards, disclosing any necessary material departures.
- Prepare financial statements on a going concern basis, unless it is deemed inappropriate.

Trustees are also responsible for maintaining accurate accounting records, safeguarding the charity's assets, and taking reasonable steps to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

By order of the trustees

Andrew Kearney

Chairman

Date: 30th April 2026



Registered Charity Number: 1147347

MOSS BANK FOUNDATION

Statement of net expenditure for the Year Ended

31 May 2025

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MOSS BANK FOUNDATION
Business Information

Charity Name	Moss Bank Foundation
Charity Registration Number	1202367
Principle Office	BELOW 436 CHURCH ROAD BOLTON BL1 5RP
Chair	Andrew Kearney (Appointed 16/03/2023)
Trustees	Craig Edward Hardman (Appointed 16/03/2023) Marcus Howarth (Appointed 16/03/2023)
Bankers	LLOYDS Bank PLC
Accountants	Certax Accounting Bolton Limited Chartered Certified Accountants 268 Deane Road Bolton BL3 5HP

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
MOSS BANK FOUNDATION**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements for Moss Bank Foundation (the charity) for the Period Ended 31 May 2025

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission Under Section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's Report

My Examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An Examination includes a review of the accounting kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

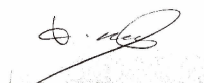
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Yunus Mulla FCCA

Certax Accounting Bolton Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants
268 Deane Road
Bolton
BL3 5HP

Date: 29/04/2026

MOSS BANK FOUNDATION
Profit and Loss Account
for the year ended 31 May 2025

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds	
	2025	2025	2024
	£	£	£
Donations	9,493	9,493	3,000
Fundraising Activities	-	-	382
Members Subscriptions	109,561	109,561	99,687
	<u>119,054</u>	<u>119,054</u>	<u>103,069</u>
Total Incoming Resources	119,054	-	119,054
	<u>119,054</u>	<u>119,054</u>	<u>103,069</u>
Resources Expenses			
Accountancy, legal and other professional fees	500		500
Advertising and PR	604		-
Bank Charges	228		130
Charitable Donations	1,048		
Coaching Fees	1,314		2,010
Consultancy Fees	-		1,301
Depreciation	4,886		-
Equipment Expensed	8,231		8,403
Governance Cost	3,284		3,392
Insurance	287		
Interest - Leases & HP	100		
Kitchen Supplies	3,998		175
League & Cup Fees	1,970		972
Light & Heat	-		20
Motor Expenses	601		
Pitch Fees	3,517		847
Pitch Hire Rent	36,730		35,212
Pitch Maintenance Cost	21,988		19,671
Players & Coaches Kit	18,164		16,332
Presentation Night Expenses	1,551		4,365
Referee Fees	5,165		1,361
Repairs & Maintenance	967		739
Software	-		558
Staff Training & Welfare	695		50
Stationary and Printing	137		
Subscriptions	577		23
Sundry	1,040		3
Telephone & Internet	1,160		846
Travel and Subsistence	438		
Website & Mobile App	507		750
Winter Training Cost	1,715		1,452
	<u>121,402</u>		<u>99,112</u>
Net Income Resources	(2,348)		3,957
	<u>(2,348)</u>		<u>3,957</u>
Fund Balance B/F	4,456		-
Fund Balance C/F	2,108		3,957
	<u>2,108</u>		<u>3,957</u>

MOSS BANK FOUNDATION
Balance Sheet
as at 31 May 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Assets		
Equipment, machinery and vehicles	19,705	-
Bank/building society balances	2,874	4,456
	<u>22,579</u>	<u>4,456</u>
Liabilities		
Other liabilities and accruals	20,970	499
	<u>20,970</u>	<u>499</u>
	<u>1,609</u>	<u>3,957</u>
Net business assets represented by		
Capital account:		
Balance at start of period	3,957	-
Net (loss)/profit	(2,348)	3,957
	<u>1,609</u>	<u>3,957</u>

The Financial Statements were approved by the **Trustees** on 29 April 2026

Mr Craig Edward Hardman
Mr Marcus Howarth

MOSS BANK FOUNDATION
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 May 2025

1 Accounting basis

The accounts have been compiled on a basis that enables profits to be calculated in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice and that provides sufficient and relevant information to enable the completion of a tax return.

Registered Charity Number: 1147347

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Principle Office	BELOW 436 CHURCH ROAD BOLTON BL1 5RP
Chair	Andrew Kearney (Appointed 16/03/2023)
Trustees	Craig Edward Hardman (Appointed 16/03/2023) Marcus Howarth (Appointed 16/03/2023)
Bankers	LLOYDS Bank PLC
Accountants	Certax Accounting Bolton Limited Chartered Certified Accountants 268 Deane Road Bolton BL3 5HP

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
MOSS BANK FOUNDATION**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements for Moss Bank Foundation (the charity) for the Period Ended 31 May 2025

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission Under Section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's Report

My Examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An Examination includes a review of the accounting kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

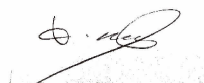
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Yunus Mulla FCCA

Certax Accounting Bolton Limited
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Date: 29/04/2026

MOSS BANK FOUNDATION
Profit and Loss Account
for the year ended 31 May 2025

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds	
	2025	2025	2024
	£	£	£
Donations	9,493	9,493	3,000
Fundraising Activities	-	-	382
Members Subscriptions	109,561	109,561	99,687
	<u>119,054</u>	<u>119,054</u>	<u>103,069</u>
Total Incoming Resources	119,054	-	119,054
	<u>119,054</u>	<u>119,054</u>	<u>119,054</u>
Resources Expenses			
Accountancy, legal and other professional fees	500		500
Advertising and PR	604		-
Bank Charges	228		130
Charitable Donations	1,048		
Coaching Fees	1,314		2,010
Consultancy Fees	-		1,301
Depreciation	4,886		-
Equipment Expensed	8,231		8,403
Governance Cost	3,284		3,392
Insurance	287		
Interest - Leases & HP	100		
Kitchen Supplies	3,998		175
League & Cup Fees	1,970		972
Light & Heat	-		20
Motor Expenses	601		
Pitch Fees	3,517		847
Pitch Hire Rent	36,730		35,212
Pitch Maintenance Cost	21,988		19,671
Players & Coaches Kit	18,164		16,332
Presentation Night Expenses	1,551		4,365
Referee Fees	5,165		1,361
Repairs & Maintenance	967		739
Software	-		558
Staff Training & Welfare	695		50
Stationary and Printing	137		
Subscriptions	577		23
Sundry	1,040		3
Telephone & Internet	1,160		846
Travel and Subsistence	438		
Website & Mobile App	507		750
Winter Training Cost	1,715		1,452
	<u>121,402</u>		<u>99,112</u>
Net Income Resources	(2,348)		3,957
	<u>(2,348)</u>		<u>3,957</u>
Fund Balance B/F	4,456		-
Fund Balance C/F	2,108		3,957
	<u>2,108</u>		<u>3,957</u>

MOSS BANK FOUNDATION
Balance Sheet
as at 31 May 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Assets		
Equipment, machinery and vehicles	19,705	-
Bank/building society balances	2,874	4,456
	<u>22,579</u>	<u>4,456</u>
Liabilities		
Other liabilities and accruals	20,970	499
	<u>20,970</u>	<u>499</u>
	<u>1,609</u>	<u>3,957</u>
Net business assets represented by		
Capital account:		
Balance at start of period	3,957	-
Net (loss)/profit	(2,348)	3,957
	<u>1,609</u>	<u>3,957</u>

The Financial Statements were approved by the **Trustees** on 29 April 2026

Mr Craig Edward Hardman
Mr Marcus Howarth

MOSS BANK FOUNDATION
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 May 2025

1 Accounting basis

The accounts have been compiled on a basis that enables profits to be calculated in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice and that provides sufficient and relevant information to enable the completion of a tax return.

