

Charity Registration No. 303180

West Ham Boys Club

Report & Financial Statements

31 May 2024

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Reference and Administrative Details

For the year ended 31 May 2024

Charity Registration number	303180	
Charity Registration date	14th May 1963	
Legal Status	Charitable Trust	
Headquarters and operational address	Jordan Hall 2 London Road London E13 0DN	
Trustees	Stephen Hoier Bill Curbishley John May	(as well as being Acting General Secretary)
Other Officers	Dean Hollington Nadia Alves Russell Gerrard Chris Penny Sarah Abdelmattalab	Chair Assistant Secretary Competition Secretary Head Coach Community Services Volunteer
Bankers	Barclays Bank 1 Churchill Place London E14 5HP	
Independent Examiner	Patrick J Gray Chartered Accountant 56 Bracken Drive Chigwell Essex IG7 5RD	

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Trustees' Report

For the year ended 31 May 2024

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 May 2024

Objectives And Activities

Promotion of amateur boxing and sporting activities in the local area.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Club objects and Services

The trustees submit their annual report to 31 May 2024 for West Ham Boys Club (WHBC), registered charity number 303180, the original charitable objectives of which are for the purposes of running a boys club although today its membership also includes girls and young women.

The Club provides services for children and young people in amateur sport, in particular amateur boxing, with its main focus of operation in the London Borough of Newham. To this end it operates a building / facility and provides human resources in terms of volunteer officers, sports coaches and trainers. The Club is an affiliate of the National Clubs for Young People and the London Federation of Youth which offers access to a wider range of youth activities beyond its own core areas. It is also affiliated to England Boxing.

Achievements and Performance -from the Pandemic to a change of Officers and renewed Committee/ Negotiations on a New Club Lease.

Expiry of Lease during the National Pandemic Lockdown. Continued use of premises sanctioned by London Borough of Newham (LBN) on rollover licence pending negotiations on a new lease.

By the end of May 2024 WHBC had been in its new gym/clubhouse for 11 years. Its original occupation had been under a 7-year lease from the London Borough of Newham which expired in March 2020 at the very commencement of the National Covid 19 Lockdown under which all youth and sporting clubs were statutorily required to cease all group activity and close until further notice.

The Club had been told by London Borough of Newham that discussion on a new lease could not begin until the final part of the last year of the lease ie from March 2019 to March 2020. However, events in that year: cutbacks to LBN budgets from government grants, and staffing ; the resulting change of the Clubs link officers with LBN meant no discussions on a new lease could be held before the Covid Pandemic Crisis struck. At that point like many local authorities many LBN staff were furloughed under the Government scheme

The Club were informed their continued occupation of the premises by the Club was sanctioned by a temporary licence from LBN and it should continue to pay its rent and charges on the established basis. That initial licence was until April 2021 but when that date arrived the Pandemic continued and it was further rolled over indefinitely until the new lease could be negotiated and the Club re-establish its occupation with a formal lease.

Surviving the Pandemic financially

In Lockdown the key officers in post at the time Jason Bull as Chair and Maria Howard as Treasurer though volunteers continued to manage the Clubs affairs in the main working remotely online In particular they kept the Club financially solvent and made overhead payments. They did so successfully applying for special emergency grants from LBN /other public agencies to support youth and community organisations. They also received donations.

In August 2021 the above named officers and trustee Stephen Hoier met with LBNs then Newham Active Leisure Link Officer to undertake a new Social Value Audit (SVA) procedure of voluntary community organisations either receiving Council funding or, in WHBCs case, occupying LBN owned premises .The SVA operates a scoring system which awards specific amounts of discount on the LBNs market rent for the premises estimated by LBN Valuers. These discount amounts are agreed between the WHBC team and LBN Community/Leisure officers against social outcomes and targets in the community priority areas. On completion of the SVA an aggregate score is totalled and the proportion of the market rent to be paid after applying these discounts arrived at. WHBC aims to achieve a discount of between 70-80 % to make the final rents affordable. The first agreed SVA was applied to the rents payable by WHBC under rollover from 2022.

