

Inverclyde Athletic Club
(A Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO))
Scottish Charity No: SC047791

Annual Report and Financial Statements
For the period 01 September 2023 – 31 August 2024

Trustees Annual Report

For the period ended 31 August 2024

The Trustees have much pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements for the period 01 September 2023 to 31 August 2024

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name

Inverclyde Athletic Club

Charity No:

SC0447791

Address

[REDACTED]

Current Trustees

[REDACTED]

Structure and Management

Constitution

Inverclyde Athletic Club (the Club) is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). It was registered in its current legal form on 3rd October 2017. It has a single tier structure and as such the Trustees are members of the Charity.

Appointment of Trustees

The Trustee Board are the Charity's Trustees. Membership of the Trustee Board is open to all members of the Club provided they have had one full years Membership prior to nomination/election.

Trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting which is held in September. There must be a minimum of five and a maximum of twelve Trustees.

Objectives and Activities

Charitable Purposes

To advance public participation in sport through the promotion and advancement of Athletics and in doing so provide recreational facilities, and to organise recreational activities, available to members of the public at large, with the object of improving the conditions of life off those in the community.

Activities

The club provides athletic coaching and competition to members of the community from age 8 upwards at various venues within Inverclyde including Ravenscraig Athletic Stadium, Inverclyde Academy, Battery Park and Darroch Park.

The club also provides athletic coaching to disabled athletes, with this year seeing the introduction of Inclusion sessions specifically tailored towards young disabled athletes.

The club in partnership with Inverclyde Schools Athletics and accredited by Inverclyde Active Schools, provided a weekly after-school session for 5-8 year olds and during the holiday periods of summer, October & Easter organised Athletics Camps for 5-11 year olds.

The club hosts a women only jogging group on Monday mornings at Ravenscraig Stadium in conjunction with Inverclyde Leisure and a mixed group Fit2Run jogging group on Wednesday evenings, again at the Stadium.

The club operates on four nights a week and Saturday mornings at Ravenscraig Stadium, three nights at Inverclyde Academy, Thursday nights at the Battery Park and a Saturday morning at Darroch Park.

A key aspect of the clubs' athletic coaching philosophy is enshrined within its Mission Statement which states:

A Young Athlete Development Plan which provides a pathway for all our young athletes to not only be the very best they can be as athletes but equally importantly prepare them to become the seniors of the club and adults of the future.

Membership

At the end of August 2024, membership totalled 226 comprising:

- Seniors (including Masters) - 88
- Juniors (aged between 11 – 19) - 70
- U11s - 68

The clubs' activities are only made possible by the tremendous commitment and enthusiasm of its coaches, members and volunteers who give up an enormous amount of their time week in week out to support the club.

The club is proactive in promoting hosting athletic events and during the year hosted the Renfrewshire Road Race Championships and a Scottish Athletics U12 Super Team Competition.

The club had also taken part in the new Scottish National Athletics League, (SNAL), the CSSAL, the YDL for U'13/15 as part of a combined team with Helensburgh AC & Clydesdale Harriers together with the West District Cross Country League.

Achievements & Performance

During the past year, Inverclyde Athletic Club (IAC) continue to be represented (and influential) at National Level on several Committees:

- Scottish National Athletics League.
- West District Cross Country League
- West District Road and Cross Country Running Commission.

At a local level, IAC continue to be an integral and influential part of local athletics working closely with local groups such as:

- Active Schools Inverclyde
- Inverclyde Local Athletic Partnership
- Ravenscraig Community Sports Hub
- Inverclyde Sports Council
- Inverclyde Leisure
- Inverclyde Council

while also organising and hosting numerous athletic activities and events during the year, many of which involved the above groups working in Partnership with IAC.

As they have been doing for the past 23 years, IAC held their Youth Development Camps during the Easter and Summer holidays at Inverclyde Academy and Ravenscraig Stadium for all club and local youngsters involving Active Schools, SAMH, CLD Inverclyde and Inverclyde Communities Health & Wellbeing.

During 2024, our two new Initiatives introduced in 2022 still proved popular:

- A younger age group category between 4 - 8 years of age training session was introduced called the TOTZZ (Tots Zoomin Zebras) catering for children who will be starting their pre - school year in August 2024.
- Family Sessions' being held each week of the summer holidays, which saw many parents attending with their children.

Both Initiatives proved to be very popular and will be repeated during 2025.

