



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	April	2025		31	March	2026

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Rugby Focus

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1209419

Charity's principal address

19 Hadleigh Street

Kingsnorth

Ashford

Postcode

TN25 7EZ

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	Ryan Mitchell			
2	Joshua Aaron Sherrin			
3	Victoria Mitchell			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	CIO - Foundation
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO Constitution
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

Rugby Focus promotes rugby training, growth, community outreach, and social support for underprivileged children and communities. We recognise the challenges faced by children within local rugby clubs, particularly concerning the affordability of rugby essentials and club fees. We aim to address these social needs through sport by fostering a vibrant and inclusive rugby community.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Relief of those in need (age, disability, ill health, financial or other disadvantage), amateur sport, sport or game involving medium or high-level of physical activity, community capacity building.

Provides services
Relief of those in need
Amateur sport
Opportunity to play sport

Charitable Objectives
Rugby Focus exists to promote rugby as a means of social inclusion and community development. The charity aims to provide opportunities for children and young people, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds, to participate in rugby and benefit from the values and skills the sport fosters.

Main Activities
During the reporting period, Rugby Focus undertook the following activities in furtherance of its charitable objectives:

- **Rugby Training and Development:** Delivered coaching sessions and skill-building programmes for children and young people, creating pathways into amateur rugby.
- **Community Outreach and Support:** Assisted families facing financial hardship by providing essential rugby equipment, kits, and support with club fees, ensuring affordability and accessibility.
- **Inclusive Rugby Environment:** Promoted an inclusive and welcoming rugby community where participants develop teamwork, discipline, and confidence, contributing to their personal growth and social integration.

These activities were carried out across Ashford, Kent, and extended to wider communities in England and Wales, benefiting children, young people, and the general public.

Public Benefit and Statutory Declaration
The trustees confirm that they have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit when planning and delivering these activities. All initiatives are designed to provide measurable benefits to the public, aligning with the charity’s objectives and legal requirements.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During the reporting period, Rugby Focus achieved significant progress in advancing its charitable objectives:

- **Expanded Participation**
Enabled over 10 children and young people to engage in rugby activities, with a particular focus on those from disadvantaged backgrounds.
- **Delivered Coaching Programmes**
Organised regular training sessions and skill-development workshops, creating clear pathways into amateur rugby for participants.
- **Financial Support for Families**
Provided essential rugby equipment and subsidised club fees for families in need, reducing financial barriers to participation.
- **Supplied Rugby Boots and Kit**
Supplied rugby boots and kit to various disadvantaged children within our local rugby club, as well as members of the women's rugby team.
- **Funded Tour Costs for Disadvantaged Teams**
Paid for tour kit and tour fees for a disadvantaged rugby team, ensuring they could participate fully in the experience.
- **Travel Assistance for Women's Rugby Players**
Covered fuel costs for various women's rugby players to enable them to attend matches, supporting inclusivity and continued participation.
- **Community Engagement**
Strengthened partnerships with local schools and community organisations in Ashford and surrounding areas, promoting inclusivity and social cohesion through sport.
- **Volunteer Development**
Recruited and trained volunteers to support coaching and outreach activities, enhancing the charity's capacity to deliver services effectively.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Rugby Focus does not currently hold any reserves, as the charity has not generated a surplus during the year. All income received is applied directly to delivering charitable activities and supporting beneficiaries. The trustees regularly monitor income and expenditure to ensure funds are used effectively and maintain financial sustainability. Should the charity generate a surplus in future years, the trustees will review and implement an appropriate reserves policy.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

The charity does not have any funds that are materially in deficit. All income received during the year has been applied directly to charitable activities, and the charity operates on a cash basis without incurring liabilities that would result in a deficit position.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Ryan Willis Mitchell	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman	
Date	9 January 2026	