

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

Sporting Veteran Football Club Association

Charity Number: 1208774

Financial Year: 2 May 2024 – 1 May 2025

1. Objectives and Activities

The Sporting Veteran Football Club Association is dedicated to enhancing the physical and mental wellbeing of veterans and members of the wider community through inclusive football and sporting activities. Our mission is to use sport as a transformative tool to foster social inclusion, promote teamwork, and encourage healthier lifestyles. We aim to support individuals who have served in the armed forces, particularly those facing social isolation, mental health challenges, or physical rehabilitation needs. Our long-term vision is to establish a sustainable, community-rooted organisation that delivers regular, impactful programmes designed to improve lives, strengthen community ties, and promote holistic wellbeing.

2. Activities and Achievements

During our inaugural year, the charity focused on foundational development. Key milestones included the successful registration of the charity, establishment of a board of trustees, and the opening of a dedicated charity bank account. We engaged with veterans and local community members through informal outreach to understand their needs and aspirations. Planning sessions were conducted to design future football programmes, community engagement strategies, and potential partnerships. Additionally, we initiated the development of our branding, communication channels, and volunteer recruitment framework to support future growth and visibility.

3. Impact

Although formal programme delivery was limited in the first year, the groundwork laid has created a strong strategic foundation for future impact. Our engagement with veterans and community stakeholders has fostered trust and anticipation for upcoming initiatives. We have successfully raised awareness of our mission and established the necessary infrastructure to support sustainable operations. These early efforts are expected to yield long-term benefits, including improved community cohesion, enhanced wellbeing, and increased opportunities for social participation among veterans and residents.

4. Financial Review

During the financial year ending 5 April 2025, the charity recorded total income of £5,329.75 and total expenditure of £2,062.08, resulting in a net surplus of £3,267.67. These figures reflect the charity's initial stage of operation, with income primarily received through donations and contributions. Expenditure was kept to a minimum and directed towards essential operational and support activities. The resulting surplus has been retained to support future activities and to strengthen the charity's financial position as it continues to develop. The charity remains committed to maintaining

appropriate financial controls, transparency, and accountability in all financial matters as it grows.

5. Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is governed by a board of trustees who are responsible for strategic leadership, regulatory compliance, and financial oversight. Trustees meet regularly to review progress, assess risks, and guide the charity's development. During the first year, the board focused on establishing governance frameworks, drafting key policies, and ensuring alignment with Charity Commission requirements. As the organisation grows, we are committed to enhancing trustee training, diversifying board expertise, and embedding best practices in governance and accountability.

6. Risks and Uncertainties

The charity has identified several key risks, including limited funding, reliance on volunteer capacity, and the challenges of establishing operational infrastructure. To mitigate these risks, we have implemented financial controls, initiated a fundraising strategy, and begun developing partnerships with local organisations. We are also investing in governance training and exploring sustainable funding streams to ensure long-term resilience and impact.

7. Safeguarding

No safeguarding or serious incidents were reported during the reporting period. The charity is committed to upholding the highest safeguarding standards. We are currently developing comprehensive safeguarding policies and procedures, including mandatory training for staff and volunteers. Our safeguarding framework will ensure the safety, dignity, and wellbeing of all participants in our programmes.

8. Plans for the Future

In the coming year, the charity plans to launch regular football sessions and community engagement events tailored to veterans and residents. We will formalise our operational structure, recruit and train volunteers, and implement robust monitoring and evaluation systems to measure impact. Our strategic priorities include building partnerships with local authorities and veteran support organisations, securing sustainable funding, and delivering measurable outcomes aligned with our mission.

9. Trustee Declaration

The trustees confirm that:

- This report has been prepared in accordance with Charity Commission guidance
- The charity has complied with its legal obligations
- The information provided is accurate to the best of their knowledge

Name: LAMBATH TRYLES

Position: Trustee DIRECTOR

Date: 22-04-26

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

SPORTING VETERAN FOOTBALL CLUB ASSOCIATION

Charity Number: 1208774

Financial Year: 6 April 2024 – 5 April 2025

1. Basis of Preparation

The accounts have been prepared on a **cash basis**, reflecting actual income received and expenditure incurred during the financial year.

2. Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA)

Income

Description	Amount (£)
Donations	5,329.75
Grants	0.00
Other Income	0.00
Total Income	5,329.75

Expenditure

Description	Amount (£)
Operational Costs	2,062.08
Administrative Costs	0.00
Programme Activities	0.00
Total Expenditure	2,062.08

Net Position

Description	Amount (£)
Net Surplus	3,267.67

3. Balance Sheet

Assets

Description	Amount (£)
Cash at bank / in hand	3,267.67
Total Assets	3,267.67

Liabilities

Description	Amount (£)
Creditors	0.00
Total Liabilities	0.00

Net Assets

Description	Amount (£)
Net Assets	3,267.67

4. Notes

- The charity operated on a **small scale during the year**
- Income was primarily from **donations and contributions**
- Expenditure relates to **basic operational and support activities**
- Some early transactions may have been processed outside a formal charity bank account while arrangements were being established
- The charity is progressing towards **stronger financial controls and structure**

5. Trustee Statement

The trustees confirm that:

- The accounts provide a **true and fair view** of the charity's financial position
- Proper accounting records have been maintained
- The charity has complied with its legal and financial obligations

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Name: LAMBATH TRYLES

Position: Trustee DIRECTOR

Date: 22-04-26