

# The Albion Rovers Community Trust

Scotland · Charity number SC046671

## Details

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Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2016-07-01
Register	<a href="#">View on the OSCR register</a>

## Contact

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**Address**  
Reigart Stadium  
Main Street  
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## Activities

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**Activities:** 'It carries out activities or services itself'

**Purposes:** 'the advancement of citizenship or community development', 'the provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended', 'the promotion of equality and diversity', 'the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage'

**What the charity does:** The charity's objectives are: - The advancement of citizenship including the rights and responsibilities of the citizen, through the development of opportunities for people to be more active in their communities, involving people in community activity including volunteering. - The promotion of equality and diversity including the elimination of discrimination. - The relief of those in need by reason of age, ill health, disability, financial hardship, or other disadvantage, contributing to the prevention or relief of poverty through information and advocacy. - The provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of the recreational activities with the purpose of improving the life conditions for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended.

**Beneficiaries:** 'Children or young people', 'Older People', 'People with disabilities or health problems', 'People with a particular ethnic or racial origin', 'Other charities or voluntary bodies'

**Objectives:** 4.1 The advancement of citizenship including the rights and responsibilities of the citizen, through the development of opportunities for people to be more active in their communities, involving people in community activity including volunteering. 4.2 The promotion of equality and diversity including the elimination of discrimination. 4.4 The relief of those in need by reason of age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage, contributing to the prevention or relief of poverty through information and advocacy. 4.5 The provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of the recreational activities with the purpose of improving the life conditions for the persons for who the facilities or activities are primarily

intended.

## Geography

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- **Main operating location:** North Lanarkshire
- **Geographical spread:** Wider, but within one local authority area

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£24,935	£17,467	-	0
2024-08-31	£26,757	£26,157	-	0
2023-08-31	£24,416	£31,151	-	1
2022-08-31	£29,336	£23,025	-	1
2021-08-31	£20,023	£14,824	-	1
2020-08-31	£12,071	£3,954	-	0

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# Accounts

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Report of the Trustees and  
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2025  
for  
Albion Rovers Community Trust

Sharles Ltd  
Chartered Accountants  
29 Brandon Street  
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Albion Rovers Community Trust

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for the Year Ended 31 August 2025

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Albion Rovers Community Trust

Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2025

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Objectives and aims**

The charity's objectives are:

- The advancement of citizenship including the rights and responsibilities of the citizen, through the development of opportunities for people to be more active in their communities, involving people in community activity including volunteering
- The promotion of equality and diversity including the elimination of discrimination
- The relief of those in need by reason of age, ill health, disability, financial hardship, or other disadvantage, contributing to the prevention or relief of poverty through information and advocacy
- The provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of the recreational activities with the purpose of improving the life conditions for the persons for who the facilities or activities are primarily intended.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

### **Charitable activities**

The period from September 2024 to August 2025 saw us able to significantly add to our mainstay groups and activities and offer more opportunities for children, vulnerable groups, and environmental improvement. In the past 12 months we have directly supported and engaged with over 285 individuals, many of whom engaged with us multiple times. Our ongoing 'in the moment' evaluation, continues to demonstrate that our activities ensure people have improved emotional wellbeing, confidence, and strength in their relationships with others. People continue to make new friendships and find that their engagement with our activities provides ongoing and much needed respite from caring for relatives with learning difficulties or dementia. People find huge support from their fellow participants when life events impact upon them and they say that they find great strength and comfort which supports them to face their challenges.

In addition, we donated £1,000 to Albion Rovers Football Club to help make football more affordable for local families by providing a hot drink and a snack at the first home game in January 2025.

Two of our Trustees took part in an interview on local Shire Radio where the purpose and activities of the Community Trust were explained and promoted.

The Community Trust has registered with North Lanarkshire Council Community and Voluntary Sector (CVS) Registration Scheme.

Our activity in this reporting period is detailed below:

### **Football Activity**

#### **School Programmes (Additional Support Needs)**

This project included weekly coaching sessions at two primary schools with over 60 young children with additional support needs participating in a variety of fun and developmental football related activities. Feedback from teachers, parents, and guardians, and most importantly, the participants themselves, highlights the importance of this programme and reinforces the need for regular physical exercise for children who live with additional support needs.

#### **School Programmes (Mainstream)**

This project included weekly coaching sessions at two primary schools with over 60 children participating in a variety of fun and developmental football related activities. Feedback from teachers, parents, and guardians, and most importantly, the participants themselves, highlights the importance of this programme and reinforces the need for regular physical exercise for children who live in our catchment area.

#### **Holiday Programmes**

Our summer holiday football programmes were a great success with over 500 bookings for children aged 5-14 years old. Fun, friendship, and football were the themes of the camps and participants were put through their paces by qualified and professional coaches. Attendees also had the chance to be ball attendants at Albion Rovers FC first team games. These holiday courses remain one of our core income streams and popular activities. This year, with funding from NLC, one week of the holiday programme was targeted at children of Ukrainian families living in our area. We were aware that this was a real need and local families really welcome and value their inclusion.

In addition, we were also able to run and offset costs for other camp weeks with the support of the SFA Cashback funds.

#### **Walking Football**

The ever-popular Walking Football group ran in three blocks throughout the summer months and attracted 17 participants weekly. Providing lovers of the beautiful game with the opportunity to play at a slower and more age and stage related pace, attendees enjoyed the social aspect of football as well as light to moderate physical activity.

#### **King's Trust LEAP Programme**

The Trust continue to have excellent relationships with the King's Trust, and we were invited to deliver the LEAP Programme in partnership with them in both January and June 2025. The LEAP programme is an employability programme aimed at potential school leavers and is designed to support them as they prepare for the world of work, apprenticeship schemes and so on. The programme is also focused on building self-confidence, CV development skills and team working skills.