MOSS BANK FOUNDATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1202367

Accounts

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS 2023/24



Report of the Trustees for the Period 16th March 2023 to 30th June 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the period ended **30th June 2024**. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011, and 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).

Reference and Administrative Information

Charitable Incorporated Organisation Name: Moss Bank Foundation

Charitable Incorporated Organisation Number: 1202367

Date Registered: 16th March 2023

Trustees Serving During the Year to 30th June 2024:

- Andrew Kearney (Chair)
- Marcus Howarth (Secretary)
- Craig Hardman (Trustee)

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Bank Name: Lloyds Bank

Sort Code: 30-99-50

Objectives and Activities

Moss Bank Foundation exists to **promote community participation in healthy recreation**, particularly through football and other sports. The Foundation plays a key

role in **providing opportunities for young people up to the age of 25**, offering advice, assistance, and structured programs that foster development and engagement.

The charity's objectives, as outlined by the Charity Commission, include:

1. **Promoting healthy recreation** by offering facilities for football and other sports that encourage well-being and community involvement.
2. **Supporting young people** by organising educational and physical activities aimed at:
 - Developing essential life skills, confidence, and resilience.
 - Providing pathways into employment and further education.
 - Encouraging participation in society as independent and responsible individuals.
3. **Creating inclusive recreational spaces** for disadvantaged groups, ensuring that those affected by financial hardship, disability, or social circumstances can engage in meaningful activities that improve their quality of life.

Moss Bank Foundation aligns these objectives with community needs, ensuring every initiative maximises impact, creates inclusivity, and strengthens grassroots development.

Structure, Governance, and Management

Moss Bank Foundation is a **Charitable Incorporated Organisation** governed by its constitution, registered under the Charity Commission. The Foundation operates under a transparent governance structure, where trustees provide strategic oversight and ensure adherence to ethical and legal responsibilities.

Appointment of Trustees

As outlined in the constitution, trustees are elected annually during the Annual General Meeting. They serve a term of three years and retire by rotation, with the option to stand for re-election.

Trustee Induction and Training

New trustees receive an induction covering governance structures, charity policies, and operational frameworks. Training sessions ensure trustees understand their role in shaping the Foundation's impact and long-term sustainability.

Operational Framework and Community Engagement

Moss Bank Foundation collaborates with local and regional stakeholders to **create inclusive, safe spaces for young people** through football and other structured activities. The Foundation operates through a partnership approach, ensuring shared learning, resource efficiency, and a unified effort in addressing community needs.

Key Partnerships and Collaborations

Moss Bank Foundation works alongside:

- Local schools and educational institutions to provide coaching programs.
- Sports development organisations to improve grassroots football accessibility.
- Mental health and well-being groups to support young people holistically.
- Local businesses and sponsors who contribute to community projects.
- Educational settings to offer learning opportunities via media, media productions, computers, knife crime, themed topic up to date societal awareness sessions.

This partnership model creates **economic sustainability, shared expertise, and a positive impact on disadvantaged groups**, ensuring every initiative contributes to long-term community development.

Achievements from March 2023 to June 2024

During this period, Moss Bank Foundation successfully:

- Secured funding to maintain 12-acre grass facilities and improve the facility.
- Delivered **28 coaching sessions per week**, benefiting over **460 children** in safe and inclusive environments.
- Expanded sponsorship opportunities, including **Naming Rights and shirt sponsorship**, strengthening financial stability.
- Hosted structured CPD sessions to **empower young and female coaches**, reinforcing inclusivity and skill development.
- Celebrated Volunteer and sponsorship appreciation with a recognition night.
- Celebrated young people's achievements with a whole organisation presentation day.

These initiatives directly contribute to the Foundation's mission, creating lasting opportunities for young people and ensuring grassroots football, sport remains accessible to all.

Looking Ahead

Moss Bank Foundation remains committed to **building a sustainable framework for grassroots football multi-sports**, ensuring diversity, inclusivity, and long-term community engagement. Future plans include:

- Further **expansion of coaching programs** to reach underrepresented groups.
- Enhancing **mentorship opportunities** for aspiring coaches.
- Strengthening **fundraising strategies** to support large-scale community projects.
- More opportunities for young people to develop other skills in sports including media, coaching other sports, and other links with supporting organisations.

With continued collaboration, financial support, and dedicated leadership, Moss Bank Foundation will **continue to uplift communities, empower young people, and transform lives through sport**.

VOLUNTEER COACHING CPDS MARCH, MAY, JULY, SEPT, NOVEMBER 2023 – MARCH, MAY 24

Moss Bank Foundation: Empowering Volunteers, Strengthening Community Football

Volunteers are the backbone of grassroots football, and the Moss Bank Foundation is committed to supporting those who dedicate their time and passion to coaching and mentoring young players. Through its comprehensive approach, the foundation ensures that volunteers receive the necessary resources, guidance, and recognition they deserve, all while fostering a safe and inclusive environment for young athletes.

Continuous Professional Development (CPD) in Coaching

The Moss Bank Foundation understands that effective coaching is key to nurturing talent and establishing a love for the game. Volunteer coaches are provided with access to CPD opportunities, equipping them with the latest coaching methodologies, technical skills, and leadership training. Through workshops, mentoring programs, and educational resources, volunteers can enhance their knowledge and refine their coaching abilities, ensuring they provide high-quality guidance to young players.



Creating a Safe and Supportive Environment

Young players thrive in an environment where they feel secure and supported. The foundation places safety at the forefront, ensuring that all volunteer coaches undergo necessary safeguarding measures such as Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks. Additionally, structured coaching frameworks, welfare policies, and access to experienced mentors reinforce a culture of protection, allowing players to develop in a positive and secure atmosphere.

Encouraging Diversity and Inclusion in Coaching

Moss Bank Foundation is committed to widening access to coaching opportunities for individuals from all backgrounds. The foundation actively promotes pathways for female coaches, young aspiring leaders, and those from culturally and ethnically diverse communities, ensuring that everyone has the chance to enhance their learning and participation. By breaking down barriers to entry, the foundation fosters a richer and more inclusive footballing environment where different perspectives and experiences contribute to the development of the game.

Recognising Volunteer Contributions

Acknowledging the dedication of volunteers is central to the foundation's ethos. Coaching is more than delivering training sessions—it's about building confidence, discipline, and teamwork. Moss Bank Foundation ensures that volunteers are valued and celebrated, whether through awards, appreciation events, or community recognition initiatives. Their hard work and commitment play a crucial role in shaping the future of young footballers.

Providing Resources and Support

The foundation actively equips volunteers with the essentials needed to succeed, offering access to coaching kits, mentorship programs, and ongoing CPD opportunities. All volunteer coaches benefit from guidance, safeguarding support, and structured learning pathways designed to help them grow and develop.

Through its unwavering commitment to volunteers and young people, Moss Bank Foundation continues to strengthen grassroots football via Moss Bank Junior Football Club. By supporting those who dedicate their time to coaching, and ensuring inclusivity in all its initiatives, the foundation is not only enhancing the sport but also embracing a sense of belonging and opportunity within the community.



