

# Football Clubs United (NI)

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103364

## Details

Status Received

Registered 2015-12-09

Register [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

**Purposes:** The relief of people with a learning disability in particular by the provision of help and support for them and for their families, dependants and carers, and to prevent learning disabilities for the public benefit: and to provide or assist in the provision of facilities for the recreation or other leisure time occupation for people who have need therefore by reason of learning disability with the object of improving their conditions of life.

**What the charity does:** The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

**How the charity works:** Accommodation/housing,Disability,Sport/recreation,Youth development

**Who the charity helps:** Learning disabilities,Physical disabilities,Voluntary and community sector,Youth (14-25 year olds)

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£8,105	£7,754	£0	0

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Miss Denise Wilson		
Mr Connor Mckinney		
Mr Cyril Mckinney		
Mr John Cunningham		
Mr Matthew Mckinney		
Mr Stephen Lenaghan		
Ms Elaine Cole		

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# Accounts

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**Football Clubs United (NI)  
ACCOUNTS STATEMENT**

**Football Clubs United (NI)  
Accounts from 01.09.2024 - 31.08.2025**

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Bank balance at 31.08.2024	1669.33	Mencap affiliation Fee 2025	50.00
Players contributions	3870.00	Insurance 2024/5	292.73
Football cards	670.00	John Trophies	70.00
J Donation	365.00	Rooney transport	2500.00
Night of the races	12 98.71	Days Inn	2454.00
Bank transfer from sports club	232-59	Irish Ferries	1350.00
		sweets	120.00
		Trophies –Stephen	75.00
		Tournament food	570.00
		Water	13.00
		Sweets	20.00
		Presentation meal + tip £10	190.21
		Drivers expenses	50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>8105.63</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>7754.54</b>
		Bank balance at 31.08.2025	

The above accounts have been prepared by Football Clubs United (NI)

Total income for the year was	8105.63
Total expenditure for the year was	7754.54
Bank balance at 31.08.2025	<b>351.09</b>

Chairperson  Treasurer 

Date 10 / 9 / 25

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# Annual report

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# **Football Clubs Utd (NI)**

## **Report 2024**

### **Training and coaching**

The home nations tournament was held in Pontefract, Yorkshire on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2024. Our group travelled to Yorkshire on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July and returned on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Training sessions were held in Downpatrick, Lisburn and Newry on a monthly basis with 13 players, male and female, of mixed ability levels and from various clubs and organisations. We had used social media outlets and flyers sent to all clubs advising of our plans for the incoming year.

It was agreed to move the monthly sessions to various locations to make it more amenable to everyone. Each session lasted 2 hours and involved various drills which included basic skills of ball control, passing, heading, shooting and tackling. Most sessions finished with a game designed for the players to put into practice what they had learned from the skills training including one touch and two touch passing and movement.

The sessions focused on who suited each position, worked on defending and attacking, set plays and playing as a team. Advice and guidance was provided on healthy eating, and fitness improvement for each player.

### **Fundraising**

The players all paid a contribution towards the trip and helped with organised fundraising – Two store collections and a night of the races. Newry Gateway club made a cash donation to our trip.

### **Yorkshire Trip**

The total group of 20 players, coaches and volunteers travelled to Yorkshire on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July and returned on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July. We stayed in a Premier Inn near the ground where the tournament took place. The one day tournament took place on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July. We finished third in the tournament which included Wales, England, Jersey and Scotland.

### **Northern Ireland 1 England 3**

it was agony for the Northern Ireland team as they suffered a 3-1 defeat against England.

Northern Ireland enjoyed the lion's share of possession but were outdone by a strong England team who scored with the only 3 shots on target they had. Overall the team played well with great performances from from in particular Joe, Ryan and

our striker Philip who showed his class with a clinical finish in the second half to make it 2-1 but we dust ourselves down and take on Jersey in the next game

**Northern Ireland 0  
Jersey 3**

Game 2 for Northern Ireland and it was another defeat against a strong Jersey side who won 3-0 including a wonder goal. Our players performed well but the opposition was quite strong. Two games down and two to play so all is not lost - next up is Wales at 2pm.

**Northern Ireland 3  
Wales 1**

It was a great win over the Welsh 3-1 with Philip putting us ahead in the opening minute with a bullet header from an Owen cross from the left. Wales got back on level terms before half time before a Curtis double strike, one a wonderful free kick, in the second half saw us run out winners. Final score - Northern Ireland 3 Wales 1

**Northern Ireland 5  
Scotland 0**

Final game V Scotland and it's a comfortable victory 5-0 with Philip scoring a hatrick along with one from Curtis and a well taken goal from Michael completing the scoring to see us finish 3rd overall in the competition.  
Some great performances in this game from Joe "the Duracell Kid" and the defensive "Rock" Noel at the back.

Overall our players were a credit to themselves, their families, clubs and to Northern Ireland as a whole. Their conduct on and off the pitch was exemplary at all times and they returned home as winners.

**Thanks**

Football Clubs Utd (NI) would like to thank Mark Summers and his team for organising a fantastic tournament- Thanks to Trevor Waddington for the hospitality - second to none- Thanks to Eamon Rooney coach hire and our friend Joa our driver - nothing was to much problem for Joa..

Most importantly thanks to our players who are just an incredible bunch of young people- they are a credit to themselves- their families and their clubs.

We would like to thank players families, carers, volunteers and all our sponsors for making this trip possible but most importantly a huge thanks to our players for their dedication and commitment during the year

Stephen Lenaghan  
Chairperson  
3/9/2024

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# Annual return

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Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of  
**Football Clubs Utd (NI)**

I report on the accounts of **Football Clubs Utd (NI)** for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> August 2024, which are set out on page 1.

**Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

1. examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
2. follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
3. state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report:**

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

1. My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by Football Clubs Utd (NI) and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records.
2. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Name: GARRETT SAKOR

Relevant professional qualification or body: Soc. in Work

Address: 34 St Patrick's Road, Downpatrick, BT30 7JQ

Date 9/4/25

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# Accounts

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**Football Clubs United (NI)**  
**ACCOUNTS STATEMENT**

**Football Clubs United (NI)**  
**Accounts from 01.09.2022 - 31.08.2023**

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Bank balance at 31.08.2022	3438.97	Mencap affiliation Fee 2023	50.00
Players contributions	2150.00	Insurance 2022/3	260.06
Football cards	420.00	Bus driver	50.00
Store Collection	300.00	Rooney transport	1950.00
Night of the races	1128.00	Premier Inn	2700.00
Stovell family donation	2500.00	Stena line	1150.00
Track top fundraiser	1000.00	Players expenses food	270.00
		Crisps/ WATER etc	38.00
		Track tops	1000.00
		Hire of premises	120.00
		Lunch on boat	170.00
		Prizes for fundraiser	80.00
		Volunteers expenses	160.00
			8048.06
Total	10936.97	Total	8048.06
		Bank balance at 31.08.2023	2888.91

The above accounts have been prepared by Football Clubs United (NI)

Total income for the year was	10936.97
Total expenditure for the year was	8048.06
Bank balance at 31.08.2023	2888.91

Chairperson S. Lenaghan Treasurer [Signature]

Date 21/9/23

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# Annual report

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# **Football Clubs Utd (NI)**

## Report 2023

### Training and coaching

In September 2022 after telephone discussions with England, Scotland and Wales coaches it was agreed to hold a home nations tournament in Pontefract in Yorkshire for the end of July 2023

Training sessions were held in Downpatrick and Newry once a month with 13 players, male and female, of mixed ability levels and from various clubs and organisations. We had used social media outlets and flyers sent to all clubs advising of our plans for the incoming year.

It was agreed to move the monthly sessions to various locations to make it more amenable to everyone. Each session lasted 2 hours and involved various drills which included basic skills of ball control, passing, heading, shooting and tackling. Most sessions finished with a game designed for the players to put into practice what they had learned from the skills training including one touch and two touch passing and movement.

The sessions focused on who suited each position, worked on defending and attacking, set plays and playing as a team. Advice and guidance was provided on healthy eating, and fitness improvement for each player.

### Fundraising

The players all paid a contribution towards the trip and helped with organised fundraising – a store collection and a night of the races

### Yorkshire Trip

The total group of 20 players, coaches and volunteers travelled to Yorkshire on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> July and returned on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July. We stayed in a Premier Inn near the ground where the tournament took place. The one day tournament took place on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July. We won the tournament by defeating Wales, England, Jersey and Scotland.

Northern Ireland 2  
Wales 0

A hard fought win over a much improved Wales team thanks to two goals from Curtis Waters and Philip McCartney - one in each half. A good team performance right across the pitch - captained on his debut by Richie Brown.

Northern Ireland 2  
England 0

Its two from two this time against a solid England team.

Curtis Waters opened the scoring early on in the first half with a clever free kick from the edge of the box after Michael Corrigan was upended in front of goal and then a delightful chip over the keeper out wide on the left from an acute angle to put us 2-0 up at halftime. Despite Englands best effort the boys in green held firm- with Noel Galbraith rock solid.

Northern Ireland 2

Jersey 0

Its three from three this time against an unbeaten Jersey team.

Philip MCCARTNEY opened the scoring early on in the first half with a great finish after being sent through by Curtis Waters

In the second half Michael Corrigan was on hand to finish from a rebound of the keeper when a Curtis Waters thunder bolt was too hot to handle for the keeper and the "predator" Corrigan said "thanks very much" and made the game safe for the boys and girl in green.

Northern Ireland 1

Scotland 0

And it's now four from four this time against a very determined Scotland team who pushed us all the way. 0-0 at halftime it took a piece of magic from Philip MCCARTNEY who latched on to a great Curtis Waters through ball and he volleyed it over the keeper and in of the far post for the goal that wins us back to back Home Nations titles

Our players were a credit to themselves, their families, clubs and to Northern Ireland as a whole. Their conduct on and off the pitch was exemplary at all times and they returned home as winners.

### Thanks

Football Clubs Utd (NI) would like to thank Mark Summers and his team for organising a fantastic tournament- Thanks to Trevor Waddington for the hospitality - second to none- Thanks to Eamon Rooney coach hire and our friend Joa our driver - nothing was too much problem for Joa.

Thanks to John "Feet" Beattie and Harry Walsh senior for our new track tops . Most importantly thanks to our players who are just an incredible bunch of young people- they are a credit to themselves- their families and their clubs and have just won back to back Home Nations titles.

Curtis Waters won the referee's award for our player of the tournament while the coaches pick went deservedly to Luke Blaney who was outstanding during the tournament

We would like to thank players families, carers, volunteers and all our sponsors for making this trip possible but most importantly a huge thanks to our players for their dedication and commitment during the year

Stephen Lenaghan

Chairperson

1/9/2023

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# Annual return

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Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of  
**Football Clubs Utd (NI)**

I report on the accounts of Helping Hands Romania for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> August 2023, which are set out on page 1.

**Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

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### Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Name: *Frances Higgins*

Relevant professional qualification or body:

Address: *35 Knockree Rd Derry Linc B73G 6RP*

Date *25/10/2023*