The King's Trust take the lead in engaging with local schools to recruit young people to the programme.

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The programmes had a total of 11 young people from 4 schools attend. In the June 2025 programme, due to various issues, 4 young people finally participated. The programmes include a range of activities including sports coaching, online SFA courses including mental health and well-being and personal development. External providers also delivered health and safety and first aid courses, the latter including 'CPR'. The First Aid trainer had themselves been supported by the then, Princes Trust, to set up his business and both they and their story are a powerful demonstration of the impact of the King's Trust.

Every participant gained 4 certificates from the SFA, SPR Training, Albion Rovers Community Trust and the King's Trust. These were presented at a Celebration Event by the Chairman of the Community Trust and a senior Representative from the King's Trust. The participants were supported to invite their Head Teachers to attend the celebration event, all of whom were delighted with the outcomes of the programme and the very positive impact on the young people.

The Trust received £8,200 to help deliver the LEAP Programme and following its successful delivery, the King's Trust have invited us to run the programme again in February 2026. This is a programme which the Community Trust are delighted to continue to support.

### Community Activity

#### **Buddies**

This was the first group organised by Rovers in the Community and was established in January 2016. The group consists of 12 to 14 men with an age range from early 20s to early 60s who have a range of physical, learning, and emotional support needs. Many of the group are clients of Key Housing. They meet most Monday mornings where they socialise and carry out simple maintenance duties. The group is responsible for their own governance, safeguarding and financial arrangements but the Trust makes significant contributions to support their activities. In addition, and with support, they co-organise trips and activities. These have included: adoption of a local railway station, trips to various seaside towns and activities at a local bowling club and golf driving range.

#### **Men's Shed**

Men's Shed continues to grow and attracts new members to the group on a weekly basis. Between 10-14 'Shedders' meet at their facility within Cliftonhill Stadium on Wednesday and Friday mornings where they recycle and upcycle scrap materials and produce some garden furniture and decorative features. Tackling social isolation and poor mental health, Men's Shed continues to be a safe, inclusive, and welcoming place for some of Coatbridge's most vulnerable and hard-to-reach men. The group is responsible for their own governance, safeguarding and financial arrangements but the Trust makes significant contributions to support their activities.

#### **Wednesday Walkers**

Attracting between 20-35 participants on a weekly basis, the Wednesday walking group continues to provide people aged 50-80 years old with the opportunity to participate in light to moderate regular exercise, whilst enjoying the benefits of socialising and feeling part of something special and meaningful. We set out in our 2023/24 report that we had moved the group to operate from Dunbeth Bowling Club in Coatbridge. This has proven to be a hugely successful move with the group continuing to increase its participant numbers. The improved accessibility at the Bowling Club has enabled participants to continue to be part of the social aspects of the walkers and to maintain their sense of belonging. The group are now walking 'as one' in the park and this has truly enhanced the group's cohesion. The Bowling Club are also receiving income for our use of their premises and therefore, the Trust is supporting the local community to have ongoing access to a sporting activity.

In December 2024, on the last walking group of 2024, ahead of the festive holiday break, we held a Christmas tea with a game of 'Irish bingo' and a raffle. This was hugely successful and we plan to have the event again in December 2025. In addition, in August 2025, the group enjoyed another day out at New Lanark where they walked for 30 minutes followed by a lovely afternoon meal. The day out was partly funded by NLC Community Grant and was greatly enjoyed by all in attendance.

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### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 August 2025

#### **Football Memories**

Meeting on the third Friday of each month, the memories group continues to attract a loyal group of around 16 die-hard Albion Rovers supporters who are aged 40-80 years old and have signs of early stages of memory loss, other health condition or are carers for another. This group continues to be successful, and our volunteers continue to attract former players and managers to attend to share their memories, stimulate discussion and making the event 'feel' like football. The sessions are divided into two 45-minute chats with pie and Bovril served at 'half-time'.

#### **Thursday Club**

The Trust's hardy band of loyal volunteers continue to meet every Thursday. The membership is around 8 who are all retired and have had skilled jobs. The group is very successful as the participants get to use their plumbing, electrical, joinery skills in real settings and this adds to their self-worth as well as creating a network of friendships. Having swept the stands, painted the terracing, and whatever else needs done to keep Cliftonhill safe, clean, and operational. Putting back into the club they love, attendees sit down for a lunchtime tea or coffee and have the chance to socialize and enjoy the company of other Rover's supporters, whilst feeling valued, stimulated and part of something meaningful.

#### **Christmas Cheer**

Due to the relegation of Albion Rovers Football Club, SPFL funding ceased but we were able to continue this work through donations and were able to deliver 20 Christmas hampers. We again made a conscious decision that the hampers were to be filled with special 'luxury' items such as Christmas cake, chocolate, quality tinned meat/fish etc and not a food parcel. We also included a Christmas card and gift voucher. The recipients had been recommended by local churches, local elected representatives, the fans forum, and our own Trust contacts. The hampers have been very well received and there was positive feedback about the initiative.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Financial position**

##### **Funding and Fundraising**

We organised and ran a successful festive fundraising raffle through Just Giving but also physical sales at events. The entire contents of the hamper and other prizes are donated by Albion Rovers Football fans. We raised £1,400 and donated to Cancer Research in memory of a stalwart volunteer we lost in 2024. Our volunteers are to be recognised and celebrated for donating both the hamper items and other prizes and promoting online sales.