Review 1: The Impact of CPDs on Coaching

Keith – Volunteer Coach

"CPDs have been invaluable in shaping me into a more effective coach at Moss Bank Junior Football Club. The structured courses not only refine my tactical knowledge but also strengthen my understanding of child development, inclusivity, and engagement. Before undertaking CPDs, I focused mainly on drills and techniques, but now, I approach sessions with a deeper understanding of how young players learn and grow.

One of the best aspects of Moss Bank is how CPDs are encouraged to ensure continuous growth among coaches. The club creates an environment where learning never stops, and that directly benefits the children we coach. Every session now feels more impactful, and I feel more confident in my ability to nurture young players beyond just their football skills. CPDs here are more than just training; they're a commitment to giving every child the best experience possible."

Review 2: The Rewarding Journey of Volunteer Coaching

Catherine – Volunteer Coach

“Coaching at Moss Bank Junior Football Club has been one of the most fulfilling experiences of my life. Football is more than just a sport here—it’s a tool for empowerment, personal growth, and community engagement. The club thrives on the energy and dedication of its volunteers, and being a part of this team has been incredibly rewarding.”

Working with young players from diverse backgrounds has shown me the importance of structured coaching in building confidence and resilience. The support from CPDs, fellow coaches, and the wider community ensures that every child feels valued and encouraged. Seeing the kids progress, not just in football but in their overall development, makes every moment worth it. Moss Bank isn’t just a football club—it’s a family, and volunteering here is a chance to make a genuine difference.”

HATCHLINGS AND LITTLE GREEN DRAGONS SESSIONS 2023 FUNDED BY SPORTEd UK (BARCLAYS)

Moss Bank Foundation Secures SportsEd Grant to Boost Young Coaches and Female Coaches

Moss Bank Foundation has received a grant from SportsEd to support 26 sessions marking a significant step in its commitment to developing young and female coaches within grassroots football. The funding is set to enhance coaching for the Little Green Dragons and Hatchlings sessions, which focus on ABC—Agility, Balance, and Coordination—along with the fundamental skills needed to enjoy and grow within the sport.



Empowering Coaches, Strengthening the Community

The SportsEd grant has been instrumental in providing essential resources for coach development. Young coaches and female coaches have been given opportunities to expand their knowledge through structured training, mentorship, and practical coaching experience, ensuring they are equipped with the skills necessary to guide young players in a fun and safe environment.

Investing in Grassroots Football

The funding has helped cover the costs of session hire, new equipment purchases, and the delivery of tailored training workshops, all aimed at improving the quality of early football education. By creating an inclusive coaching network, Moss Bank Foundation continues to break down barriers, making football more accessible and welcoming to diverse coaching talent.



Creating a Positive Environment for Young Players

Through the Little Green Dragons and Hatchlings sessions, young footballers are introduced to the game in an enjoyable, structured way, focusing on movement skills, teamwork, and confidence-building. With well-supported coaches leading the way, every child benefits from quality instruction and encouragement, ensuring they develop both on and off the pitch.

The Moss Bank Foundation remains committed to nurturing coaching talent and creating inclusivity within community football. This grant from SportsEd reinforces its dedication to providing development opportunities that will shape the next generation of football leaders and inspire more young people to embrace the sport.



Parent Testimonials

N, Mother of a 4-Year-Old

"The Little Green Dragons sessions have been an absolute joy for my son. He's always been full of energy, but this has given him a structured and fun way to develop his movement skills. The coaches are amazing—so encouraging and patient. I love that he's learning ABC (Agility, Balance, Coordination) while also making new friends. It's been brilliant to see his confidence grow!"

S, Mother of a 3-Year-Old

"I was a little nervous about my daughter joining a football-based session, but it has been wonderful! The coaches make sure every child feels welcome and included, and she comes home excited to show me the new things she's learned. The fact that female coaches and young mentors are involved really reassures me—it's a great environment for all children to thrive."

A, Father of a 5-Year-Old

"My son has never been this excited for an activity before! Every week, he looks forward to the Dragons sessions. The mix of movement, learning, and fun makes it such an engaging experience for the kids. As a parent, I really appreciate how well-structured and safe the program is. Plus, it's fantastic to see local young coaches being supported through the football club—it's truly a community-driven initiative."

Child Testimonials

D, Age 3

"I like the games! We run really fast, and I get to kick the ball. My coach says I'm really good!"

E, Age 5

"I love football! We play lots of fun games, and my coach helps me learn new tricks. I made lots of friends, and I can run super fast now!"

These testimonials reflect the positive impact of the sessions on both children and parents, reinforcing the Moss Bank Foundation's commitment to reaffirming a fun, inclusive, and safe football environment.

MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION PRESENTATION BY BRIAN McDERMOTT - EX ARSENAL PLAYER, READING AND LEEDS MANGAER



Brian McDermott's Talk on Alcoholism and Mental Health: A Powerful Evening of Awareness and Inclusion

On 9th August 2023, Moss Bank Foundation hosted an important and heartfelt discussion on alcoholism and mental health, led by former Reading FC manager Brian McDermott. This event was designed not only to raise awareness but to have an inclusive space where members of the community—particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds—could engage in meaningful dialogue on addiction and its impact.



A Conversation That Resonated Deeply

McDermott's candid reflection on his struggles with alcoholism and mental health resonated powerfully with the audience, which was made up of adults from some of the most disadvantaged areas in the community. His honesty about the pressures of football management, personal challenges, and the realities of addiction helped break the stigma surrounding these issues.

Attendees listened attentively as he spoke about the importance of seeking help, addressing mental health proactively, and understanding addiction as a societal issue rather than an individual failing. His words sparked deep reflection, reinforcing the need for open conversations about mental well-being.



An Evening of Support and Engagement

To ensure accessibility and inclusivity, Moss Bank Foundation provided food and refreshments for all attendees, creating a welcoming environment for meaningful

discussions. Beyond McDermott’s talk, the evening was an opportunity for the Foundation to reaffirm its mission of including every member of the community—especially parents of younger members who might be facing their own challenges but often lack platforms to voice their concerns.

By hosting themed discussions and openly addressing stigma, Moss Bank Foundation continues to provide safe spaces where people feel heard, supported, and empowered to seek help when needed.

A Lasting Community Impact

The event reinforced the Foundation’s ongoing commitment to tackling difficult topics while ensuring that no member of the community feels alone in their struggles. Through powerful discussions like this, the Foundation continues to build an environment where education, awareness, and compassion drive change.

Brian McDermott’s presentation left a lasting impression on all in attendance, serving as a reminder that recovery is possible and that communities play a vital role in supporting those who are struggling. Moss Bank Foundation remains at the forefront of this mission, ensuring that every individual—regardless of background—has access to knowledge, support, and a network that truly cares.

CHILDREN’S MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK – MARCH 2023

Building Strength from Within: Phenicks Division’s Mental Health Workshop for Children

As part of **Children’s Mental Health Awareness Week**, **Phenicks Division** delivered an inspiring and action-packed session focused on the importance of **physical health, resilience, and mental well-being** for young people. Led by seasoned professionals with an **ex-army background**, the session incorporated elements of military-style training, designed to instil discipline, teamwork, and inner strength—all while ensuring young participants had fun and felt supported in their journey toward better mental health.



