

Northampton Tennis Foundation CIO

Charity Registration Number: 1206684

Trustees' Annual Report for the period 23 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

1. Reference and Administrative Details

- **Charity name:** Northampton Tennis Foundation CIO
 - **Charity number:** 1206684
 - **Registered address:** [Insert official address]
 - **Reporting period:** 23 January 2024 – 31 December 2024
 - **Trustees:**
 - o Karen Hone
 - o Pamela Kom
 - o Alexander Ward
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2. Objectives and Activities

Charitable Objectives

The charitable purpose of Northampton Tennis Foundation CIO is to promote, for the benefit of the inhabitants of Northampton and the surrounding area, the provision of facilities for the sport of tennis and for recreation or other leisure-time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances. The charity acts in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the condition of life of the said inhabitants.

Our Story and Vision

Northampton Tennis Foundation was established in 2023 by **Simon Gallo**, owner of Northampton Tennis CIC. For over 15 years, Northampton Tennis Coaching has been delivering high-quality tennis coaching and supporting local clubs across Northamptonshire. The Foundation was created to further this mission — assisting the growth of tennis in the region and enriching lives through participation in sport.

Tennis has often been perceived as an upper-class sport, creating barriers that limit participation. The Foundation is determined to challenge this stereotype by making tennis **inclusive and accessible to everyone**, regardless of background or circumstance.

According to the Office for National Statistics (ONS), as of 2024, the East Midlands has the lowest employment rate in the UK, with Northamptonshire ranking in the bottom 20% across several socio-economic indicators. This underscores the need for community-led initiatives that offer positive opportunities for young people and those from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Our vision is to become the **leading foundation in Northamptonshire** dedicated to giving young and underprivileged individuals the chance to play and enjoy tennis, access sports therapy sessions, and improve their overall physical and mental wellbeing. We strive to create a more equitable sporting environment by inspiring as many people as possible to pick up a racket and join us.

We are committed to **supporting the most disadvantaged and vulnerable individuals**, with a strong focus on inclusivity for people with disabilities. Through accessible facilities, adaptive coaching, and community-driven programmes, we aim to remove barriers to participation and foster a sense of empowerment, belonging, and opportunity.

3. Achievements and Performance

2024 has been an incredible first full year for Northampton Tennis Foundation. With the support of partners, funders, and the community, we have expanded our reach and made significant progress toward our mission of making tennis accessible to all.

Key Achievements for 2024:

- **15 schools visited** across Northamptonshire
- **1,486 hours** of tennis coaching and community engagement delivered
- **2,421 people engaged** through our sessions and outreach programmes
- **100% of children** surveyed reported feeling *happier* after playing tennis
- **£64,442 in grants** successfully secured to support programme delivery
- **£1,553.26 raised** through community fundraising activities

These figures demonstrate the growing impact of the Foundation and the strong appetite within our communities for inclusive, accessible sporting opportunities. Our achievements reflect the dedication of our team, trustees, volunteers, and partners who have worked tirelessly to ensure that everyone, regardless of background, has the chance to play tennis.

Inclusive Programme:

From breakfast clubs to specialised sessions for SEND families, our programs have ensured tennis is accessible to individuals of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds.

Community Events:

Through our partnerships and events, we have connected with hundreds of families and individuals, fostering a strong sense of community through sport.

Promoting Health & Wellbeing

Initiatives like Hit n Mix have encouraged adults and seniors to stay active while building social connections. Junior programme to be launched in 2025.

Youth Development

Our work with Refocus and local has not only introduced tennis to young people but also provided opportunities for personal growth, discipline, and teamwork.

4. Financial Review

A full financial review, including income, expenditure, and reserves, is held separately and forms part of the charity's annual accounts for the period ended 31 December 2024.

In summary, the Foundation has achieved a positive first year of operation with strong grant support and effective use of resources aligned with our charitable objectives.

5. Plans for the Future

As we reflect on 2024, we are filled with gratitude for our supporters and excitement for the opportunities ahead. Our key priorities for 2025 include:

- **Expanding school programmes** to reach more children, particularly in underserved areas.
- **Developing new business partnerships** through an employee benefit scheme to diversify engagement and funding.
- **Enhancing accessibility** for individuals with disabilities by introducing adaptive equipment and specialist coaching training.
- **Launching our first “Foundation Day” in May**, a community fundraising and awareness event.
- **Hosting new community events** to promote the joy of tennis and strengthen local participation.