Due to our reputation gained by participants' endorsements, our widening social media profile, and skilled bidding for grants, we were successful in attracting funding from the Postcode Lottery, North Lanarkshire Council and SFA. Among other benefits, this allowed us to reduce charges for classes and allow us to offer several 'sponsored' (free) places to schools to send children to our kids' football holiday camps to youngsters from financially challenged families.

##### **Reserves policy**

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six months expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

#### **FUTURE PLANS**

- To finalise the evaluation of the tests of change in relation to the Community Development Officer role
- Continue to source external funding streams and opportunities to maintain and develop workstreams
- Continue to develop work with local schools
- Develop partnership with other local agencies to work collaboratively in the field of mental health and mitigating against the cost-of-living crisis.
- Continue to evaluate the social impact of all programmes in tackling social isolation, poverty, and health and well-being.

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

Albion Rovers Community Trust is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) governed by its Constitution. It is registered as a charity with the Scottish Charity Regulator.

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

Trustees are chosen from the membership of the organisation and have a variety of skills which can be utilised by the charity in furtherance of its objectives. Board members can be appointed at the AGM. At each AGM, a chair, secretary and treasurer are appointed as per OSCR regulations.

### **Organisational structure**

The charity is an SCIO, as recognised by OSCR. Trustees are chosen from the membership of the organisation and have a variety of skills which can be utilised by the charity in furtherance of its objectives. Board members can be appointed at the AGM. At each AGM, a chair, secretary, and treasurer are appointed as per OSCR regulations.

Following the successful work in reaching an understanding with other organisations operating under the Albion Rovers brand, we are delighted to continue to have good strong links with Albion Rovers Supporters Trust, Coatbridge Men's Shed and Albion Rovers Buddies. We have continued through 2024/25 to take forward programmes which tackle social isolation, poverty and which seek to improve health and well-being. We have continued to be mindful of the continuing impact of cost-of-living pressures on our local population in our planning, development and delivery of activities.

The Community Trust recognise the importance of collecting the narrative together with hard data. We continue to gather information from the participants in our activities through 'real time' and 'in the moment' conversations. This approach enables us to take a 'you said, we did' approach to ensuring that the activities continue to meet the needs of our participants.

The development in 2023/24 of the volunteer led café as part of the Wednesday Walkers group has continued to go from strength to strength. The sense of ownership that the participants have is now embedded within the group and in the 2025/26 programme, it is intended to use the walking group participants as a 'test of change' cohort for the delivery of a volunteer skills course. The purpose is to encourage the participants to engage in additional volunteering across the Community Trust's range of activities. External funding will be sourced to support the delivery of the course and provide travel expenses for participants as well as provide external training including first aid.

As outlined in the 2023/24 annual report, a change in fortunes of Albion Rovers Football Club resulted in their relegation to the Lowland League which further resulted in the Community Trust losing SPFL funding.

We set out in the 2023/24 annual report the challenges this presented in relation to the Trust's ability to employ a Community Development Officer. Whilst we have recognised the value of the role of Community Development Officer, the Trustees also recognise the value of volunteer -led activity and that is an important aspect of us consolidating and maintaining the high standard of delivery of both our core and future activities. We set out in our previous report that we had decided to review the feasibility of employing a Community Development Officer and that we would engage in a further 'test of change' and operate our activities through the Trustees supported by volunteers, with a planned strategic review of the way forward to be completed by January 2025. Whilst we did meet the timeline of January 2025, we opted to continue with a further test of change which was to deliver our activities through the leadership of our volunteer Trustees, using 'ICT' in different ways to support our activities. For example, we have successfully developed the use of 'google docs' for the administration of our children's football camps. The evaluation of the test of change is scheduled for the December 2025 meeting when the final decision about the feasibility of a Community Development Officer role will be made.

### **Risk management**

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

## **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

### **Registered Charity number**

SC046671

### **Principal address**

Reigart Stadium, Main Street  
Coatbridge  
Lanarkshire  
ML5 3RB

Albion Rovers Community Trust

Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2025

**Trustees**

M Agnew  
R G Boyd  
Mrs I Boyd  
T Castles (resigned 31.8.25)  
N A Logan  
Mrs M Waterton  
S Traquair (appointed 8.10.24)  
E Hagerty  
Mrs I Agnew

**Independent Examiner**

Sharles Ltd  
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**07/04/2026**

Approved by order of the board of trustees on ..... and signed on its behalf by:

*Margaret Waterton*

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Mrs M Waterton - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
Albion Rovers Community Trust

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 set out on pages eight to fourteen.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity's trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(a) to (c) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under Section 44(1)(c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

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

My examination was carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

**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 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

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.

*Robert Pollock*

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**07/04/2026**

Date: .....

Albion Rovers Community Trust

Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies		16,485	-	16,485	8,572
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Albion Rovers Community Trust		<u>250</u>	<u>8,200</u>	<u>8,450</u>	<u>18,185</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u>16,735</u>	<u>8,200</u>	<u>24,935</u>	<u>26,757</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Raising funds		(120)	-	(120)	11,641
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Albion Rovers Community Trust		<u>9,387</u>	<u>8,200</u>	<u>17,587</u>	<u>14,516</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u>9,267</u>	<u>8,200</u>	<u>17,467</u>	<u>26,157</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>		7,468	-	7,468	600
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		<u>14,662</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>14,862</u>	<u>14,262</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>22,130</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>22,330</u>	<u>14,862</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet  
31 August 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	<b>2025 Total funds £</b>	2024 Total funds £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	4	172	-	172	172
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>22,721</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>22,921</u>	<u>15,573</u>
		<b>22,893</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>23,093</b>	15,745
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	5	(763)	-	(763)	(883)
		<u>22,130</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>22,330</u>	<u>14,862</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
		<u>22,130</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>22,330</u>	<u>14,862</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
		<u>22,130</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>22,330</u>	<u>14,862</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>					
		<u>22,130</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>22,330</u>	<u>14,862</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>					
Unrestricted funds	6			22,130	14,662
Restricted funds				<u>200</u>	<u>200</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>					
				<u>22,330</u>	<u>14,862</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on **07/04/2026**

..... and were signed on its behalf by:

*Margaret Waterton*

.....  
M Waterton - Trustee

## 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

### **Financial reporting standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions**

The charity has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemption in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland':

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes. All funds are unrestricted for the current period but have been shown as specific charitable activities to provide a more full understanding of the figures contained within the financial statements.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

### **Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2025

**2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2025 nor for the year ended 31 August 2024.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 August 2025 nor for the year ended 31 August 2024.