Strength of Body, Strength of Mind

Central to the workshop was the message that **physical health and mental strength go hand in hand**. Through dynamic activities structured around **teamwork, respect, and social interaction**, children engaged in exercises that challenged them physically while reinforcing the importance of a **healthy mindset**. Wearing army-style training gear, participants tackled obstacle courses and teamwork drills that highlighted the **importance of resilience, determination, and mutual support**—key values instilled in military training but equally essential in everyday life.



The Power of Communication and Inner Strength

One of the session's key themes was encouraging young people to recognise their **inner strength** and understand that **it's always good to talk**. Through group discussions and interactive challenges, children learned the significance of **expressing emotions, leaning on trusted friends and mentors, and supporting each other in times of difficulty**. The structured but encouraging environment provided the perfect opportunity for them to **build confidence and self-esteem**, reinforcing the idea that **mental health is just as important as physical well-being**.

Fun, Engagement, and Community

Despite the military-style setup, **the session was filled with energy, excitement, and laughter**, ensuring that participants felt comfortable and motivated to take part. **Phenicks Division successfully blended structure with creativity**, ensuring that young people left not only **physically invigorated** but **mentally empowered**. The interactive drills, alongside strong team encouragement, created an environment where children felt **safe, engaged, and included**—values at the heart of Children's Mental Health Awareness Week.

A Lasting Impact

As the session drew to a close, one thing was clear: **Phenicks Division's approach to mental health awareness goes beyond conversation—it's about action, strength, and positive reinforcement**. By integrating **physical activity, teamwork, resilience-**

building, and open communication, the workshop delivered a **powerful message of self-confidence and well-being** that will stay with participants long after the session.

Moss Bank Foundation's drive to **include all members of the community**, including young people and their families, ensures that mental health remains an open discussion rather than a silent struggle. Initiatives like this reinforce the importance of **support networks, strength, and communication**, proving that when **we work together, we grow stronger—both mentally and physically**.



MOSS BANK FOUNDATION LITTLE GREEN DRAGONS CHRISTMAS PARTY – DEC 2023

Little Green Dragons Christmas Party: A Celebration of Joy and Inclusion

The festive season is a time for magic, laughter, and togetherness, and Moss Bank Foundation ensured that no child was left out of the celebrations with its annual **Little Green Dragons Christmas Party**. Held at a local play centre, this event welcomed **over 60 young children aged 3-6 from disadvantaged backgrounds**, giving them a day filled with **fun, play, and holiday spirit—all completely funded by the Foundation**.

An evening of Pure Joy

The energy at the play centre was **enthusiastic**, as children ran, climbed, and played freely in a space designed to bring them happiness. Whether it was sliding down the indoor slide, exploring obstacle courses, or simply making new friends, the event provided a **safe, inclusive environment for children of all backgrounds, races, and religions to come together** and experience the joy of the season.

Food, Fun, and Festive Cheer

No celebration is complete without food, and Moss Bank Foundation ensured that **every child was provided with refreshments and a meal**, making the day even more special. Laughter and excitement filled the air as little ones enjoyed their food while chatting with friends, sharing stories, and embracing the spirit of community.



A Surprise from the Big Man Himself

The highlight of the day came in a **magical moment** when the **big man himself—Father Christmas—made a grand entrance**, accompanied by his trusted **little helper**. The children’s faces lit up with pure delight as Santa greeted them, spreading festive joy and making each child feel **special and included**. The heartfelt interactions brought smiles and warmth to all in attendance, **reinforcing the Foundation’s commitment to ensuring every child experiences the magic of Christmas.**



A Celebration of Community and Giving

At its core, the **Little Green Dragons Christmas Party** embodies Moss Bank Foundation's mission to support and uplift the most vulnerable members of society. By **funding this celebration** and making it **accessible to all**, the Foundation continues to **break barriers, promote inclusivity, and bring communities together** in meaningful ways.

For many of these young children, the party was more than just a fun event—it was **an opportunity to feel valued, included, and surrounded by kindness**. As the evening came to a close, the smiles, laughter, and joyful memories created served as a reminder that **small acts of generosity can make a lasting impact**.

Through initiatives like this, Moss Bank Foundation continues to **spread hope and happiness**, ensuring that every child—regardless of background—gets to experience the magic of Christmas.



Heartfelt Testimonials from Attendees

Yasmin, 34 (Muslim Community Member):

"This event meant so much to the children in our community. It wasn't just about Christmas—it was about creating a space where all families, no matter their background, felt welcome. My faith teaches the value of kindness and generosity, and that was reflected here in abundance. Seeing children play together, laugh, and enjoy

themselves was heartwarming. Moss Bank has truly brought people together, reminding us that joy and inclusion go hand in hand."

Leo, 5 (Child Attendee):

"I loved playing with my friends and seeing Father Christmas! My favourite part was going down the slide and eating all the yummy food. Father Christmas said I was on the nice list, and that made me so happy!"

L, 29 (Parent Attendee):

"It's incredible to see an event like this being made available for children who might otherwise not get to experience something so special. As a parent, it was heartwarming to watch my little one run around, have fun, and be part of something magical. The club's efforts mean a lot to families like mine, and I can't express enough gratitude for the way they support our community."

Moss Bank Foundation Community Day – July 2023



Moss Bank Foundation Community Day Awards: A Celebration of Achievement and Community Spirit

The Moss Bank Foundation Community Day Awards brought together 1,200 attendees for a day of celebration, recognition, and togetherness. This annual event, held to honour the dedication and achievements of young people, volunteers, and community partners, once again showcased the power of grassroots initiatives in creating unity and social impact.



A Day of Celebration and Recognition

Throughout the day, 650 young people came together to celebrate their successes over the past year. Whether they had excelled in football, community service, or personal development, the event provided a platform to recognise their efforts and inspire future growth. The atmosphere was electric as families, friends, and local supporters cheered on the incredible accomplishments of

these young individuals.

Alongside them stood 50 dedicated volunteers who played a crucial role in ensuring the day's success. From manning stalls, serving food in the cafeteria and at the BBQ, to overseeing inflatable castles and activities, their contributions exemplified the spirit of giving back. Their efforts extended beyond the celebrations, as many had been involved in setting up and taking down event resources—an essential behind-the-scenes task that made the event possible.





Community Engagement and Partnerships

A highlight of the event was the presence of various community stalls, each representing a partnership that strengthens Moss Bank Foundation's mission. **Morrisons**, a longstanding supporter of local initiatives, contributed to the day's festivities, reinforcing its commitment to community welfare. **WhysUp**, known for its advocacy around mental health and addiction recovery, engaged attendees with important conversations, offering guidance and support to those in need. **Dad Matters UK**, an organisation focused on supporting fathers in navigating parenthood, provided a welcoming space for discussions on fatherhood, mental well-being, and family life.

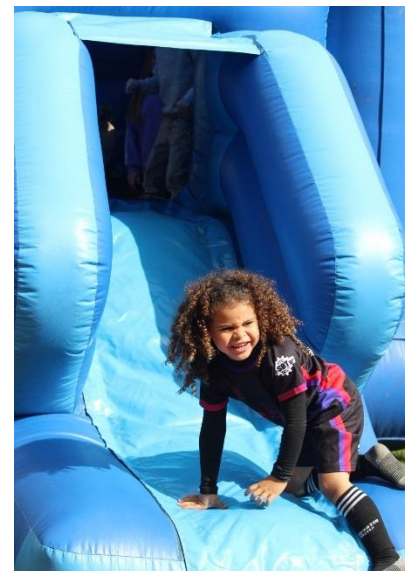


These partnerships exemplify the collective effort required to address societal challenges and build resilient communities. By coming together, organisations, volunteers, and young people demonstrated that real change happens when local stakeholders collaborate to uplift those in need.

