



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st April 2024 To 31st March 2025

Charity name: Horden Community Welfare Football Club

Charity registration number: 1202870

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	The promotion of community participation in healthy recreation by providing facilities for the playing of Association Football and other sports and activities capable of improving physical fitness, health, and well-being for the benefit of children, young people, and adults within the community of Horden, County Durham, and its surrounding areas.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	<p>In planning activities for the year we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustee and committee meetings.</p> <p>Main activities during 2024/25 include the roll-out and implementation of the charities 10-year Development Plan and the new Junior Section Development plan:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) PRIORITY 3: To promote the community football club within Horden to engage children, young people, girls, boys, adults, ladies, and men to participate in physical sport and activities in particular football.<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Creation and development of a Junior Academy and its infrastructureb. Introduce Ladies Football within our communityc. Introduce a development team (pathway from youth into adult) <p>The Junior section continues to grow and develop, and during this period we created additional junior teams including a girl's section. By recruiting additional volunteer coaches and volunteer sessional support workers we have been able to keep pace with demand for our services from within our community.</p> <p>The activities we offer and provide benefit disadvantaged school aged children, young people, and adults by developing self-confidence, social skills, self-discipline, work ethic; improving their fitness, physical health, mental health and general well-being through engagement and participation in football training and coaching sessions in a safe and secure environment. We endeavour to improve the performance of all participants including all participants including volunteer coaches and volunteer sessional support workers within the football club and Junior Academy through coaching, training, and mentoring.</p>

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	<p>We kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit:</p> <p>The football club, Junior Academy and charity welcomes all people without distinction of age, sex, gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, political, religion, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship, poverty, or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interest of social welfare and with the object of improving their conditions of life.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policy on grant making	Not applicable
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Not applicable
Contribution made by volunteers	We are extremely grateful to all trustees, committee members, volunteer coaches, volunteer sessional support workers and match-day volunteers who have given up so much of their spare time to ensure the grassroots community-based football club, junior section and charity continues to grow, develop and remain sustainable for future.
Other	Not applicable

Achievements and Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	<p>The football club and its charity continue to grow and develop.</p> <p>Over the last year, the charity has seen an increase in the number of disadvantaged children, young people and adults participating in weekly football training, coaching and physical exercise activities and sessions.</p> <p>The charity obtained direct grant funding of £24,469 during the financial year from local, regional, and national organisations and charities to support the work we do within the community.</p> <p>Charity fundraising events include match-day raffles, football cards, monthly draws, Easter and Christmas raffles, sky diving fund raiser, social fund-raising events, presentation events and through provision of food and refreshment hospitality on match-days etc.</p> <p>The charities income and expenditure reinforce its commitment in providing its community with improved facilities and resources; increasing community engagement through football training and coaching provision; and to support disadvantaged school aged children and young people to enable them to reach their potential.</p> <p>The charity firmly believes it provides school aged children and young people with a sense of community, something they want to belong to, to aspire, to achieve, to be part of a team,</p>
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	<p>to take pride in what they do when they represent their local community.</p> <p>The charity provides all the Junior Academy school aged children with a free season ticket to gain access to the men's and women's home fixtures throughout the football season.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	<p>Within the Charities 10 Year Development Plan: Priority 3: To promote the community football club within Horden to engage children, young people, girls, boys, adults, ladies, and men to participate in physical sport and activities in particular football.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Creation and development of a Junior Academy and its infrastructure – Junior Academy officially opened on 5 July 2022. Introduced Ladies football within our community in September 2022. A girl's section was created in September 2024 within the Junior Academy set-up, creating a pathway for school aged girls to develop. The Junior Academy membership and participation rates increased to 111 school aged children with a further 15-20 mini-dribblers participating on an ad-hoc basis. The number of volunteer FA Level 1 coaches and volunteer sessional support workers increased to over 31. The number of Junior Academy teams increased to 9 teams by end of March 2025.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	<p>Over the last financial year the community football club [charity] received £24,469 through direct grant funding awards.</p> <p>Through fund-raising initiatives and charitable activities the charity raised a further £53,389 to support its work within its community.</p> <p>Several local businesses have provided funding and sponsorship for the men's, women's, and Junior Academy teams for the purchase of football strips, and weatherproof training tops and jackets</p> <p>The grant funding and internal fund-raising initiatives enabled the charity to purchase a whole range of football and sports equipment to support the activities of the charity.</p> <p>The charity introduced additional football training and coaching sessions for the disadvantaged school children. The Junior Academy teams were able to train for 48 weeks of the year utilising outdoor grass training fields, in-doors sports facilities and 3G football pitches.</p> <p>Through grant funding the charity hired UEFA C licence qualified coaches to deliver bespoke coaching sessions to individual teams and the school aged children throughout the year, and providing mentoring to the volunteer FA Level 1 coaches and volunteer sessional support workers.</p> <p>The cost-of-living crisis continues to provide a challenge and is having a massive impact on the charity with £16,217 being</p>