First Intake of New Club Officers at an EGM in 2023 reinforced at the 2024 AGM

In November 2022 the Club Officers in post informed the Club trustees of their wish to resign their offices as soon as a special Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) could be convened in accordance with the Club Constitution where a key objective would be the election of new Officers and Club Committee.

That EGM took place on January 23 2023 when the resignations of Jason Bull and Maria Howard were accepted and they were thanked for their volunteer service of 10 years in Jasons case and 5 years in Marias.

A new Chair, Dean Hollington and Assistant Secretary Nadia Alves were then elected. It was also agreed lead Club trustee Stephen Hoier would also become Acting General Secretary Russell Gerrard was elected Competition Secretary with Chris Penny as Head Coach. A new Committee was also elected, and its first regular Committee Meeting was held in March 2023.

2024 AGM and New Trustees

On January 22nd 2024 the Club held its first new AGM conforming to the extant 1960 Constitution registered as the Club trust deed from which it achieved its status as a Registered Charity with the Charities Commission .At the suggestion of Acting Secretary Stephen Hoier the AGM agreed there is an urgent need to amend this to bring it up to date and make it fit for purpose in the 21st Century, the Officers were asked to examine the existing Constitution and suggest amendments for the Club Committee to consider adopting prior to a wide ranging consultation with Partners and Stakeholders on the final version of a new Constitution to adopt.

At the 2024 AGM all serving Officers and Committee Members agreed to restand and were re-elected. The need to identify and appoint new Club trustees was agreed as a matter of urgency -the 3 serving in post were all over 75. The Chair and Assistant Secretary were asked to consider becoming trustees but subsequently indicated they are unlikely to have the time on top of their Club Officer duties Jason Beard indicated he would consider also becoming a trustee. Before the end of this reporting period Jason had agreed to become a trustee. Subsequently agreed by the Club Committee he will be registered as such with this Trustees report to the Charity Commission.

Renewed Lease and SVA negotiations

In the course of 2023 New Chair Dean Hollington had opened preliminary discussions with LBN Leisure Active and LBN Valuers with a target to achieve a lease of sufficient length to enable the Club to access charitable funding especially for grants of a capital nature which could enable the Club to upgrade the fabric and facilities in its existing site variously known as the Curwen Centre/ Jordan Hall.

As of end May 2024 it had still not been possible to conclude actual negotiations on a new lease although London Borough of Newham had agreed discussions could proceed on the basis of a possible 20-year lease being awarded.

As Club Chair Dean Hollington had made clear at the outset the Club would only be able to afford a new lease of that term at a substantial discount on the market value rent. While that might be agreed initially Dean Hollington said there would need to be regular reviews with LBN Officers as to continuing affordability by the Club as it is likely regular rent reviews under the terms of the lease exert upward pressure on rent levels. He indicated the Club would need to agree break clauses in the lease which could be activated if the discount level on the market rent fell.

He took forward further work on a new Social Value Audit with London Borough of Newham officers – his target had been to achieve a SVA discount of 80% a necessary pre-condition to achieve a substantial reduction on the market rent in any new lease. These discussions had been well advanced and were near agreement at the end of the financial year on May 31 2024.

By then Club fears that the Curwen Centre/ Jordan Hall site would be included in an early further phase of the Plaistow Station Neighbourhood redevelopment which would preclude anything other than a very short new lease had been allayed when it was agreed that the discussions would focus on a term of 20 years. The Club Trustees wish to place on record their gratitude to Club Chair Dean Hollington for his indefatigable efforts to bring the lease negotiations to the best of outcomes which hold out the prospect of the Club achieving its firmest basis yet to continue its work and mission in the Newham community.

Improving Club facilities

The extensive refurbishment at the gym and continuing additions to its equipment had begun in 2013 soon after the initial 7-year lease had been agreed. This was made possible by grants from Sport England and others and from the Clubs own resources. This had made it fit for purpose in the short term and in the new base membership in all sections had continued to flourish. However after the Pandemic lockdown the Club had been unable to make further additions to equipment possible or undertake much needed urgent work on the fabric or facilities of the building in any of the years ended May 2021-May 2024. With an equipment renewal and fabric / facilities repair bill now substantial the Club needs to achieve Charitable, Partner or other Donor funding on a much bigger scale than hitherto. There is a consensus among Officers and Club Committee this can only be raised if a new lease term well in excess of 10 years can be achieved.