A Legacy of Empowerment and Inclusivity

The Moss Bank Foundation Community Day Awards embody the spirit of the Foundation—a commitment to ensuring every individual, regardless of background, has access to opportunities for growth and success. Rooted in the ethos of Moss Bank Junior Football Club, the Foundation continues to champion inclusivity and grassroots empowerment, ensuring that no young person is left behind.

As the event concluded, the echoes of a fun day, shared stories, and well-deserved applause lingered in the air, reinforcing the strength of a community built on shared values and mutual support. Moss Bank Foundation’s legacy continues to grow, proving that when people come together, extraordinary things happen.



ADDICTION PRESENTATION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE – MAY 2023

WhysUp Presentation: Mark and Liam’s Powerful Story of Addiction and Recovery

Addiction remains one of the most pressing issues in today’s society, affecting individuals across all walks of life. To shed light on its impact and raise awareness among young people, **WhysUp** delivered an **interactive and informative** session at Moss Bank Foundation, where **30 young attendees** listened to the moving testimonies of **Mark and Liam**—two individuals who fought and overcame addiction.



A Story of Struggle and Redemption

Mark and Liam are 2 local Bolton lads. Mark and Liam's journey was deeply personal and raw, offering attendees an **unfiltered look** at the devastating grip of addiction. **Liam shared his experience battling drug addiction**, detailing how substance dependence nearly consumed his life, leading to loss, isolation, and a painful road to recovery. **Mark's story focused on gambling addiction**, emphasising the hidden dangers of compulsive betting and how it can spiral into financial and emotional hardship.

Their stories highlighted **the reality of addiction in modern society**, showing how easy it is to fall into destructive habits, often starting with **peer pressure, escapism, or mental health struggles**. Through their testimonies, young people were given a **firsthand account** of how addiction develops and the **long-term consequences** it can bring.

A Growing Concern in the Local Community

Within the local community, addiction remains a **prevalent challenge**, affecting individuals of all ages, particularly young people navigating **difficult social and economic circumstances**. Substance use and gambling addiction can often begin subtly, making early education and intervention crucial. Moss Bank Foundation recognizes the **pressing need** to address these issues and provide **accessible support systems** for those at risk.

Events like this are part of the Foundation's **larger effort to reach out to young people**, ensuring they have the **guidance, education, and resources** to make informed decisions. By encouraging **open discussions** and breaking down **stigma**, the Foundation is helping **young individuals recognise the early warning signs** of addiction while empowering them to seek help when needed.



Breaking the Stigma and Encouraging Open Conversations

One of the key messages of the presentation was the **importance of removing stigma** around addiction. Mark and Liam emphasised that **addiction is not a choice or a failure—it is an illness that requires understanding, support, and structured recovery efforts.**

Attendees were encouraged to **ask questions, engage in conversation, and reflect on their own perspectives on addiction**, making the session **highly interactive and relatable.** The open and honest dialogue reinforced the **importance of speaking up, seeking help, and supporting those who might be struggling.**

A Lasting Impact

This WhysUp presentation was **more than just a discussion—it was an eye-opening experience** that will stay with attendees long after the session. Moss Bank Foundation’s commitment to **tackling difficult social topics** ensures that young people in the community are equipped with the **knowledge, support, and resources** to navigate the challenges they may face.

By **breaking down stigma, providing education, and promoting open conversations**, events like this continue to create lasting change, empowering young people to **make informed decisions and support each other** in building healthier futures.



Testimonials from Young People Who Attended the WhysUp Presentation

Charlotte, 14 – "Eye-Opening and Inspiring"

"Listening to Mark and Liam's stories really opened my eyes to the realities of addiction. I knew addiction was serious, but hearing firsthand about how it can take over someone's life made me think differently. What stood out to me was their honesty—there was no sugarcoating, just raw truth. It made me appreciate how important it is to make good choices and surround yourself with people who support you. I left feeling more aware and grateful for the conversation we had."

Jake, 15 – "A Powerful Lesson About Gambling Addiction"

"I never thought much about gambling addiction before Marks talk, but now I realise it can be just as harmful as drug addiction. Hearing about how quickly it can take hold—losing money, lying to family, struggling with mental health—it really made an impact on me. It was powerful to see how both Mark and Liam had turned their lives around, but also scary to think about how easy it is to get caught up in it. This presentation made me think twice about how I see gambling and how important it is to talk about these things."

K, 16 – "I Need Help, and This Made Me Feel Less Alone"

"For a long time, I've felt like I was struggling with things that I couldn't talk about—pressures, stress, and just feeling lost sometimes. When Mark and Liam talked about hitting rock bottom but eventually finding a way out, I saw pieces of my own situation in their stories. Their words made me realise I need to reach out for support instead of

trying to handle everything alone. After the presentation, I spoke to someone from Moss Bank Junior Football Club, and they helped me take the first step toward getting help. Knowing that others have fought through tough times and come out stronger gives me hope."

These testimonials reflect the deep impact the WhysUp presentation had on young attendees, showing how important open conversations about addiction and mental health truly are.

Football Foundation Funding for Pitch & Multi-Sport Facility Maintenance at Moss Bank Foundation August 2023

Introduction

Moss Bank Foundation secured vital funding from the **Football Foundation** to enhance the quality and sustainability of its **football pitches and multi-sport facilities**. This investment contributed to **long-term maintenance**, improving playing conditions, and ensuring that surfaces remain safe and suitable for **football and other sports**. The funding supported a **comprehensive renovation process**, including top dressing, overseeding, vertidrainage, pitch repairs, and restoration of bare patches across all playing areas.

Scope of Pitch & Multi-Sport Facility Maintenance Works

1. Top Dressing with 150 Tonnes of Sand

This improved surface quality and drainage, **150 tonnes of sand** was applied across all playing surfaces. This process:

- Enhanced **soil structure** for better water absorption and drainage.
- Promoted **grass growth** and stabilisation across football, and other sporting areas.
- Improved **playing surface durability**, reducing waterlogging and compaction issues that affect multi-sport activities.

2. Overseeding the Entire Area

Overseeding was carried out across **all pitches and multi-sport areas** to strengthen turf density and ensure even coverage. This helped to:

- Improve **grass quality** and reduce patchy areas affecting different sports.

- Enhanced **surface resilience**, accommodating various sporting disciplines such as football, rounders, and athletics.
- Provided a **uniform playing surface**, minimising uneven grass coverage and improving usability for multiple sports.

3. Vertidrainage the Whole Area

A full **vertidrainage process** was completed to **aerate the pitches and multi-sport surfaces**, addressing underlying compaction issues. Benefits included:

- Improved **root development** for stronger grass growth across sports fields.
- Reduced **surface hardness**, making the grounds safer for football, rounders, and other outdoor sports.
- Increased **drainage efficiency**, preventing water retention and enhancing playability across all sporting areas.

4. Pitch Repairs & Restoration of Bare Patch Areas

Targeted **pitch repairs** addressed worn-out areas across **football and multi-sport fields**, ensuring surfaces remain **safe and consistent**. This included:

- Application of **50 tonnes of soil sports mix** to restore bare patches across different sporting areas.
- Levelling **uneven playing surfaces** to meet optimal standards for multi-sport use.
- Re-establishing **grass coverage** for long-term facility sustainability, benefiting football, rugby, cricket, and other activities.