	spent on core operational running costs e.g. utility costs, annual ground rent, and venue hire for the grass field, use of in-door sports facilities and the outdoor 3G pitches
Investment performance against objectives	Not applicable
Other	Not applicable

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	<p>The charity finished the financial year with a reasonable financial position and with no significant liabilities. The cash flow for this year indicates a net inflow of £2,225. With cash at bank of £6,035 and cash in hand of £1,659.</p> <p>The cost-of-living crisis is having an impact on expenditure with the charitable activity costs and overheads increasing to £56,366.</p> <p>During these very challenging times, the charity kept the Junior Academy monthly subscription fees to £5 per child per month, enabling disadvantaged school aged children to continue having access to football training and coaching sessions throughout the year. However, the charity recognises the monthly subscription fees will increase during the next financial year to ensure the charity remains sustainable for the future.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	<p>Cash reserves should be raised to a minimum of £6,000 to ensure the charity is sustainable and to cover core operational running costs and day-to-day expenditure.</p> <p>All planned expenditure including the roll-out of 10-year Development Plan and the Junior Academy Development Plan need to take into consideration any cash reserves, ensuring cash reserves do not fall below the £6,000 threshold.</p> <p>All new project initiatives to be planned well in advance, and not undertaken until funds are secured and firmly in place.</p>
Amount of reserves held	£7,694
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Not applicable

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	The charity relies on the goodwill of its community including community and voluntary sector organisations, charitable organisations, securing grant awards and through internal fund-raising initiatives including: advertising space on walls &
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	fencing, membership subscription fees. Income from food, refreshments, gate receipts and general donations.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Not applicable
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	The continued impact of the cost-of-living crisis. Any significant increase in the core operational running costs e.g. annual ground rent, utility costs, training facility venue hire costs etc would have a significant impact of the work we do within our community. This may result in a decrease in service provision and reduction in access to facilities and resources for the disadvantaged school aged children and young people within our community.
Other	Not applicable

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:	
Type of governing document	Foundation Constitution
How is the charity constituted?	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. 2. In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO. 3. The charity trustees will make available to each new charity trustee, on or before his or her first appointment: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) a copy of the current version of this constitution; and b) a copy of the CIO's latest Trustees' Annual Report and statement of accounts.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Review of policy and procedure for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Induction process – welcome pack for Trustees and Committee members • Training programme for all new trustees (developing & supporting Trustees i.e. skills & knowledge to enhance organisational / charity impact)
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	The charity's organisational structure consists of a 2-tier structure: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) CIO Trustees (charitable decision making & delegation where necessary) 2) Football Club Committee (informal or associate / non-voting membership) responsible for the day-to-day running and functionality of the club and Junior Academy including supporting Trustees with Development Planning & strategy, resource provision, financial management etc

Relationship with any related parties	The charity works in partnership with Horden Parish Council and Horden Recreation Ground Trust [520826], and local, regional, and national organisations to improve the facilities and resources available to the charity, through co-operation, partnership working in the pursuit of the football clubs' charitable objectives.
Other	Not applicable

