

Luton Town Hockey Club

Charity number: 1210978



Annual Report 2024/25

Trustee Report & Annual Accounts



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Trustees Review

Firstly, we would like to thank all of the volunteers, coaches and members of the club who have made the 2024/25 season a huge success. The season has built upon the accomplishment of the previous year, delivering great achievements both on and off the pitch. This could not have been achieved without the compassion, loyalty and sacrifice of everyone within the club. **Thank you.**

As mentioned, we have had another hugely successful season on the pitch, with the promotion of both first teams. This marks the beginning of our transition back toward the top of the sport and places Luton Town Hockey Club (LTHC) back among the teams we should be competing against. A special mention goes to our Ladies 1st team for achieving back-to-back promotions, as well as our Men's 2s and 3s, who have successfully established themselves in higher leagues.

Off the pitch, we are delighted to see our strategy start to take shape and embed this year. Our focus on developing, growing and sustaining LTHC as the leading place for hockey in Bedfordshire has made great strides. In particular, our emphasis on growing the junior section has been an enormous success, fed by our engagement with local schools and has led to a substantial rise in junior membership. This is the foundation of every successful club and something we will continue to invest in moving forward.

Another major achievement this season was our confirmation as a charity. This status opens up a number of pathways for the club, providing better access to grants, sponsorship, and other investment opportunities. A big thank you goes to Charlotte McKinnon, who was fundamental and persevering in our successful application.

A season is not successful without the financial foundation to support the continued re-building of our club. We are pleased to announce another year of surplus for LTHC, primarily driven by reduced pitch costs. While we expect, and are budgeting for, those costs to rise again next year we have delivered on our promise to reward the loyalty of our members and are re-balancing membership rates for the 2025/26 season.

Our goal is to continue building on the momentum created in previous seasons. We aim to continue to offer a proposition that competes with other local clubs and provides our members with the maximum value for money based on the resources we have available.

Thank you again for your continued support of our club!

On behalf of the trustees:

Suzanne Starkey

President

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Daniel Shearer

Chair



Financial Summary

Treasurer's Report

The 2024/25 season was another financially successful year for the club. We continue to generate significant income through sponsorships and donations, which, alongside a pitch cost reduction of approximately 40%, has created a substantial in-year benefit for the club.

Our lower-than-expected pitch costs were made possible by David Pike's personal sacrifice in becoming a member of the Vivify team. This allowed the club to access staff discounts and significantly reduce our overall hire rates. We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to David for his exceptional contribution, which has saved the club around £10,000 this season.

Membership income remains the foundation of our financial base, and we recognise that our members have made considerable contributions over the past two seasons as we rebuild the club from the ground up. Thanks to the success of that rebuild, we are now in a position to give back, at least in part. We will be rebalancing membership subscription rates for the 2025/26 season, which will result in reductions for some members.

We are incredibly grateful for the continued support and generosity of both members and non-members. This season, we received over £10,000 in donations, which has supported the purchase of VEO equipment, funded club coaching, and the delivery of free after-school sessions for the local community.

A core element of our club strategy is to ensure the long-term sustainability of LTHC. This includes building strong, responsible financial practices. We are pleased to welcome Whittaker Plane Ltd as the club's independent examiners of our accounts. Their appointment reinforces our commitment to sound financial governance, in accordance with charity law, and helps ensure our continued financial viability in the seasons ahead.

Moving into the 25/26 season, we aim to further leverage our charity status, expanding opportunities through Gift Aid and seeking new sponsorships and partnerships. These efforts will enable us to give more back to members and enhance the overall hockey experience at LTHC.

Lastly, thank you to all members who paid their membership fees on time and in full this season. Your continued support is crucial in enabling the club to fulfil its purpose as a charitable organisation.

Christine Homann

Treasurer

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Club Accounts 2024/25

Below is a summarised version of our accounts for ease of reference and understanding. Our accounting year runs from September through to August the following year.

A full version of the accounts is available on the Charity Commissions website under the hockey clubs charity page.

The club holds a number of assets but given the financial rules in place for charities that earn under £100,000, the club is not obliged to create a balance sheet or income statement at present.