Impact on the Community & Grassroots Sports

The **Football Foundation's funding** plays a pivotal role in ensuring that Moss Bank Foundation's facilities remain **accessible, safe, and high-quality** for **players of all sports**. These improvements will:

- Support **community football programmes, rounders, multi-sports days and school sports days sessions**.
- Reduce **match cancellations** due to poor surface conditions across multiple sports.
- Provide a **better training environment** for young athletes and grassroots teams in football, multi sports, and more.
- Encourage **sustained growth** in participation across age groups, ensuring multi-sport engagement for all abilities.

Conclusion

The funding secured from the **Football Foundation** for **pitch and multi-sport facility maintenance** significantly enhanced playing conditions at Moss Bank Foundation. Through **top dressing, overseeding, vertidraining, and targeted repairs**, the grounds will meet **higher standards of durability, safety, and performance** across various sporting disciplines. This investment not only benefits football teams but also **supports the long-term sustainability of multi-sport participation** within the community.



Report on the Moss Bank Foundation Schools Event – July 2023

Introduction

In July 2023, Moss Bank Foundation hosted a **multi-sport event** for local schools, bringing together children from across the community for a day of **inclusive and engaging activities**. The event featured **5x5 football games**, alongside other sporting challenges such as the **sack race, obstacle race, and sprints**, creating an exciting atmosphere that encouraged teamwork, friendly competition, and physical activity.

As part of its commitment to **supporting grassroots sports**, Moss Bank Foundation also **donated a full football kit** to a local school, ensuring young players have the resources they need to continue their sporting journey.

Event Overview

5x5 Football Tournament

The **5x5 football games** provided a dynamic and fast-paced format that allowed students to **develop their skills, teamwork, and decision-making** in a more intimate playing environment. Small-sided games encouraged greater participation, ensuring every child had the opportunity to **actively engage** throughout the event.

Key outcomes from the football tournament:

- Enhanced **communication and teamwork** among players.
- Increased **engagement**, allowing more students to experience competitive football in a supportive environment.
- Provided an opportunity for **children of varying skill levels** to take part in structured matches.



Multi-Sport Activities

To **diversify participation** and ensure accessibility for all students, the event incorporated **classic school sports**, including:

- **Sack Race** – Encouraged balance, coordination, and laughter in a fun and engaging challenge.

- **Obstacle Race** – Tested agility and endurance while promoting problem-solving and perseverance.
- **Sprint Races** – Allowed students to showcase speed, determination, and competitive spirit.

These activities ensured **every participant had a role to play**, regardless of their primary sporting interest.

Community Support & Football Kit Donation

As part of Moss Bank Foundation’s dedication to **grassroots sports development**, the organisation generously **purchased and donated a football kit to a local school**, reinforcing the belief that **every child deserves the opportunity to take part in organised sport**.

This contribution:

- **Strengthened local school football programmes**, ensuring children have proper attire for training and matches.
- Demonstrated Moss Bank Foundation’s **commitment to youth development** beyond organised events.
- Provided **long-term support**, helping the recipient school maintain its football activities.



Impact & Success of the Event

The **July 2023 schools event** successfully:

- Engaged **students from multiple local schools**, engaging community spirit through sport.
- Promoted **physical activity, teamwork, and inclusivity** across different sports.
- Created an environment where children felt **encouraged, supported, and inspired** to continue playing sports.
- Strengthened Moss Bank Foundation’s **relationship with local schools**, reinforcing its commitment to **grassroots development**.



Conclusion

The **multi-sport event** provided an **exciting, memorable, and impactful experience** for all participating students, demonstrating the **power of sport in bringing communities together**. The donation of a **football kit** further emphasised Moss Bank Foundation's ongoing **support for local schools**, ensuring lasting benefits beyond the event.

Moving forward, Moss Bank Foundation aims to **continue expanding these initiatives**, further strengthening **grassroots football and multi-sport participation across the region**.

Report on Moss Bank Foundation's 3x3 Tournament – September 2023

Introduction

In **September 2023**, Moss Bank Foundation hosted an **exciting 3x3 football tournament**, made possible through a **charity grant from the High Sheriff Trust**. This funding enabled the foundation to acquire **new inflatable pitches**, designed to enhance the experience for players and provide **safe, inclusive sporting opportunities for all abilities**.

The event was a **celebration of community spirit**, bringing together participants from across the region for a day of **football, fun, and friendly competition**.

New Inflatable Pitches & Their Impact

Thanks to the **charity grant from the High Sheriff Trust**, Moss Bank Foundation introduced **inflatable pitches**, offering a dynamic and engaging playing environment. These pitches:

- **Provided a unique small-sided football experience**, increasing enjoyment and participation.
- **Encouraged inclusivity**, ensuring players of all abilities could take part.

- **Created a safe space for young athletes**, reducing injury risks and enhancing accessibility.

The introduction of these inflatable pitches marked a **significant development**, strengthening grassroots sport opportunities and supporting long-term community engagement.



Tournament Overview & Community Engagement

The **3x3 format** ensured **high-energy matches**, allowing players to develop **quick decision-making, teamwork, and technical skills** in a fast-moving environment. The tournament featured **participants of all abilities**, reinforcing Moss Bank Foundation's commitment to **inclusive sports development**.

Beyond football, the event served as a **community-building experience**, establishing connections between players, families, and local supporters. The atmosphere was **positive, supportive, and celebratory**, strengthening relationships within the local football network.

Key Outcomes & Successes

The **September 2023 3x3 Tournament** successfully:

- Showcased **new inflatable pitches**, demonstrating their value for future events.
- Ensured **every ability was represented**, promoting fairness and inclusivity.
- Strengthened **community cohesion** by bringing together players, families, and volunteers.
- Highlighted the **importance of charitable grants**, enabling **innovative sporting experiences**.



Conclusion

The **charity grant from the High Sheriff Trust** enabled Moss Bank Foundation to **introduce new facilities**, enhance player engagement, and create a **lasting impact on grassroots sport**. The **3x3 tournament** proved to be a **resounding success**, setting a strong precedent for future inclusive events.

Moss Bank Foundation remains committed to **expanding opportunities for grassroots football and multi-sport participation**, ensuring that every child, regardless of ability, can access the **positive benefits of sport**.

Impact Report: The Social & Economic Value of Moss Bank Junior Football Club

Moss Bank Junior Football Club plays a pivotal role in the **social and economic development** of the local community. As a well-established grassroots club, it provides **structured football programmes**, promotes **inclusivity**, and drives **positive engagement**, benefiting young players, families, and the wider community.

A 2023 **impact report**, completed by the **Football Association and Portas Consulting**, has quantified the club's contribution, revealing a **total annual social and economic value of £2.4 million**. This includes **£1.9 million in economic value**, **£145,000 in total**

health benefits, £23,000 in social impact, and £1.3 million in overall well-being value.

Social Value

1. Youth Development & Inclusivity

Moss Bank Junior Football Club offers **accessible football opportunities** for children of all abilities, giving **confidence, teamwork, and discipline**. The club encourages young players to **develop life skills**, promoting values such as **respect, resilience, and leadership** that extend beyond the pitch.

2. Community Cohesion & Well-Being

Football has the power to **bring communities together**, and Moss Bank Junior Football Club with Moss Bank Foundation serves as a **safe space** for young people to engage in **positive social interactions**. Through organised training sessions, matchdays, and events, the club contributes to **mental well-being**, reducing social isolation and providing a **structured environment for personal growth**.