These plans will help sustain and grow our impact, ensuring tennis continues to be a vehicle for wellbeing, inclusion, and social connection.

6. Structure, Governance, and Management

Northampton Tennis Foundation CIO is a **Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)** registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

The charity is governed by its **constitution**, which sets out the framework for its operations, including the appointment of trustees and the delegation of responsibilities. The **board of trustees** has overall responsibility for the strategic direction, governance, and oversight of the Foundation's activities.

Trustees are responsible for:

- Ensuring the charity operates in accordance with its charitable objects and legal obligations
- Safeguarding the charity's assets
- Overseeing financial management and accountability
- Assessing and managing risk
- Setting strategic priorities and approving key policies

Operational delivery is supported by volunteers and partner organisations, under the trustees' guidance. Trustees are recruited based on their skills, experience, and commitment to the Foundation's aims. Induction and ongoing support are provided to ensure effective governance.

7. Public Benefit and Risk Management

The trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty under the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission.

The Foundation's activities clearly demonstrate public benefit by providing access to tennis and related health and wellbeing initiatives for individuals who might otherwise be excluded due to social, economic, or physical barriers.

As this is the Foundation's first full year of operation, no major risks have been identified to date. However, the trustees are developing a risk management framework and plan to conduct **annual surveys** to better understand community needs and impact from 2025 onwards.

8. Trustees and Administrative Information

Trustees during the period:

- Karen Hone
- Pamela Kom
- Alexander Ward

The trustees declare that they have approved this report and have authorised it to be signed on their behalf by:

Signed: K Hone

Name: Karen Hone

Date: 27/10/25

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: CE034999 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER:

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
For The Period 23rd January 2024 to 31st January 2025
for
Northampton Tennis Foundation

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Report of the Trustees **For The Period 23rd January 2024 to 31st January 2025**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the period 23rd January 2024 to 31st January 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

To promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of Northampton and the surrounding area the provision of facilities for the sport of tennis for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the condition of life of the said inhabitants"

Significant activities

To promote and establish health benefits across the county by utilising sport as a benefit for health.

Grantmaking

The charity will apply to various funders in order to apply for grants to achieve the Charity's objectives.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Charity constitution

The charity commenced on 23d January 2024.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The charity has provided the trustees with various guidance and issues around the safeguarding and diversity policies, as well as other general guidance.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

CE034999 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

Registered office

Northampton Lawn Tennis Club
Westwood Way
Northampton
Northamptonshire
NN3 3HH

Trustees

A Ward (appointed 23.1.2024)
P Kom (appointed 23.1.2024)
K Hone (appointed 23.1.2024)

Company Secretary

COMMENCEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

The charity commenced with its objectives during the year, and is looking at ways to extend this activity and build on the seeds of growth.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Northampton Tennis Foundation for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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Report of the Trustees
For The Period 23rd January 2024 to 31st January 2025

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES - continued

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 14th March 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

A Ward - Trustee

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Statement of Financial Activities

For The Period 23rd January 2024 to 31st January 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM		
Donations and legacies		<u>16,499</u>
EXPENDITURE ON		
Charitable activities		
Costs of providing coaching services		<u>10,600</u>
NET INCOME		<u>5,899</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>5,899</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet
31st January 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £
CURRENT ASSETS		
Debtors	3	5,560
Cash at bank		339
		5,899
NET CURRENT ASSETS		5,899
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		5,899
NET ASSETS		5,899
FUNDS	4	
Unrestricted funds		5,899
TOTAL FUNDS		5,899

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the period ended 31st January 2025.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the period ended 31st January 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 14th March 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

A Ward - Trustee

K Hone - Trustee

P Kom - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements
For The Period 23rd January 2024 to 31st January 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the period ended 31st January 2025.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the period ended 31st January 2025.

3. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

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Grants receivable	5,560
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4. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	Net movement in funds £	At 31.1.25 £
Unrestricted funds		
General fund	5,899	5,899
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TOTAL FUNDS	5,899	5,899
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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
For The Period 23rd January 2024 to 31st January 2025

4. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	16,499	(10,600)	5,899
TOTAL FUNDS	16,499	(10,600)	5,899

5. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the period ended 31st January 2025.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
For The Period 23rd January 2024 to 31st January 2025

£

INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS

Donations and legacies

Donations 16,499

Total incoming resources 16,499

EXPENDITURE

Charitable activities

Coaching costs 10,000

Administration costs 600

10,600

Total resources expended 10,600

Net income 5,899