

UNITED GLASGOW FOOTBALL CLUB (SC047338)



ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS

for the period

1st May 2023 – 31st December 2023



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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION

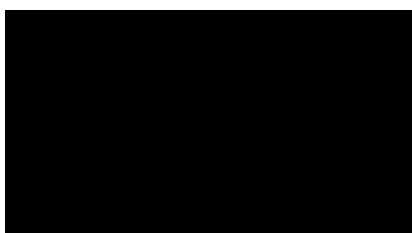
Year ended 30th April 2022

Registered Charity Name United Glasgow Football Club

Charity Number SC047338


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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

Year ended 31st December 2023

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the accounts and the independent examiner's report for the year ended 31st December 2023

Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

The charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated organisation (SCIO). It was registered in its current legal form on 19th April 2017. It is a single tier structure, with a board of Trustees that are elected by and are accountable to a wider body of members at an AGM. The existing board of Trustees can also co-opt Trustees to the Board.

Appointment of Trustees

The appointment of board trustees was made by the Board and/co-opted by the existing board of trustees.

The Trustees during the year were as shown under Reference and Administration Information.

Charitable Purpose

The organisation's charitable purposes are as follows:

1. To advance public participation in sport by providing affordable facilities, promoting the game of football, arranging matches, and training activities and widening community participation in the game.
2. To promote religious and racial harmony by bringing together individuals regardless of race, religion, nationality, gender, sexual orientation, age and fitness to engage in educational and sporting initiatives.
3. To promote equality and diversity by striving to actively combat all forms of discrimination in football through education and learning opportunities.



Overview

The last 12 months has seen an increased stability in the management of United Glasgow (“UG”) with a Board of Trustees who have brought their various experience and expertise to help further the charity in its objectives.

As a charity, our duty is to serve our beneficiaries. Our beneficiaries are the under-represented, minority communities and refugees all who have one thing in common – a passion for football. With over 500 registered players we share a universal language that cuts across many cultures and never allows anyone to be alone. We will continue our focus on creating measurable impacts on their lives, as part of our objective to offer football for all, to eliminate discrimination and to make football a game where everyone feels that they belong.

We cannot do this alone. We have made great efforts this last year to continue to build partnerships (Active Schools, St Francis Primary School, SFA, Partick Thistle Charitable Trust, Childrens Football Alliance and the Brunswick Group) and to create more opportunities for all to participate in football, be it as a player, a coach or as one of the many volunteers needed. To enable us to continue our growth, in the various football activities we can offer, we will need to aim to attract and retain longer term funding partners who also share our vision.

We are very proud of our achievements.

We look forward to maintaining our services in 2024 noting that the financial challenges ahead with increased costs and expenses in undoubtedly impact the charity.

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Summary of Activities and Achievements

Men’s Football

Due to the increased number of players registering with UG and our desire to develop our already existing Men’s Competitive team our ‘**Amateur Team**’ continued to succeed in their first Amateur season and secure promotion to Division One of the Glasgow District Sunday Football League. Our Men’s Community team also continued to flourish and to participate in an unaffiliated football league – The Scottish Unity League. A new adventure for our Mens Community and a fantastic opportunity for United Glasgow to offer further competitive opportunities for its many members. With newly appointed Coaches this created further volunteering opportunities with the provision of funded coach education and development. We were also very fortunate to secure Petershill Park and Springburn Park all our teams and their training and competitive matches.

The Men’s Community Football Sessions allowed us to create a pathway for players to progress to the Men’s Amateur team. This was another great opportunity to allow players to develop their football skills, meet new people and have something to aim for.

Having established two competitive football teams (one affiliated and one not) and running



three football training sessions per week we were able to provide more football and playing time for all registered players. All our football sessions continued to be donation funded and thus allowing continued free football for all.

Mens 5's

United Glasgow also offered weekly 5's football sessions for those within the Club who wanted to play football in a smaller group. These sessions, held once a week, were frequently oversubscribed and very popular.

Women's Football

Women's Community football sadly suspended due to the pitch works at Petershill Park on their 5/7's pitches. A further review of this provision would be undertaken in 2024. Existing members were redirected to other womens football organisations.