The report highlights the club's **significant impact on community well-being**, estimating its contribution at **£1.3 million annually**.

3. Volunteer & Coaching Opportunities

Moss Bank Foundation as Moss Bank Junior Football Club thrives on **volunteer-led initiatives**, allowing parents, coaches, and local supporters to play an active role in **mentoring young players**. The club offers **CPD opportunities**, enabling volunteers to gain coaching qualifications, **enhancing grassroots football expertise**.

The **social value generated by Moss Bank Foundation is quantified at £23,000 per year**, reflecting the direct impact of **community engagement and participation**.

Economic Value

1. Local Employment & Business Support

The club's operations create **economic opportunities**, supporting **local suppliers, sponsors, and service providers**. From kit suppliers to pitch maintenance teams, Moss Bank Foundation as Moss Bank Junior Football Club contributes to **local employment**, reinforcing economic sustainability within the community.

The report confirms the club's total **economic contribution is £1.9 million annually**, demonstrating the financial impact of grassroots football and associated services.

2. Reducing Social Costs Through Sport

Investing in grassroots football and multi sports **lowers social costs** associated with youth disengagement, crime prevention, and health intervention. By **providing structured activities**, Moss Bank Foundation with Moss Bank Junior Football Club helps steer young people towards **positive pathways**, reducing strain on public services.

The foundation generates **£145,000 per year in health-related benefits**, reinforcing the importance of **physical activity in community well-being**.

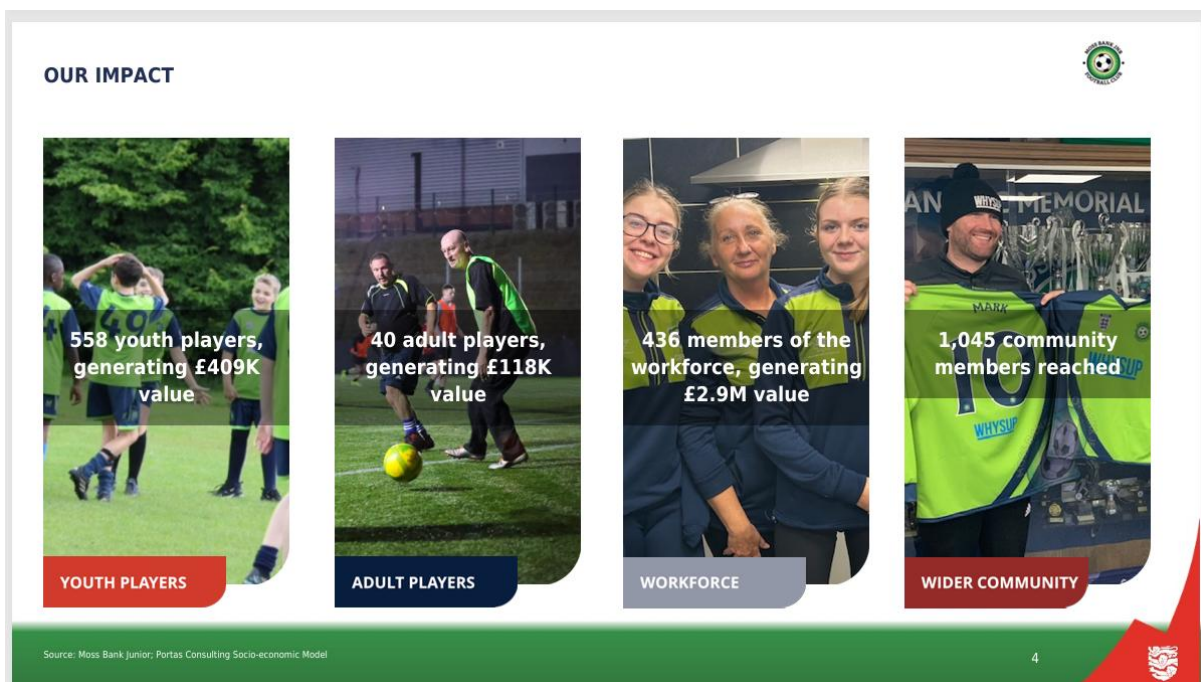
3. Sponsorship & Funding Growth

Moss Bank Foundation attracts **sponsorships and grants**, driving **financial investment into grassroots sport**. The club's partnerships with businesses and organisations **strengthen local networks**, ensuring long-term sustainability and increased community investment.

Conclusion

Moss Bank Foundation/TA Moss Bank Junior Football Club **positively impacts the community**, embedding **youth development, social inclusion, and economic growth**. The independent assessment by the **Football Association and Portas Consulting** confirms the club's **total annual impact of £3.4 million**, showcasing its importance in **local sport, well-being, and economic development**.

Through **structured football, multi-sports programmes, volunteering, and local business engagement**, the foundation continues to be a **key driver of positive change**, shaping futures both on and off the pitch.



Overall, our club generates £3.4M in social value every year



558 youth players

Engagement with Moss Bank Junior provides a range of benefits to different individuals

This translates to value generated for society



436 volunteers and paid staff

177K Hours of social interaction



£1.9M Total economic value



40 adult players

£68K Player wellbeing value



£145K Total health value



1,045 community programme participants

£1.6M Value generated from club volunteering hours



£23K Total social value



£1.3M Total wellbeing value

Source: Moss Bank Junior; Portas Consulting Socio-economic Model

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WORKFORCE

Volunteers see improved wellbeing and sense of community from their club



Volunteering benefits peoples' wellbeing in a variety of ways:

9% higher satisfaction with their lives for volunteers than those who don't volunteer

People who volunteer are 8% happier than those who don't volunteer

4x higher social trust levels for people who volunteer in sport compared to those who do not volunteer in sport

111K positive social interaction hours are generated by volunteers at our club

8% higher confidence in people that volunteer than those who do not volunteer

Resilience, leadership and communication¹ are employability skills developed by volunteering

People who volunteer are 15% more connected to their local community than those who do not volunteer



Source: 1. Volunteering: Supporting Transitions, Gaskin, K; Moss Bank Junior; Portas Consulting Socio-economic Model

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YOUTH PLAYERS

Our youth players create a combined social and economic value of **£409K** from health savings, youth spending, and reduced crime rates



Consultation with Users

Moss Bank Foundation actively engages with **local residents and volunteers** to assess both their **immediate needs** and long-term aspirations for community initiatives. Regular consultations take place at **events, activities, and wellbeing**, ensuring we understand the priorities of those we serve.

In **January 2024**, Moss Bank Foundation conducted the **Big Survey**, gathering insights into the **most pressing issues facing the community**. The survey identified **key areas of concern**, ranked by importance, including:

- **Crime & Anti-Social Behaviour** (195 respondents)
- **Children's Mental Health** (194 respondents)
- **Activities for Young People** (191 respondents)
- **Sports Activities** (183 respondents)
- **Parental Mental Health** (174 respondents)
- **Education, Positive Parenting, Food Poverty, and Life Skills Development**, among others

The community also provided **valuable feedback** on projects and activities they would like to see implemented locally. The most frequently requested initiatives included:

- **Youth Clubs & Structured Activities** (Football, youth groups, social programmes)
- **Sports Development & Community Engagement** (Increased access to football and other sporting opportunities)

- **Mental Health & Wellbeing Support** (Mindfulness sessions, affordable CBT access)
- **Support Groups for Families Facing Hardship** (Financial aid, parenting support)
- **Crime Prevention & Safer Streets Initiatives** (Community safety programmes, stronger police presence)
- **Food Banks & Free Meal Services** (Expanding food poverty relief efforts)

A total of **99.7% of respondents expressed strong support** for these initiatives, confirming the **critical role** Moss Bank Foundation plays in ensuring **accessible and impactful community services**.