**3. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	8,572	-	8,572
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Albion Rovers Community Trust	<u>4,050</u>	<u>14,135</u>	<u>18,185</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>12,622</u>	<u>14,135</u>	<u>26,757</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
Raising funds	6,356	5,285	11,641
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Albion Rovers Community Trust	<u>5,666</u>	<u>8,850</u>	<u>14,516</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>12,022</u>	<u>14,135</u>	<u>26,157</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	600	-	600
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	14,062	200	14,262
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>14,662</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>14,862</u>

**4. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2025 £	2024 £
Tax	<u>172</u>	<u>172</u>

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for the Year Ended 31 August 2025

**5. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other creditors	<u>763</u>	<u>883</u>

**6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.9.24	Net movement in funds	At 31.8.25
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	7,101	14,779	21,880
Festive Friends	1,125	(1,125)	-
Trust Trophy Grant	4,083	(4,083)	-
NLC Com Grant	56	194	250
NLC Winter Extra	<u>2,297</u>	<u>(2,297)</u>	<u>-</u>
	14,662	7,468	22,130
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
NLC Recover	200	-	200
	<u>14,862</u>	<u>7,468</u>	<u>22,330</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	16,485	(1,706)	14,779
Festive Friends	-	(1,125)	(1,125)
Trust Trophy Grant	-	(4,083)	(4,083)
NLC Com Grant	250	(56)	194
NLC Winter Extra	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,297)</u>	<u>(2,297)</u>
	16,735	(9,267)	7,468
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
King's Trust	8,200	(8,200)	-
	<u>24,935</u>	<u>(17,467)</u>	<u>7,468</u>

Albion Rovers Community Trust

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2025

**6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.9.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	6,501	600	7,101
Festive Friends	1,125	-	1,125
Trust Trophy Grant	4,083	-	4,083
NLC Com Grant	56	-	56
NLC Winter Extra	<u>2,297</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,297</u>
	14,062	600	14,662
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
NLC Recover	200	-	200
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>14,262</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>14,862</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	8,572	(7,972)	600
Festive Friends	1,550	(1,550)	-
Robertson Trust	<u>2,500</u>	<u>(2,500)</u>	<u>-</u>
	12,622	(12,022)	600
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
NLC Recover	3,000	(3,000)	-
SFA Grant	2,000	(2,000)	-
Foundation Scotland	2,635	(2,635)	-
King's Trust	<u>6,500</u>	<u>(6,500)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>14,135</u>	<u>(14,135)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>26,757</u>	<u>(26,157)</u>	<u>600</u>

The first restricted fund is North Lanarkshire Council Recover, restricted to providing environmental work.

The second restricted fund is SFA Grant, restricted to resurfacing the community pitch.

The third restricted fund is SPFL funded activities, restricted to providing a variety of community based activities.

The fourth restricted fund is NLC Winter, restricted for a Warm Spaces programme activities which run from January to March.

The fifth restricted fund is Foundation Scotland, restricted to providing variety of activities to Ukrainian refugee children.

Albion Rovers Community Trust

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2025

**6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

The sixth restricted fund is King's Trust, restricted to providing employability programme aimed at potential school leavers.

**7. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 August 2025.

Albion Rovers Community Trust

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations	900	621
Activities	<u>15,585</u>	<u>7,951</u>
	<b>16,485</b>	<b>8,572</b>
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Grants	<u>8,450</u>	<u>18,185</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>24,935</b>	<b>26,757</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Wages	-	11,450
Pensions	<u>-</u>	<u>191</u>
	-	11,641
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Costs for providing activities	<b>16,563</b>	13,128
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Insurance	209	206
Telephone	35	114
Accountancy and legal fees	<u>660</u>	<u>1,068</u>
	<u>904</u>	<u>1,388</u>
Total resources expended	<u>17,467</u>	<u>26,157</u>
<b>Net income</b>	<u><u>7,468</u></u>	<u><u>600</u></u>

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**The Albion Rovers Community Trust**

Scotland - Charity number SC046671

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# Accounts

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Report of the Trustees and  
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2024  
for  
Albion Rovers Community Trust

Sharles Ltd  
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Albion Rovers Community Trust

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Albion Rovers Community Trust

Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Objectives and aims**

The charity's objectives are:

- The advancement of citizenship including the rights and responsibilities of the citizen, through the development of opportunities for people to be more active in their communities, involving people in community activity including volunteering
- The promotion of equality and diversity including the elimination of discrimination
- The relief of those in need by reason of age, ill health, disability, financial hardship, or other disadvantage, contributing to the prevention or relief of poverty through information and advocacy
- The provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of the recreational activities with the purpose of improving the life conditions for the persons for who the facilities or activities are primarily intended.