Summarised accounts 24/25 season*

Income	
Membership Subscriptions	£ 26,500
Club Fundraising	£ 8,200
Coaching Sponsorships	£ 8,700
Donations	£ 2,900
Charity Event	£ 1,700
Summer League	£ 1,900
25/26 Membership Subscriptions	£ 2,600
Gift Aid**	£ 0
Total Income	£ 52,500
Balance at Bank at 1 Sep 2024	£ 37,000

Costs	
Pitch Hire	£ 14,000
Match Day Costs	£ 2,800
Club Fundraising	£ 4,600
Kit & Equipment	£ 3,800
Administrative	£ 3,700
Charity Event	£ 1,000
Coaching	£ 9,000
Total Costs	£ 39,000
Balance at Bank at 31 Aug 2025	£ 51,000

* Please note that the amounts shown are rounded figures, exact numbers can be found in appendix 1.

** Gift Aid will be reclaimed from donations made to the club this financial year but this balance will be brought into the next financial year.

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Club Strategy & Progress

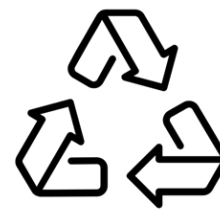
This season marked the introduction of our new club strategy, bringing to life our vision to “**become the leading place for hockey in Bedfordshire**”. Our focus on growing, developing, and sustaining Luton Town Hockey Club is already making a real impact, and we believe this positions us strongly for future success.



GROW



DEVELOP



SUSTAIN

We set ourselves four focus areas this season:

1. **Continue to build the social side of the club.**

Our aim was to encourage as many members as possible to enjoy the Club off the pitch. Over the course of the season, we ran six events, with varying levels of success. Looking ahead, a key priority is to build a vibrant, welcoming, social environment that makes LTHC a place where everyone has fun, feels included, and enjoys being part of the club.

2. **Grow the junior section.**

This year, we set out to grow our junior base and support our coaches in delivering high-quality junior hockey. Thanks to the outstanding efforts of our coaching team and our partnership with Redborne School, our junior and colts membership has grown significantly. Sustaining and expanding this success is a major priority as we continue to invest in the next generation of players.

3. **Continue to build the financial foundations of the club.**

Our financial goal for the season was to achieve charitable status and build stronger connections with local businesses to support our income base. We're proud to have transitioned to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), opening the door to new funding opportunities. The next step is to establish long-term partnerships within the local community to enhance financial stability and support future ambitions.

4. **Take our facility issues into our own hands.**

Our aim was to re-open the conversation with other clubs about a long-term solution to hockey in Luton. Whilst we work towards a collaborative proposal for a dedicated hockey centre in Luton, our focus is on strengthening our relationship with Challney to re-use Springfield Road, Luton, for a sustainable, mutually beneficial arrangement.



Club Governance

This season we have made several fundamental changes to the governance structure of the club to support its long-term vision and sustainability.

The most significant of these is the transition of the club to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). This change means that the club is now overseen by a board of trustees, who are accountable for ensuring the ongoing prosperity of LTHC and that it continues to deliver on its core purpose:

"The promotion of community participation in healthy recreation for the public benefit in Luton and the surrounding area through the provision of facilities to enable participation in the sport of amateur hockey"

Our Trustees

Trustee	Experience
Suzanne Starkey	Suzanne is the current president of the club. She brings a host of experience in the insurance sector and audit.
Daniel Shearer	Daniel is the current chair of the club. He is a qualified accountant and brings experience of financial services with a strategic lens.
David Pike	David is the current vice-chair of the club. He brings vital connections and relationships with key club partners including Vivify.
Rachel Shadbolt	Rachel is the current communications officer of the club. She brings extensive experience in the design and communications space.
Christine Homann	Christine is the current treasurer of the club. She brings experience in operational management, working with big clients to deliver results.
David Hill	David has over a decade of experience both at LTHC, other hockey clubs and sports, undertaking a number of roles including chair and treasurer.
Iain Starkey	Iain has several years of experience of chairing LTHC, whilst also bringing experience from a marketing background and England Hockey.