Buildup of Normal Club Activity Resumption of Club Shows

The Club re-opened its doors to members after the Pandemic in September 2021. Once the Club could resume normal activity members came back in full numbers and some of its special activities with partners and other stakeholders could slowly restart. Boxing competitions run by England Boxing began again from the Schools Championships in late September 2021. The Club didn't organise its own shows in the season 2021-2022 – the backlog of Championship events for England Boxing meant these events dominated the competition timetable and members were fully involved with these as already reported.

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Trustees' Report

For the year ended 31 May 2024

The Club season from September 2022 to May 2023 partially covered the Club Centenary Year but this could only be celebrated by the Club running its own shows and events in line with the vision for the Centenary set out in the extant Club 3 Year Plan. It did prove possible to run a very successful first commemorative Dinner Show at the Prince Regent Hotel in Chigwell in November 2022. However the lead in time to this Show did not enable the Club to invite Civic leaders, partners of the Club, charitable supporters with even two of the Clubs trustees away at that date. It did however prove fairly successful and made a contribution to Club finances, as did the ordinary Club shows run jointly with other local Clubs.

The new Club Officers and Committee beginning work in the Spring of 2023 organised events for the new 2023-24 season including timetabelling a further Centenary Dinner Show to which Civic leaders, partners, charitable supporters could be invited in November 2023. This turned out a notable success both as an event and in contributing significantly to Club funds. Among Guests of Honour were West Ham Football Club Chairman David Sullivan and his wife. He steered the Club towards the West Ham (Football) Charitable Foundation who may be able to support suitable Club projects in future. Representatives of other Stakeholders and Charities were also special guests. Guests of Honour included former top boxers and coaches who began their boxing careers as West Ham amateur boxers. The trustees thanked Club Officers and Volunteers who had worked so hard to make this Show so successful it set the standard for future Gala Dinner Shows.

Special Presentations at November 2023 Centenary Dinner Show

A number of special presentations were made at this Show. The first Centenary Life Vice President/ Boxing Achievement awards were announced -those to Billy Walker, Jimmy Tibbs and Nigel Benn with follow on presentations to be made to those who could not attend. Also presented was the Mickey May Performance Achievement Award which went to National Junior Champion Bradley Khan. It was especially pleasing Mickey's daughters Danielle and Karen were in attendance to jointly make this award.

Other Club Shows

Open Club Shows were focused on getting as many bouts as possible and as a rule were joint shows with other local Clubs such as Fight for Peace and Peacock Clubs.

There were again notable successes by Club boxer members in regional and national Championships run by England Boxing. In fact, in respect of Schoolboy and Youth championships the 2022- 2023 season saw a near record number of these achieved, the trustees congratulated the boxers and training/coaching team on these achievements.

From the Spring of 2023 there was a new Club Boxing Captain in Freddie Pullen who also represented the Members by attending the Club Committee. Along with the Clubs other most experienced boxer member Connor Mitchell he spearheaded the Clubs participation in a[i] series of prestigious Box Cups.

First there was the Angel of the North Box cup in Houghton le Spring County Durham. Committee Members had thought this would be a very tough event against northern boxers on their home ground. In fact with Freddie and Connor winning gold medals the West Ham Club achieved top performing Club status with an impressive haul of gold, silver and bronze medals. The Club Trustees were so impressed they asked that the medal winners all be roll called here -Freddie Pullen, Connor Mitchell, Riley Cannon, Martin McDonagh, Christopher Smith, Danny Waller, Terry Smith, Johnny Moore, Jack Creighton, Charlie Rumbold, Billy Wood, Bradley Khan, John Hedges Jnr, Dean Goodean Jnr.