## **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

### **Charitable activities**

The period from September 2023 to August 2024 saw us able to significantly add to our mainstay groups and activities and offer more opportunities for children, vulnerable groups, and environmental improvement. In the past 12 months we have directly supported and engaged with over 272 individuals, many of whom engaged with us multiple times. Our Social Impact research demonstrates that our activities ensure people have improved emotional wellbeing, confidence, and strength in their relationships with others. Many participants state that more than 2 years post-Covid, these activities have given them confidence again to socialise with others and opportunities to make new friends. For several of our participants attending one or more of our activities allows them much needed respite from caring for relatives with learning difficulties or dementia. People talk openly about having renewed confidence to meet and engage with new people and the benefits that that brings in terms of mental health and wellbeing.

Our activity in this reporting period is detailed below:

### **Football Activity**

Having a Community Development Officer for the full year allowed us to access funding from the SFA and other providers to initiate some additional programmes for children to supplement our core activity.

### **School Programmes (Additional Support Needs)**

This project was funded by a grant from Essentia and allowed for weekly coaching sessions at two primary schools with over 60 young children with additional support needs participating in a variety of fun and developmental football related activities. Feedback from teachers, parents, and guardians, and most importantly, the participants themselves, highlights the importance of this programme and reinforces the need for regular physical exercise for children who live with additional support needs.

### **School Programmes (Mainstream)**

Following a successful bid to the North Lanarkshire Council Recover programme, we engaged with local primaries in environmental projects. The participants were P6 and P7 and the final submissions from the children showed an excellent awareness of their local environment, understanding of sustainability and a willingness to participate as responsible citizens.

We successfully bid for funding via Foundation Scotland to support Ukrainian refugee children who were housed in our community. After school engagement in football activity led to their inclusion in our holiday football camps.

### **Holiday Programmes**

Our October, Easter and Summer holiday football programmes were a great success with over 500 bookings for children aged 5-14 years old. Fun, friendship, and football were the themes of the camps and participants were put through their paces by qualified and professional coaches. Attendees also had the chance to be ball attendants at Albion Rovers FC first team games. These holiday courses remain one of our core income streams and popular activities.

This year, one of the 2 Easter holiday programme weeks was specifically for the children of Ukrainian families with the summer weeks having sponsored places for the Ukrainian children. The families really welcomed and valued their inclusion with the coaches finding the 'next Ronaldo' and the Trustees and volunteers learning a little Ukrainian.

To support families, manage the cost-of-living pressures, the Trust continues to keep the charges to a 'per day' basis.

### **Walking Football**

The ever-popular Walking Football group ran in three blocks throughout the summer months and attracted 12-21 participants weekly. Providing lovers of the beautiful game with the opportunity to play at a slower and more age and stage related pace, attendees enjoyed the social aspect of football as well as light to moderate physical activity.

### **Princes Trust LEAP Programme**

The Trust have excellent relationships with the Princes Trust (now the King's Trust) and we were invited to deliver the LEAP Programme in partnership with the Princes Trust (King's Trust). This is an employability programme aimed at potential school leavers and is designed to support them as they prepare for the world of work, apprenticeship schemes and so on. The programme is also focused on building self-confidence, CV development skills and team working skills.

## Albion Rovers Community Trust

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

#### **Princes Trust LEAP Programme**

The programme had 15 young people from 4 schools attend and the participants engaged in a range of activities including sports coaching, online SFA courses including mental health and well-being and personal development. External providers also delivered health and safety and first aid courses, the latter including 'CPR'. Every participant gained 4 certificates from the SFA, St Andrews Ambulance Association, Albion Rovers Community Trust and the Princes Trust. These were presented at a Celebration Event by the Chairman of the Community Trust and a senior Representative from the Princes Trust. The participants were supported to invite their Head Teachers to attend the celebration event, all of whom were delighted with the outcomes of the programme and the very positive impact on the young people.

The successful delivery of the LEAP Programme delivered income to the Trust of £6500 and the King's Trust have invited us to run the programme again in January 2025. This is a programme which the Community Trust are delighted to support.

#### **Community Activity**

##### **Buddies**

This was the first group organised by Rovers in the Community and was established in January 2016. The group consists of 12 to 14 men with an age range from early 20s to early 60s who have a range of physical, learning, and emotional support needs. Many of the group are clients of Key Housing. They meet most Monday mornings at the stadium where they socialise and carry out simple maintenance duties. The group is responsible for their own governance, safeguarding and financial arrangements but the Trust makes significant contributions to support their activities. In addition, and with support, they co-organise trips and activities. These have included: adoption of a local railway station, trips to various seaside towns and activities at a local bowling club and golf driving range.

##### **Men's Shed**

Men's Shed continues to grow and attracts new members to the group on a weekly basis. Between 10-14 'Shedders' meet at their facility within Cliftonhill Stadium on Wednesday and Friday mornings where they recycle and upcycle scrap materials and produce some garden furniture and decorative features. Tackling social isolation and poor mental health, Men's Shed continues to be a safe, inclusive, and welcoming place for some of Coatbridge's most vulnerable and hard-to-reach men.

##### **Wednesday Walkers**

Attracting between 20-30 participants on a weekly basis, the Wednesday walking group continues to provide people aged 50-80 years old with the opportunity to participate in light to moderate regular exercise, whilst enjoying the benefits of socializing and feeling part of something special and meaningful. Due to accessibility issues for some of the participants, the Trust sourced an alternative location to base the walkers group. The group is now operating from Dunbeth Bowling Club in Coatbridge. The group are now walking 'as one' in the park and this has truly enhanced the group's cohesion. The Bowling Club is arranging a 'try a sport' event in Spring 2025 so that some of the participants can try their hand at a different physical activity and thereby also have access to another social event. The Bowling Club are also receiving income for our use of their premises and therefore, the Trust is supporting the local community to have ongoing access to a sporting activity.