Volunteers also engage in **continuous dialogue**, discussing **training needs, improvements to their roles**, and ways to **enhance the volunteering experience**. This feedback informs the **Training and Development Coordinator**, who works to provide **opportunities for skill-building and personal growth** that benefit both individuals and the wider community.

Coming Soon

In 2025, while continuing to deliver **core programmes** such as **Hatchlings/Dragons sessions, Volunteer recognition, Community celebrations, tournaments**, and pop-up events throughout the year, plans are underway to **introduce a media set up with young people involving themselves at grassroots level**.

A key initiative in development and using **sports journalism as a learning tool**, the programme engages children in **reading, writing, and editing, computer editing skills, interviewing** giving them a hands-on experience inside the **dynamic world of sports reporting, filming, production**.

Additionally, we are to resurface a MUGA surface at a local school in partnership to a 3G surface at a 7x7 size which will support the school, local community and Moss Bank Foundation/Moss Bank Junior Football Club. Fundraising for the project is underway as we hope to raise £40,000. We hope to have this up and running for September 2025.

Acknowledgement & Gratitude for Funding & Sponsorship

Moss Bank Foundation extends its **sincere gratitude** to the **Football Foundation, SportsEd, and the High Sheriff Trust** for their **generous grant funding**, which has been instrumental in supporting our projects and improving our facilities. Their contributions enable us to continue delivering **high-quality sports and community programmes**, ensuring lasting benefits for local residents.

We also **wholeheartedly thank** our incredible **sponsors**, whose unwavering support allows us to **sustain and grow our grassroots initiatives**. Their commitment to the

club helps us **create safe, engaging spaces** for young players and the wider community.

Our Valued Sponsors

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- Abstract Flooring
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- H&S Electrical
- DBT Build
- Under Pressure Power Washing
- ForwardRole
- DMS Digital
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- SignTech
- Colquit Decorators
- Bolton Roofing & Cladding
- PMJ Capital
- EDU Lettings
- Bright Leaders
- Essential Employment
- Bed Centre
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- Pennant Ltd
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- Jenna Salmon Mortgage
- Locksafe
- RSD Transportation
- Tower Roofing
- RRG Toyota
- 365 Engines
- Kenwood Builders

Together, with the backing of **our funders and sponsors**, Moss Bank Foundation continues to **drive positive change**, ensuring that **grassroots football and community projects** remain accessible, inclusive, and impactful.

We truly appreciate the **ongoing commitment and belief in our vision**, and we look forward to achieving even greater successes together.

Trustees' Responsibilities in Relation to Financial Statements

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing an **annual report and financial statements** in accordance with **applicable laws** and **United Kingdom Accounting Standards (UK GAAP)**. These statements provide a **true and fair view** of the charity's **financial position, income, and expenditure**.

In preparing the financial statements, trustees are required to:

- **Select appropriate accounting principles** and apply them consistently.
- **Adhere to Charities SORP** methods and principles.
- **Make reasonable and prudent judgements** and estimates.
- **Ensure compliance with applicable accounting standards**, disclosing any necessary material departures.
- **Prepare financial statements on a going concern basis**, unless it is deemed inappropriate.

Trustees are also responsible for maintaining **accurate accounting records**, safeguarding the charity's assets, and taking reasonable steps to **prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities**.

By order of the trustees

Andrew Kearney

Chairman

Date: 29th April 2024



Registered Charity Number: 1147347

MOSS BANK FOUNDATION

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Chair	Andrew Kearney (Appointed 16/03/2023)
Trustees	Craig Edward Hardman (Appointed 16/03/2023) Marcus Howarth (Appointed 16/03/2023)
Bankers	LLOYDS Bank PLC
Accountants	Certax Accounting Bolton Limited Chartered Certified Accountants 268 Deane Road Bolton BL3 5HP

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
MOSS BANK FOUNDATION**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements for Moss Bank Foundation (the charity) for the Period Ended 31 May 2024

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission Under Section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's Report

My Examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An Examination includes a review of the accounting kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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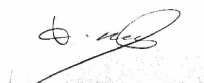
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Yunus Mulla FCCA

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Date: 24/04/2025

MOSS BANK FOUNDATION
Profit and Loss Account
for the period from 15 May 2023 to 31 May 2024

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	2023 £
Sales	-	-	-
Donations	3,000	3,000	-
Fundraising Activities	382	382	-
Members Subscriptions	99,687	99,687	-
Other business income	-	-	-
	103,069	103,069	-
Total Incoming Resources	103,069	103,069	-
Resources Expenses			
Accountancy, legal and other professional fees	500		-
Bank Charges	130		-
Coaching Fees	2,010		-
Consultancy Fees	1,301		-
Equipment Expensed	8,403		-
Governance Cost	3,392		-
Kitchen Supplies	175		-
League & Cup Fees	972		-
Light & Heat	20		-
Pitch Fees	847		-
Pitch Hire Rent	35,212		-
Pitch Maintenance Cost	19,671		-
Players & Coaches Kit	16,332		-
Presentation Night Expenses	4,365		-
Referee Fees	1,361		-
Repairs & Maintenance	739		-
Software	558		-
Staff Training & Welfare	50		-
Subscriptions	23		-
Sundry	3		-
Telephone & Internet	846		-
Website & Mobile App	750		-
Winter Training Cost	1,452		-
	99,112		-
Net Income Resources	3,957		-
Fund Balance B/F	-		-
Fund Balance C/F	3,957		-

MOSS BANK FOUNDATION
Balance Sheet
as at 31 May 2024

	2,024 £	2,023 £
Assets		
Bank/building society balances	4,456	-
	<u>4,456</u>	<u>-</u>
Liabilities		
Other liabilities and accruals	499	-
	<u>499</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>3,957</u>	<u>-</u>
Net business assets represented by		
Capital account:		
Net profit	3,957	-
	<u>3,957</u>	<u>-</u>

The Financial Statements were approved by the **Trustees** on 24 April 2024

Mr Craig Edward Hardman
Mr Marcus Howarth

Registered Charity Number: 1147347

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Pitch Hire Rent	35,212		-
Pitch Maintenance Cost	19,671		-
Players & Coaches Kit	16,332		-
Presentation Night Expenses	4,365		-
Referee Fees	1,361		-
Repairs & Maintenance	739		-
Software	558		-
Staff Training & Welfare	50		-
Subscriptions	23		-
Sundry	3		-
Telephone & Internet	846		-
Website & Mobile App	750		-
Winter Training Cost	1,452		-
	<u>99,112</u>		<u>-</u>
Net Income Resources	3,957		-
Fund Balance B/F	-		-
Fund Balance C/F	3,957		-

MOSS BANK FOUNDATION
Balance Sheet
as at 31 May 2024

	2,024 £	2,023 £
Assets		
Bank/building society balances	4,456	-
	<u>4,456</u>	<u>-</u>
Liabilities		
Other liabilities and accruals	499	-
	<u>499</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>3,957</u>	<u>-</u>
Net business assets represented by		
Capital account:		
Net profit	3,957	-
	<u>3,957</u>	<u>-</u>

The Financial Statements were approved by the **Trustees** on 24 April 2024

Mr Craig Edward Hardman
Mr Marcus Howarth