In the prestigious Haringey BoxCup at Alexander Palace in June 2023 – beyond the last financial year but before the filing of the last Report Freddie Pullen and Connor Mitchell both won gold medals in some style. It is also pleasing to flag up in this years Report that Freddie Pullen was then called up to join the England Boxing Squad and has since blazed a trail as a regular England international boxer winning medals gold and silver in Multinational tournaments around the World.

In the March 2024 London stage of the National Championships Connor Mitchell won the London title in some style but sustained a shoulder injury precluding further progress. All at the Club wish Connor a speedy and complete recovery. Other Club boxers achieving notable progress in other events were Luke Rodda and Freddie Marshall.

Club Work in the Community remains a priority

The Club remains proud of its close links with and work it undertakes in the community which were a priority in the former Service Level Agreement and even more so under the agreed Social Value Audit. There is community outreach to such locations as New Community College led by our hugely committed Community Service volunteer Sarah M. Regular sessions for local University students take place at the Club gym twice a week in term time for 4 hour sessions.

Our members are usually coached and trained by a team of 12 very committed, experienced and skilful volunteer trainers with lockdown their normal work ceased. The team showed commitment by returning early and in full number once the Club became fully operational. Good member performance referred to above was enabled with hard work on their part. The trustees thank them and All officers for their invaluable voluntary service.

Financial Review:

The total incoming resources for the year amounted to £73,189 (£40,812- 2023). A increase of £32,377(79.33%). Expenditure for the year decreased by £8,961(-15.35%) from £58,386 in 2022/23 to £49,425. The surplus for the year of £23,764 compares to a deficit of £17,574 in 2022/23. The surplus will be added to the general reserves, which now stand at £100,221 (£76,457 - 2023.) In this year West Ham Boys Club succeeded in sustaining much of its funding.

WHBC Management Committee are responsible for providing the overall strategic direction of the organisation. In May 2024 the Committee agreed a 5 Year Business and Activity Plan. The WHBC is run wholly by volunteer officers, trainer/coaches, and Committee members. It does not employ staff. The regular Committee meetings enable the Officers who carry out the agreed policies on behalf of the Club Committee to report to it on progress and consult with it to agree financial decisions, affiliations, and other policies. The Club has adopted the model policies of London Youth on equality, diversity, safeguarding and other issues.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities 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 charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue on that basis

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees' are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charitable Trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees' on 6/2/2025 2025 and signed on its behalf by



Stephen Hoier
Trustee

Independent Examiners Report

To the members of

West Ham Boys Club

I report on the financial statements of the Charitable Trust for the year ended **31 May 2024** which are set out on pages 10 to 14

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees 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. The charity's gross income did not exceed £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland

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 Financial Statements under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiners Report

To the members of

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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.

Emphasis of matter - Going concern

In common with many other charitable organisations, the charity is dependent on periodic grants to ensure its continuation as a going concern. There is no certainty about continued funding. In view of the significance of this financial uncertainty, I consider that it should be drawn to your attention, but I do not qualify my report in this respect.

Patrick J Gray
Chartered Accountant
56 Bracken Drive
Chigwell
Essex IG7 5RD



Date: 14 March 2008

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Statement of financial activities (Incorporating an income and expenditure account)

For the year ended 31 May 2024

		2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Incoming resources	Note		
Grants		-	600
Training Income		16,065	9,886
Subscriptions & Membership Fees		12,484	6,430
Charitable Donations		29,414	11,370
Boxings Shows & Fees		14,984	12,483
<i>Activities to generate funds:</i>			
Investment Income		242	44
Total incoming resources	2	73,189	40,812
Resources expended			
Guy Equipment & Materials		-	-
Rent		6,538	5,393
Council tax		299	1,445
Water rates		526	220
Heat, light & power		7,370	4,584
Insurance		164	2,782
Boxing shows and entry fees		13,503	11,050
Coaches & Trainers		4,600	6,560
Depreciation of fixed assets		9,086	8,386
Premises Costs		849	299
Printing, postage and stationery		108	151
Travel & Accommodation		2,841	5,633
Other Expenses		449	371
Advertising/Memberships		511	545
Legal Costs for Uninsured Claims		-	10,966
Accountancy fees		2,300	-
Training Costs		280	
Charitable Activities		49,425	58,386
Total resources expended		49,425	58,386
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources		23,764	(17,574)
Funds at 1 June 2023		76,457	94,031
Funds at 31 May 2024		100,221	76,457

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above.

