



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **Nov 2023** Period start date To **March 2025**
Period end date

Charity name: Fighting Chance Middlesbrough

Charity registration number: 1205992

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	We provide facilities & trainers to enable children, young people & adults to learn the discipline & focus of martial arts. We particularly work with children & young people who have disengaged from school & mainstream services to give them positive role models, self-confidence & an opportunity to evaluate alternative ways forward.
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.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<input type="checkbox"/> raise funds, receive grants and donations <input type="checkbox"/> apply funds to carry out the work of the charity <input type="checkbox"/> co-operate with and support other charities with similar purposes
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees pay attention to the guidance and information issued by the Charity Commission, and take action when necessary.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	n/a
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	n/a
	Para 1.38	Volunteers have helped the charity by providing some activities and helping with

Contribution made by volunteers		the administration of the charity.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Fighting Chace Middlesbrough has successfully delivered activities for children during school holidays under the HAF programme. We have worked one-to-one with a number of young people, helping them to develop coping strategies when they are under stress and enabling them to build more constructive personal relationships. We have continued to build the reputation of our work throughout the year and are known to more services and individual families.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	We have achieved everything we set out in our successful funding applications. We would do more if we could raise more funds.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	We have raised enough funding to run the services we hoped to deliver at the start of the year. We have been turned down by some funders and are currently looking at ways we can become more successful in making grant applications.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	n/a
Other		n/a

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity is stable and actively engaged securing funding for the next round or activities.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We use all the income to deliver services at present. In future we aim to create a reserve fund that would cover 6 months' running costs.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	0
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Unable to raise funds that are not needed for service delivery at present.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	n/a
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	n/a

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Grant-making trusts.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	n/a
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	No significant risks. We always have to make a strong case to funders – this is the same for all local small charities in the Tees Valley.
Other		n/a

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	CIO Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Foundation 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	Para 1.25	Appointment at AGM

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	n/a
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	n/a
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	n/a
Other		n/a

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Fighting Chance Middlesbrough
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1205992
Charity's principal address	10 Virginia Gardens, Middlesbrough TS58BT

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	Marie Cunningham			
2	Ian Anderson			
3	Karl Venus			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets	N/A

from the charity's own assets	
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Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

**Type of
adviser**

Name

Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Marie Cunningham

Full name(s)

MARIE CUNNINGHAM

**Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)**

TREASURER

Date

20/10/2025

Date	National Lottery community Fund		Sponsor	CURV	HAF Xmas	
b/f at 1 November 2023	£	3,909.02	£	367.95	£2,058.00	£ -00
income during the year:	£	9,900.00	£	750.00		£ 1,220.00
Funds including b/f	£	13,809.02	£	1,117.95	£ 2,058.00	£ 1,220.00
Expenditure		£8,312.33		£1,095.58	£2,058.00	£1,220.00
Carried Forward		£5,496.69		£22.37		

Warburtons	Tees Foundation 2024	Fundraising	Foyle Foundation Class	HAF 2024
£ -00	£ -00	£ 773.45	£ -00	£ -00
£ 400.00	£ 2,400.00		£ 3,000.00	£ 3,035.00
£ 400.00	£ 2,400.00	£ 773.45	£ 3,000.00	£ 3,035.00
£400.00	£2,400.00	£756.50	£3,000.00	£3,035.00
£16.95				