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Horden Community Welfare Football Club
Other name the charity uses	Horden Community Welfare FC and Junior Academy
Registered charity number	1202870
Charity's principal address	Eden Street, Horden, Peterlee, County Durham SR8 4LH

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Chris Cain	Chair		
2	Malcolm Yorke	Vice-chair, Welfare & Safeguarding Officer		
3	Ryan Cuthbert	Treasurer and Secretary		
4	Ian Stamp	Head of the Junior Academy		
5	Liam Potts	Assistant Welfare & Safeguarding Officer		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
Horden Recreation Ground Trust [520826]	10 months per year (from third Saturday in July to the second Saturday of May annually)	*Horden Community Welfare Football Club [1202870] have a 10-year licence agreement, and are tenants of the ground and stadia facilities within Horden Welfare Park



Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others


Description of the assets held in this capacity	Not applicable
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this fall within the custodian charity's objects	Not applicable

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Christopher Cain	Ryan Cuthbert
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee and Chair	Trustee and Treasurer

Date 



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Horden Community Welfare Football Club

1202870

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01-Apr-24

To

31-Mar-25

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations and grants	28,562	-	-	28,562	46,818
Fundraising activities	53,389	-	-	53,389	34,857
Membership subscriptions	9,150	-	-	9,150	6,800
Club shop	809	-	-	809	3,989
Refunds/recharge	3,833	-	-	3,833	2,739
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	95,743	-	-	95,743	95,203
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	95,743	-	-	95,743	95,203
A3 Payments					
Annual ground rent and hiring training facility	9,790	-	-	9,790	12,176
Repairs and maintenance	1,364	-	-	1,364	814
Utility costs - Lighting, heating & water, internet	6,427	-	-	6,427	6,601
Purchase of sports equipment and resources	16,981	-	-	16,981	21,347
charitable activities costs	56,366	-	-	56,366	48,605
Insurance, licence renewal & legal fees	180	-	-	180	552
Volunteer development costs (FA coaching courses, safeguarding, first aid etc)	1,160	-	-	1,160	2,600
Goverance costs	650	-	-	650	420
Other	600	-	-	600	421
Sub total	93,518	-	-	93,518	93,536
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	93,518	-	-	93,518	93,518
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,225	-	-	2,225	1,667
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	5,469	-	-	5,469	5,469
Cash funds this year end	7,694	-	-	7,694	7,136

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

Categories

Details

Unrestricted
funds
to nearest £

Restricted
funds
to nearest £

Endowment
funds
to nearest £

B1 Cash funds

Cash at bank	6,035	-	-
Cash in hand	1,659	-	-
	-	-	-
Total cash funds	7,694	-	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			

Unrestricted
funds
to nearest £

Restricted
funds
to nearest £

Endowment
funds
to nearest £

B2 Other monetary assets

	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

Details

Fund to which
asset belongs

Cost (optional)

Current value
(optional)

B3 Investment assets

		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

Details

Fund to which
asset belongs

Cost (optional)

Current value
(optional)

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Fixtures & fittings (e.g. kitchen equipment & electric appliances)	Unrestricted	12,000	8,000
Land & buildings (occupied by charity under licence agreement)	Unrestricted	-	-
Other assets (e.g. mobile goalposts & sports equipment)	Unrestricted	40,000	30,000
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

Details

Fund to which
liability relates

Amount due
(optional)

When due
(optional)

B5 Liabilities

		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval


R.P. Cuthbert

Chris Cain
Ryan Cuthbert

1/11/2025
1/11/2025
01/11/2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

Horden Community Welfare Football Club

On accounts for the year ended

31 March 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1202870

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

01/11/2025

Name:

Wesley Hepburn

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

AAT (Qualified Bookkeeper)
ACCA (Part Qualified)

Address:

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Horden, Peterlee, County Durham

SR8 4JP

Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.