Due to change in available funding, we were no longer able to run this activity entirely free of charge. The addition of a café and a nominal charge for drinks and snacks has proven not only popular with the group but is also generating sufficient income for the group to be self-funding. In addition, in August 2024, the group enjoyed a day out at New Lanark where they walked for 30 minutes followed by a lovely afternoon meal. The day out was partly funded by NLC Community Grant and was greatly enjoyed by all in attendance.

##### **Football Memories**

Meeting on the third Friday of each month, the memories group continues to attract a loyal group of around 16 die-hard Albion Rovers supporters who are aged 40-80 years old and have signs of early stages of memory loss, other health condition or are carers for another. This group continues to be successful, and our volunteers continue to attract former players and managers to attend to share their memories, stimulate discussion and making the event 'feel' like football. The sessions are divided into two 45-minute chats with pie and Bovril served at 'half-time'. All activity is funded £2000 Wee Grant from the Robertson Trust in May 2021.

## Albion Rovers Community Trust

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

#### **Thursday Club**

The Trust's hardy band of loyal volunteers continue to meet every Thursday. The membership is around 8 who are all retired and have had skilled jobs. The group is very successful as the participants get to use their plumbing, electrical, joinery skills in real settings and this adds to their self-worth as well as creating a network of friendships. Having swept the stands, painted the terracing, and whatever else needs done to keep Cliftonhill safe, clean, and operational. Putting back into the club they love, attendees sit down for a lunchtime tea or coffee and have the chance to socialize and enjoy the company of other Rover's supporters, whilst feeling valued, stimulated and part of something meaningful.

#### **Festive Friends**

We participated again in the SPFL Trust funded Festive Friends programme, electing to provide a hybrid of events with a mix of Christmas parties and filling and distributing hampers. Due to the relegation of Albion Rovers Football Club, SPFL funding will cease and 2023 will be the final year of SPFL Funded Festive Friends. Again, due to the change in fortunes of the football club, SPFL funding was reduced for the 2023 Festive Friends programme.

For the hamper distribution, we identified participants from our own databases and by liaising with local churches and charitable organisations. We again made a conscious decision that the hampers were to be filled with special 'luxury' items such as Christmas cake, chocolate, quality tinned meat/fish etc and not a food parcel. We also included a Christmas card and gift voucher.

The hamper initiative proved to be a great success again with hampers and gifts being delivered to 20 individuals, some through other organisations. The recipients had been recommended by local churches, local elected representatives, the fans forum, and our own Trust contacts. The hampers have been very well received and there was positive feedback about the initiative. We contributed to the SPFL Trust communications strategy. All agreed that the initiative had been a success and to an extent this format had a more targeted reach than the festive lunch only approach.

We also facilitated 3 Christmas Parties in December from the Festive Friends funding. The three groups involved in the festivities were Coatbridge Men's Shed, the Buddies and a group of volunteers who support our community activities and fall into the category themselves of being senior citizens, living alone, having health issues or are carers.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Financial position**

##### **Funding and Fundraising**

We organised and ran a successful festive fundraising raffle - again through Just Giving but also physical sales at events. The entire contents of the hamper and other prizes are donated by Albion Rovers Football fans. We raised £1400 and made a donation to a local children/youth sports club. Our volunteers are to be recognised and celebrated for donating the hamper items, for donating other prizes and promoting online sales.

Due to our reputation gained by participants' endorsements, our widening social media profile, and skilled bidding for grants, we were successful in attracting funding from the Robertson Trust, North Lanarkshire Council, Foundation Scotland. Among other benefits this allowed us to hold or in some cases reduce charges for classes and allow us to offer several 'sponsored' (free) places to schools to send children to our kids' football holiday camps to youngsters from financially challenged families.

##### **Reserves policy**

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six months expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

#### **FUTURE PLANS**

- To evaluate and review the outputs of the Community Development Officer role and determine way forward
- Continue to source external funding streams and opportunities to maintain and develop workstreams
- Continue to develop work with local schools
- Develop partnership with other local agencies to work collaboratively in the field of mental health and mitigating against the cost-of-living crisis.
- Continue to evaluate the social impact of all programmes in tackling social isolation, poverty, and health and well-being.

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

Albion Rovers Community Trust is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) governed by its Constitution. It is registered as a charity with the Scottish Charity Regulator.

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

Trustees are chosen from the membership of the organisation and have a variety of skills which can be utilised by the charity in furtherance of its objectives. Board members can be appointed at the AGM. At each AGM, a chair, secretary and treasurer are appointed as per OSCR regulations.

### **Organisational structure**

The charity is a SCIO as recognised by OSCR. Trustees are chosen from the membership of the organisation and have a variety of skills which can be utilised by the charity in furtherance of its objectives. Board members can be appointed at the AGM. At each AGM, a chair, secretary, and treasurer are appointed as per OSCR regulations.

Following the successful work in reaching an understanding with other organisations operating under the Albion Rovers brand, we are delighted to have good strong links with Albion Rovers Supporters Trust, Coatbridge Men's Shed and Albion Rovers Buddies. We have continued through 2023/24 to take forward the recommendations from our evaluation in 2022/23 of the social impact of our programmes in tackling social isolation, poverty and improving health and well-being. We have recognised, and been mindful of, the additional impact of cost-of-living pressures on our local population, particularly over the past year in our planning, development and delivery of activities.

The Community Trust recognise the importance of collecting the narrative together with hard data. Further to the extensive social impact evaluation undertaken in 2022/23, we have continued to gather information from our group participants through 'real time' and 'in the moment' conversations. This approach enables us to take a 'you said, we did' approach to ensuring that the activities continue to meet the needs of our participants.