Other governance changes

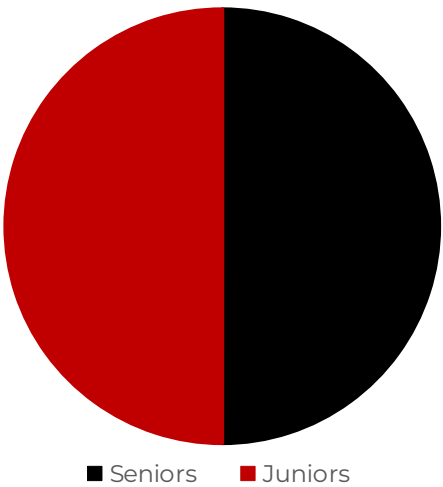
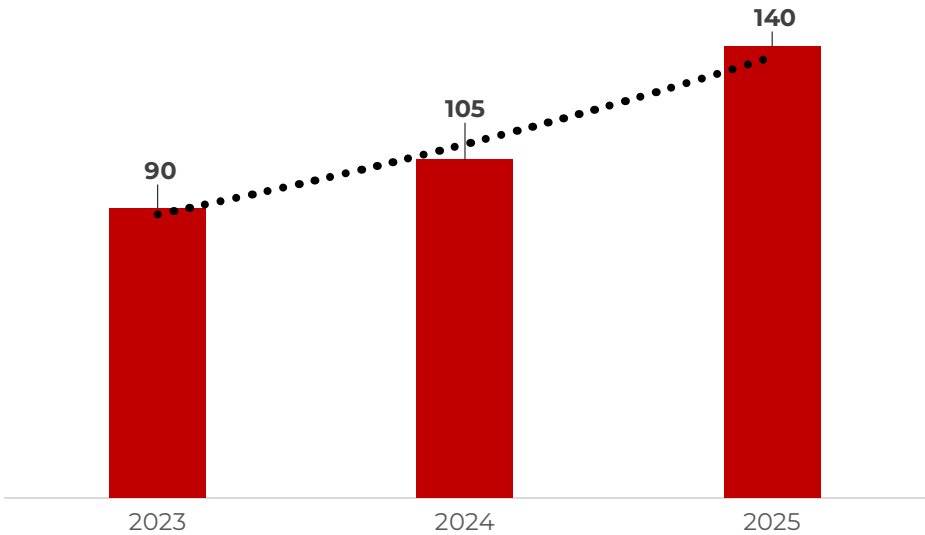
- **Committee restructuring:** This season, we have restructured our committee to provide greater responsibility and clarity to those in key roles. We've introduced new "Club Units" designed to help individuals focus on their specific areas, ensuring a more efficient and effective approach to club operations.
- **Club document refresh:** We have taken the opportunity to simplify and update several of our key club documents, including the Code of Conduct and Club Rulebook. These refreshed documents are easier to understand and reflect the standards we expect from all members of LTHC.

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Club Membership

We are delighted to continue our trend of year on year membership growth. Over the last two seasons our membership has increased by more than 50%, rising from 90 members at the end of the 2022/23 season to 140 members by the close of this season.



Our membership is now evenly split between our senior and junior sections, with 70 senior (over 18) and 70 junior (under 18) members. This balance has been driven by the growth of our colts section (ages 13–18), which has seen significant development this year.

A key contributor to this growth has been our partnership with Redborne School. A special thank you goes to Grant Homann, Samuel James, Iain Starkey, and David Pike for their commitment to running after-school sessions, training, and match days for Redborne pupils.

Redborne serves as a fantastic example of how we are fulfilling our purpose as a charity, providing high-quality hockey experiences to young people in the local community. We are also proud to have delivered free after-school sessions and hockey days at Bushmead, Southfield, and Wenlock schools.

This season, we have delivered over 250 hours of hockey for our members, and we are aiming to build on this further in 2025/26. Our plans focus on additional training, including a dedicated under-18 training session, and dedicated goalkeeper coaching, ensuring more opportunities for all members to enjoy and engage with our sport.

