

## **Northern Ireland Netball**

(A company limited by guarantee, not having a share capital)

### **TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**

for the financial year ended 31 March 2025

The trustees present their Trustees' Annual Report, combining the Directors' Report and Trustees' Report, and the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2025.

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The Trustees' Report contains the information required to be provided in the Trustees' Annual Report under the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) guidelines. The trustees of the charity are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law and under the charity's constitution are known as members of the board of trustees.

In this report the trustees of Northern Ireland Netball present a summary of its purpose, governance, activities, achievements and finances for the financial year 31 March 2025.

The charity is a registered charity and hence the report and results are presented in a form which complies with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and, although not obliged to comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland FRS 102, the organisation has implemented its recommendations where relevant in these financial statements.

#### **Mission, Objectives and Strategy**

##### **Objectives**

The charity's objectives are specifically restricted to the promotion of the following purposes for the benefit of the public: " To advance, promote, manage, co-ordinate, and develop netball in all its forms and in doing so to act as the national governing body for netball in Northern Ireland; " To advance community development in Northern Ireland by way of engaging members of local communities throughout Northern Ireland of all ages and abilities with netball and related activities; Northern Ireland.

Netball is the governing body for netball within Northern Ireland. Northern Ireland Netball is responsible for the development of netball across Northern Ireland and as such facilitates the delivery of netball across all levels from social participation, school, domestic competitive to international. Alongside this Netball Northern Ireland facilitate and deliver education courses for volunteers, coaches, officials and clubs to ensure delivery of safe, quality netball opportunities.

##### **Review of Activities, Achievements and Performance**

The direct benefits which flow from the organisation's purposes include greater opportunities for participation in the sport of netball. There are numerous benefits which come from this which include; fun and enjoyment, health benefits, improvement of self-esteem, development of communication skills, fitness development, meeting like-minded people, stress reduction and skill development. Throughout the 24/25 financial year we saw participation numbers steadily increasing having focused on the promotion and opportunities within junior competition sections, walking and minis netball.

Those new participants in netball have advised they feel much more empowered to be doing something for themselves, taking time to meet new people while exercising in a safe environment. They are also learning not only new physical skills, but also transferable skills around group/club volunteering, officiating and supporting the delivery of sessions. The success of the Warriors and underage squads has created a sense of sharing achievements within the netball family and being part of something bigger. The Warriors have becoming established role models to our domestic and social members as well as inspiring the younger age group national and regional team.

##### **Financial Review**

Northern Ireland Netball are aiming to achieve 3 months worth of reserves in line with the good governance suggested by Sport Northern Ireland. To date we do not have this but have financial planning in place to gradually increase our reserves year on year to allow financial confidence and sustainability in the landscape of reducing government funding. Our reserves are increasing year on year but we are mindful of ever increasing costs and the challenges of securing long-term investment.

##### **Financial Results**

At the end of the financial year the charity has assets of £225,879 (2024 - £207,017) and liabilities of £34,179 (2024 - £26,647). The net assets of the charity have increased by £11,330.

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#### Trustees

The trustees who served throughout the financial year, except as noted, were as follows:

Helen Stirling

Lisa Venney

Richard Joseph James Bullick (Resigned 7 November 2024)

Jade Blair

Shirley McCay

Roisin Mary Murphy

Steven Alexander Frederick Mills (Resigned 7 November 2024)

Jasmine Moorehead

Nicola Louise McCarthy (Appointed 9 January 2025)

Michael Gibbs (Appointed 12 December 2024)

In accordance with the Constitution, the trustees retire by rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

#### Compliance with Sector-Wide Legislation and Standards

The charity engages pro-actively with legislation, standards and codes which are developed for the sector. Northern Ireland Netball subscribes to and is compliant with the following:

- The Companies Act 2006
- The Charities SORP (FRS 102)

#### The Auditors

The auditors, DNTCA Limited, (Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors) have indicated their willingness to continue in office in accordance with the provisions of Section 485 of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 06/04/25 and signed on its behalf by:

  
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Helen Stirling  
Trustee