As one of the outputs from the social impact work, we have been eager to develop the role of volunteering in our mainstay groups. One example of this has been the development of a 'café' as part of our Wednesday Walkers group. Refreshments and snacks were always provided for this group with the Trustees providing the 'service'. We discussed the idea of having more of a 'café' approach with the participants and having them contribute to a rota to provide more of a 'café' approach to the provision of drinks and snacks. This has proven to be both very popular and successful, with the participants describing a greater sense of ownership in the group alongside a hugely positive impact on their self-esteem and self-worth.

The 2023/2024 year saw a change in fortunes of Albion Rovers Football Club with relegation to the Lowland League. This resulted in the Community Trust losing SPFL funding.

We recruited a Community Development Officer and continued to do so through 2022 and into 2023. At the beginning of January 2023, our Community Development Officer moved on to take up an exciting career development opportunity, where their work with the Community Trust had strengthened their experience and skills. This, alongside the change in funding from SPFL, enabled us to continue our mindful management of our limited resources and we again recruited a Community Development Officer, this time in a part-time capacity. We managed this as a 'test of change' on a fixed term contract. Again, in March 2023, our Community Development Officer moved on to other opportunities, demonstrating that the Community Trust and its programmes of work, activities and development not only support the local community but also those who work with us to develop.

The Trust decided to take stock and to engage in a further 'test of change' and operate its activities through the Trustees supported by volunteers, with a planned strategic review of the way forward to be completed by January 2025. Whilst we have recognised the value of the role of Community Development Officer, the Trustees also recognize the value of volunteer-led activity and that this is an important aspect of us both growing our organisation and being able to offer wider opportunities to our community.

### **Risk management**

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Albion Rovers Community Trust

Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

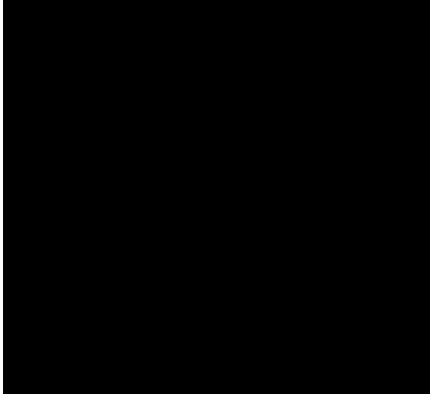
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SC046671

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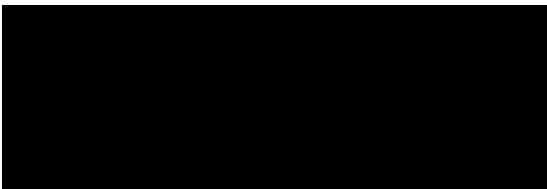
**Trustees**



**Independent Examiner**

Sharles Ltd  
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on .. .. . A p r 2 1 , 2 0 2 5..... and signed on its behalf by:



Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
Albion Rovers Community Trust

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 set out on pages eight to fifteen.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity's trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(a) to (c) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under Section 44(1)(c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

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

My examination was carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

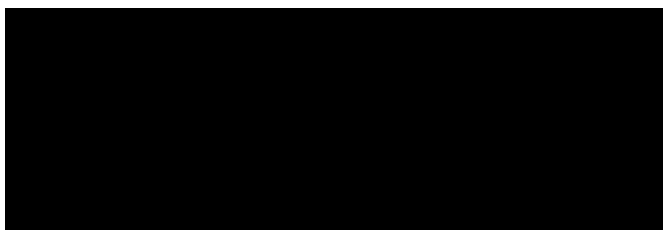
**Independent examiner's statement**

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 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

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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Apr 22, 2025  
.....Date:.....

Albion Rovers Community Trust

Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies		8,572	-	8,572	8,646
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Albion Rovers Community Trust		<u>4,050</u>	<u>14,135</u>	<u>18,185</u>	<u>15,770</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u>12,622</u>	<u>14,135</u>	<u>26,757</u>	<u>24,416</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Raising funds		6,356	5,285	11,641	19,555
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Albion Rovers Community Trust		<u>5,666</u>	<u>8,850</u>	<u>14,516</u>	<u>11,596</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u>12,022</u>	<u>14,135</u>	<u>26,157</u>	<u>31,151</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		600	-	600	(6,735)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		14,062	200	14,262	20,997
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>14,662</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>14,862</u>	<u>14,262</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Albion Rovers Community Trust

Balance Sheet  
31 August 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	<b>2024 Total funds £</b>	2023 Total funds £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	4	172	-	172	422
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>15,373</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>15,573</u>	<u>14,812</u>
		15,545	200	15,745	15,234
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	5	(883)	-	(883)	(972)
		<u>14,662</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>14,862</u>	<u>14,262</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
		14,662	200	14,862	14,262
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
		<u>14,662</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>14,862</u>	<u>14,262</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>					
		<u>14,662</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>14,862</u>	<u>14,262</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>					
Unrestricted funds	6			14,662	14,062
Restricted funds				<u>200</u>	<u>200</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>					
				<u>14,862</u>	<u>14,262</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on  
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## 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

### **Financial reporting standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions**

The charity has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemption in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland':

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes. All funds are unrestricted for the current period but have been shown as specific charitable activities to provide a more full understanding of the figures contained within the financial statements.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

### **Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Albion Rovers Community Trust

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

**2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2024 nor for the year ended 31 August 2023.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 August 2024 nor for the year ended 31 August 2023.