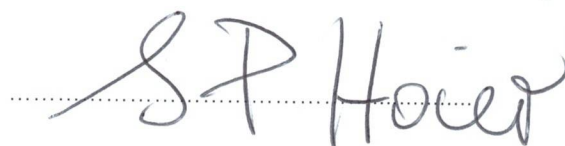
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Balance sheet

As at 31 May 2024

	Note	£	2024 £	2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	3		19,573	25,160
Current assets				
Debtors	4	1,733		-
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>84,020</u>		<u>53,707</u>
		85,754		53,707
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	5	<u>5,106</u>		<u>2,410</u>
Net current assets			<u>80,648</u>	<u>51,297</u>
			<u>100,221</u>	<u>76,457</u>
Funds				
Retained funds			<u>100,221</u>	<u>76,457</u>
Total funds			<u>100,221</u>	<u>76,457</u>

Approved by the management committee on 6/2/2025 and signed on its behalf by



Stephen Hoier
Trustee

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Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 31 May 2024

1. Accounting policies

a) The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. They have also been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standard, the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005, the Companies Act 2006, and the Financial Reporting Standard (FRS102) (issued on 16th July 2014)

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by Section 34 FRS 102

The charity has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS102 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement because it is a small charity.

b) Voluntary income is received by way of donations and gifts and is included in full in the statement of financial activities when received.

c) Revenue grants are credited to the statement of financial activities when received or receivable whichever is earlier, unless they relate to a specific future period, in which case they are deferred.

d) Gifts in kind represent assets donated for distribution or use by the charity. Assets given for distribution are recognised as incoming resources only when distributed. Assets given for use by the charity are recognised when receivable. Gifts in kind are valued at the amount actually realised from the disposal of the assets or at the price the charity would otherwise have paid for the assets.

e) Grants for the purchase of fixed assets are recognised in full in the statement of financial activities in the year in which they are received.

f) Fixed assets are for use by the charity in fulfilling its main charitable objects and are capitalised and depreciated. Depreciation is provided on all fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its estimated useful life. The depreciation rates in use are as follows:

Gym equipment	5 years straight line
Computer equipment	4 years straight line
Other tangible fixed asset	10 years straight line

Where expenditure is incurred on replacement software for a facility that already exists and does not provide any significant extra facilities, it is treated as revenue expenditure in the year in which it is incurred.

g) All leases of equipment are operating leases, and rentals are charged to the statement of financial activities on a straight line basis over the length of the lease. No assets are held under hire purchase agreements.

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2. Incoming resources

	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Grant Income	-	600
Subscriptions	12,484	6,430
Training Income	16,065	9,886
Bank Interest	242	44
Donations	29,414	11,370
Dinner Show	14,984	12,333
Car Parking Fees	-	150
Total	73,189	40,812

3. Tangible fixed assets

	Motor Vehicles	Gym Equipment	Other tangible fixed asset £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 June 2023	4,219	-	83,864	88,083
Additions in year		3,500	-	3,500
At 31 May 2024	4,219	3,500	83,864	91,583
Depreciation				
At 1 June 2023	4,219	-	58,704	62,923
Charge for the year		700	8,386	9,086
At 31 May 2024	4,219	700	67,091	72,010
Net Book Value				
At 31 May 2024	-	2,800	16,773	19,573
At 31 May 2023	-	-	25,160	25,160

4. Debtors	2024 £	2023 £
Other Debtors	-	-
Prepayments	1,733	-
	1,733	0

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5. Creditors : amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals	3,340	2,160
Trade Creditors	<u>1,766</u>	<u>250</u>
	<u>5,106</u>	<u>2,410</u>

6. Management committee members' remuneration and expenses

The Club trustees in accordance with charity law received no remuneration. Committee members are reimbursed for expenses incurred in discharging their duties for the Club. During the year no expenses were paid to reimburse members. £Nil (2023- Nil in total).