Mental Health & Wellbeing Football Team

Following the teams' success in their first cup competition in 2022, the new season saw the team promoted to the Premiership and to narrowly miss by one point the Premiership title. This was again an amazing achievement for the team. Consideration will be given as to whether the team will continue in 2024 season as the Scottish Mental Health and Wellbeing League move to hosting fixtures all venues in Scotland. This would be a massive burden on the team from a time and funding perspective.

Active Schools

Following UG's desire to replicate it's Men and Women's Adult football services to Youths, a trial project was launched with Active Schools on the Southside of Glasgow to provide football for refugee children aged between 12 – 17. .

The sessions were supported by funding from both Active Schools and Glasgow Sport as well as United Glasgow who provided the volunteer coaches and organisation.

The sessions were another great success allowing the charity to continue with its objectives and to offer free football to another community group. With more than 30 attending each session, opportunity arose for United Glasgow to establish a U17's team and to enter the team into Glasgow District Youth League. The season started in August 2023. Very competitive league with teams with substantial years of experience within. It is a challenge for United Glasgow's Youth team but one they want to experience and learn from.

Naples Visit

18 members of United Glasgow which included players and coaching volunteers played in an International Match in May 2023 against Napoli United in Naples.

This was the first opportunity since pre 2018 for a United Glasgow team to travel overseas,



primarily funded by individuals with a crowd funding effort of just under £800.

The visit allowed members of UG from refugee backgrounds as well long time members of the club to visit a country that they would not normally have been able to do and to play football with an international like minded team.

It was a great trip for also building and strengthening relationships but more importantly

Coach Education and Development

UG continued to provide Coach Education and Development to a number of their volunteers in particular those supporting the Youth & Community sessions. Coaches continue to be qualified upto Level 1.3 and also first aider trained.

Quality Mark

Following support from the SFA's Development team UG were delighted to retain the SFA's Bronze Quality Mark. Another fantastic achievement for the Charity and it's future growth plans and funding opportunities.

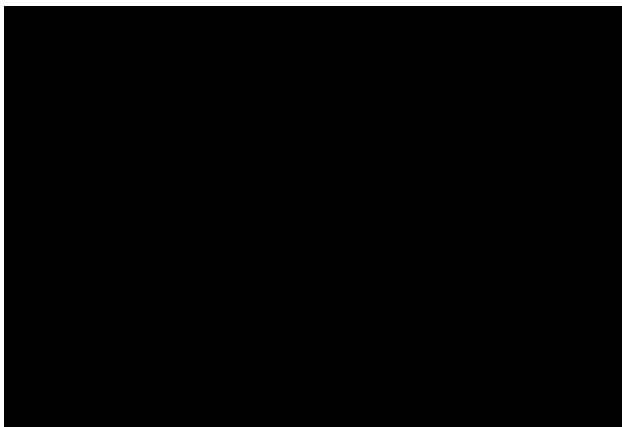
Financial Review

Our source of funding was provided by several grants and donations. All funding continued to allow United Glasgow to strengthen its football offering to the wider community of under-represented, minority communities and refugees.

Reserves

The trustee's policy is to establish and build up sufficient reserves to cover at least three months' running costs to meet commitments and to cover any unexpected expenditure. The trustees would continue to review its reserves policy.

Approved by the trustees on 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



C4b Trustee expenses - details

C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons

Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Balance

C6 Other information

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United Glasgow Football Club

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of 'United Glasgow Football Club' Trust

I report on the accounts of the charity for the period 1st May 2023 to 31st December 2023

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 trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 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 independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. 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 seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's qualified statement

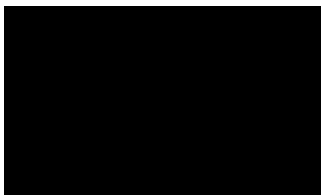
In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention other than that disclosed below.

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
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 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.

Signature:



Relevant Professional qualification/professional body: MAAT/Association of Accounting Technicians

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Date: 17th May 2024