**3. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	8,646	-	8,646
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Albion Rovers Community Trust	<u>7,950</u>	<u>7,820</u>	<u>15,770</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>16,596</u>	<u>7,820</u>	<u>24,416</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
Raising funds	11,580	7,975	19,555
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Albion Rovers Community Trust	<u>8,448</u>	<u>3,148</u>	<u>11,596</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>20,028</u>	<u>11,123</u>	<u>31,151</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	(3,432)	(3,303)	(6,735)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	17,494	3,503	20,997
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>14,062</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>14,262</u>

**4. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2024 £	2023 £
Tax	<u>172</u>	<u>422</u>

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**5. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other creditors	<u>883</u>	<u>972</u>

**6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.9.23	Net movement in funds 31.8.24	At
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	6,501	600	7,101
Festive Friends	1,125	-	1,125
Trust Trophy Grant	4,083	-	4,083
NLC Com Grant	56	-	56
NLC Winter Extra	<u>2,297</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,297</u>
	14,062	600	14,662
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
NLC Recover	200	-	200
	<u>14,262</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>14,862</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	8,572	(7,972)	600
Festive Friends	1,550	(1,550)	-
Robertson Trust	<u>2,500</u>	<u>(2,500)</u>	<u>-</u>
	12,622	(12,022)	600
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
NLC Recover	3,000	(3,000)	-
SFA Grant	2,000	(2,000)	-
Foundation Scotland	2,635	(2,635)	-
Princes Trust	<u>6,500</u>	<u>(6,500)</u>	<u>-</u>
	14,135	(14,135)	-
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>26,757</u>	<u>(26,157)</u>	<u>600</u>

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**6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.9.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	11,709	(5,208)	6,501
Festive Friends	370	755	1,125
Trust Trophy Grant	4,200	(117)	4,083
Robertson Trust	1,215	(1,215)	-
NLC Com Grant	-	56	56
NLC Winter Extra	<u>-</u>	<u>2,297</u>	<u>2,297</u>
	17,494	(3,432)	14,062
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
NLC Recover	200	-	200
SPFL funded activities	<u>3,303</u>	<u>(3,303)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>3,503</u>	<u>(3,303)</u>	<u>200</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>20,997</u>	<u>(6,735)</u>	<u>14,262</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	8,145	(13,353)	(5,208)
Festive Friends	2,100	(1,345)	755
Trust Trophy Grant	-	(117)	(117)
Robertson Trust	2,501	(3,716)	(1,215)
Barclays Sported Grant	500	(500)	-
NLC Com Grant	950	(894)	56
NLC Winter Extra	<u>2,400</u>	<u>(103)</u>	<u>2,297</u>
	16,596	(20,028)	(3,432)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
SFA Grant	600	(600)	-
SPFL funded activities	3,620	(6,923)	(3,303)
NLC Winter	<u>3,600</u>	<u>(3,600)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>7,820</u>	<u>(11,123)</u>	<u>(3,303)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>24,416</u>	<u>(31,151)</u>	<u>(6,735)</u>

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**6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.9.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	11,709	(4,608)	7,101
Festive Friends	370	755	1,125
Trust Trophy Grant	4,200	(117)	4,083
Robertson Trust	1,215	(1,215)	-
NLC Com Grant	-	56	56
NLC Winter Extra	<u>-</u>	<u>2,297</u>	<u>2,297</u>
	17,494	(2,832)	14,662
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
NLC Recover	200	-	200
SPFL funded activities	<u>3,303</u>	<u>(3,303)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>3,503</u>	<u>(3,303)</u>	<u>200</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>20,997</u>	<u>(6,135)</u>	<u>14,862</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	16,717	(21,325)	(4,608)
Festive Friends	3,650	(2,895)	755
Trust Trophy Grant	-	(117)	(117)
Robertson Trust	5,001	(6,216)	(1,215)
Barclays Sported Grant	500	(500)	-
NLC Com Grant	950	(894)	56
NLC Winter Extra	<u>2,400</u>	<u>(103)</u>	<u>2,297</u>
	29,218	(32,050)	(2,832)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
NLC Recover	3,000	(3,000)	-
SFA Grant	2,600	(2,600)	-
SPFL funded activities	3,620	(6,923)	(3,303)
NLC Winter	3,600	(3,600)	-
Foundation Scotland	2,635	(2,635)	-
Princes Trust	<u>6,500</u>	<u>(6,500)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>21,955</u>	<u>(25,258)</u>	<u>(3,303)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>51,173</u>	<u>(57,308)</u>	<u>(6,135)</u>

The first restricted fund is North Lanarkshire Council Recover, restricted to providing environmental work.

The second restricted fund is SFA Grant, restricted to resurfacing the community pitch.

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**6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

The third restricted fund is SPFL funded activities, restricted to providing a variety of community based activities.

The fourth restricted fund is NLC Winter, restricted for a Warm Spaces programme activities which run from January to March.

The fifth restricted fund is Foundation Scotland, restricted to providing variety of activities to Ukrainian refugee children.

The sixth restricted fund is Princess Trust, restricted to providing employability programme aimed at potential school leavers.

**7. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 August 2024.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
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	2024	2023
	£	£
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations	621	2,279
Activities	<u>7,951</u>	<u>6,367</u>
	8,572	8,646
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Grants	<u>18,185</u>	<u>15,770</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>26,757</b>	<b>24,416</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Wages	11,450	19,250
Pensions	<u>191</u>	<u>305</u>
	11,641	19,555
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Costs for providing activities	13,128	9,543
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Insurance	206	200
Telephone	114	135
Sundries	-	878
Accountancy and legal fees	<u>1,068</u>	<u>840</u>
	<u>1,388</u>	<u>2,053</u>
Total resources expended	<u>26,157</u>	<u>31,151</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	<u><u>600</u></u>	<u><u>(6,735)</u></u>

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