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Acknowledgements

We would like to acknowledge the effort of all of our volunteers this season:

Amii Bonner, Ayse Samiloglulari, Becca Blanchett, Bev Siddons, Caitlin Beattie, Charlotte McKinnon, Chelsea Wright, Chloe Maddin, Christine Homann, Corey Hewitt, Daniel Shearer, David Pike, Dean Gates, George Dobson, Grace Eydmann, Grant Homann, Helen Beattie, Ian Hutton, Iain Starkey, Jonathan Hathaway, Julieann Maddin, Kath Green, Lily Hale, Luke Titmus, Mary Walsh, Matt Dobson, Matt Maddin, Mike Beattie, Molly McKinnon, Nathan Wiseman, Robert Shearer, Ryan Patel, Sam Barber, Samuel James, Sophie Starkey, Suzanne Starkey, Tom Dobson, Tom Kennedy, Tony May and any other volunteers throughout the season.

Thank you for your continued efforts to make LTHC a fun, enjoyable and friendly place to play hockey!

A special thank you from the Club goes to Perri D'Cruz, who has again supported the Club by donating. Perri's contribution has allowed us to acquire the VEO camera software and allow our teams, in particular our men's 1st team, the ability to record games and training sessions to improve performance across the club.

We'd like to thank all other sponsors that have donated to the Club this season

Finally, we'd like to thank our partners that have continued their sponsorship this season.





Financial Statements

Full Financial Statements

 CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES	Charity Name Luton Town Hockey Club			No (if any) 1210978		CC16a
	Receipts and payments accounts					
	For the period from	Period start date 01/09/2024	To	Period end date 31/08/2025		
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						
Members Subscriptions	26,645	-	-	26,645	-	
Fundraising	8,171	-	-	8,171	-	
Coaching	1,200	7,500	-	8,700	-	
Donations	2,950	-	-	2,950	-	
Charity Event	1,673	-	-	1,673	-	
Summer League	1,920	-	-	1,920	-	
25/26 Subscriptions	2,593	-	-	2,593	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	45,152	7,500	-	52,652	-	
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).						
	-	-	-	-		
	-	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	
Total receipts	45,152	7,500	-	52,652	-	
A3 Payments						
Pitch Hire	13,802	-	-	13,802	-	
Fundraising	4,598	-	-	4,598	-	
Coaching	1,160	7,950	-	9,110	-	
Administrative	3,673	-	-	3,673	-	
Charity Event	1,046	-	-	1,046	-	
Match Days	2,861	-	-	2,861	-	
Kit & Equipment	1,482	-	-	1,482	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	28,622	7,950	-	36,572	-	
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)						
VEO Video Equipment	2,350	-	-	2,350		
	-	-	-	-		
Sub total	2,350	-	-	2,350		
Total payments	30,972	7,950	-	38,922	-	
Net of receipts/(payments)	14,180	- 450	-	13,730	-	
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-	
A6 Cash funds last year end	37,033	-	-	37,033	-	
Cash funds this year end	51,213	- 450	-	50,763	-	

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Summer League	1,920	-	-	1,920	-
25/26 Subscriptions	2,593	-	-	2,593	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for	45,152	7,500	-	52,652	-
A2 Asset and investment sales,					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	45,152	7,500	-	52,652	-
A3 Payments					
Pitch Hire	13,701	-	-	13,701	-
Fundraising	4,598	-	-	4,598	-
Coaching	1,160	7,950	-	9,110	-
Administrative	3,673	-	-	3,673	-
Charity Event	1,046	-	-	1,046	-
Match Days	2,861	-	-	2,861	-
Kit & Equipment	1,482	-	-	1,482	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	28,521	7,950	-	36,471	-
A4 Asset and investment					
VEO Video Equipment	2,350	-	-	2,350	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	2,350	-	-	2,350	-
Total payments	30,871	7,950	-	38,821	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	14,281	- 450	-	13,831	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	25,745	11,287	-	37,033	-
Cash funds this year end	40,026	10,837	-	50,864	-

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted to nearest £	Endowment to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Club Bank Account	40,026	10,837	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	40,026	10,837	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	VEO Video Equipment		2,350	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which	Amount due	When due
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on	Signature	Print Name	Date of	

Report of the Independent Examiner for the year-ended 31st August 2025

Report to the trustees of Luton Town Hockey Club CIO Number 1210978

On the accounts for the year ended 31st August 2025.

Financial statements as set out on pages 1-2 of the report.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. As a Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants I consider myself suitably qualified to carry out the independent examination.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the financial statements.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

have not been met or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

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Date: 12/12/2025