In partnership with Active Schools Active Schools Inverclyde, IAC, once again, organised and hosted the following events:

- Inverclyde Primary Schools XC Challenge.
- Inverclyde Schools Primary & Secondary Cross-country Championships.
- Inverclyde Secondary Schools Track & Field Championships.
- Inverclyde Primary Schools Sportshall Championships
- Inverclyde Secondary Schools Sportshall Championships
- Inverclyde Primary Schools Heptathlon
- Inverclyde Secondary Schools Heptathlon
- Inverclyde Primary Schools Relay Championships

IAC are actively involved in Inverclyde Councils' Active Inverclyde Strategy which seeks to provide a framework for community planning partners in Inverclyde to work together to increase participation in physical activity, including sport.

IAC led the way for Scottish Athletic Clubs by signing up to a Sports Chaplaincy Charter, with the club welcoming [REDACTED] as its new Sports Chaplain.

IAC established a Womens' Jogging Group which meets every Wednesday evening at Ravenscraig Stadium providing a 'safe space' for woman to exercise in line with Inverclyde Womens' Safety Charter.

Continuing with the Inverclyde Womens' Safety Charter theme and as part of the Active Inverclyde Strategy Initiative and in conjunction with Branchton Community Centre, (BCC), (member of the Ravenscraig Community Sports Hub), IAC established up a BCC Womens' Only jogging group who meet every Monday morning at Ravenscraig Stadium.

IAC organised athletic events at Ravenscraig Stadium with other clubs, e.g., Giffnock North AAC & Kilbarchan AAC in line with **scottishathletics** #ClubsWorkingTogether Initiative.

In February, IAC hosted another successful Renfrewshire Road Race Championships at the Battery Park attended by over 400 athletes ranging from u11 through to seniors, with IAC athletes, once again, winning individual titles across a wide range of the age groups and being placed across all the age groups.

In March, IAC, as part of the Inverclyde Local Athletic Partnership, hosted the Scottish athletics Young Athletes Road Races at the Battery Park.

This event is the largest young athlete Road Race in Scotland and comprises athletes ranging from u13 – u17, with the u15 – u17 athletes competing for selection to represent Scotland at the London Marathon Mini -Marathon usually held in April.

The event was an extremely successful day with **scottishathletics** and many clubs very complimentary towards IAC for hosting the event.

June was a busy month for IAC:

- It organised its inaugural Loch Thom Trail Race during Athletics Trust Scotland Week, raising an impressive £1000 for Athletics Trust Scotland, the highest amount raised by any club during that week.
- Held a very successful Scottish Athletics Pole Vault event at Ravenscraig Stadium.

- Had three teams competing in the Superteams final at Ayr.

As part of Inverclyde Councils' Meliora Festival Celebrations for 2024, IAC, as part of Ravenscraig Community Sports Hub (HUB), held a Family Sports Day Festival at Ravenscraig Stadium during August, which saw over 60 youngsters with their parents treated to a truly fun packed Festival of Sporting challenges and activities, which according to their feedback received on the day, was deemed an outstanding success!

The activities enjoyed by both the youngsters (and some parents) included standing long jump, and relay races, basketball challenges such as relay/dribbling through obstacles retrieving markers and bringing them safely home, a range of challenging football skills including beat the goalie basketball skills including shooting to the portable basketball hoop while hockey dribbling skills proved very challenging!

A very popular addition this year was a visit by KG Hawks with their Birds of Prey who brought along various birds of prey which the youngsters, (and not so young) were able to handle and learn all about them.

For the less energetic, face painting again proved very popular with many of the youngsters queuing up to have their faces painted in all sorts of guises.

All activities were enjoyed amid a lovely warm and sunny day ensuring healthy appetites all of which were satisfied with plenty of sandwiches, fruit, juice, chocolate bars and the all-important ice cream!

The club also held a successful Santa, Elves & Reindeer Dash during December and was delighted to support Branchton Community Centre with its Christmas Appeal, intending to continue with this on an annual basis.

IAC Coaches continue to deliver their training sessions on a voluntary basis at:

- Ravenscraig Stadium on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings,
- Inverclyde Academy on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.
- Thursday nights at the Battery Park
- Saturday mornings at Darroch Park.

In addition:

- Curriculum sessions in primary schools and at Craigmarloch.
- Weekly after school sessions at All Saints, Kings Oak and St Joseph's Primary Schools.

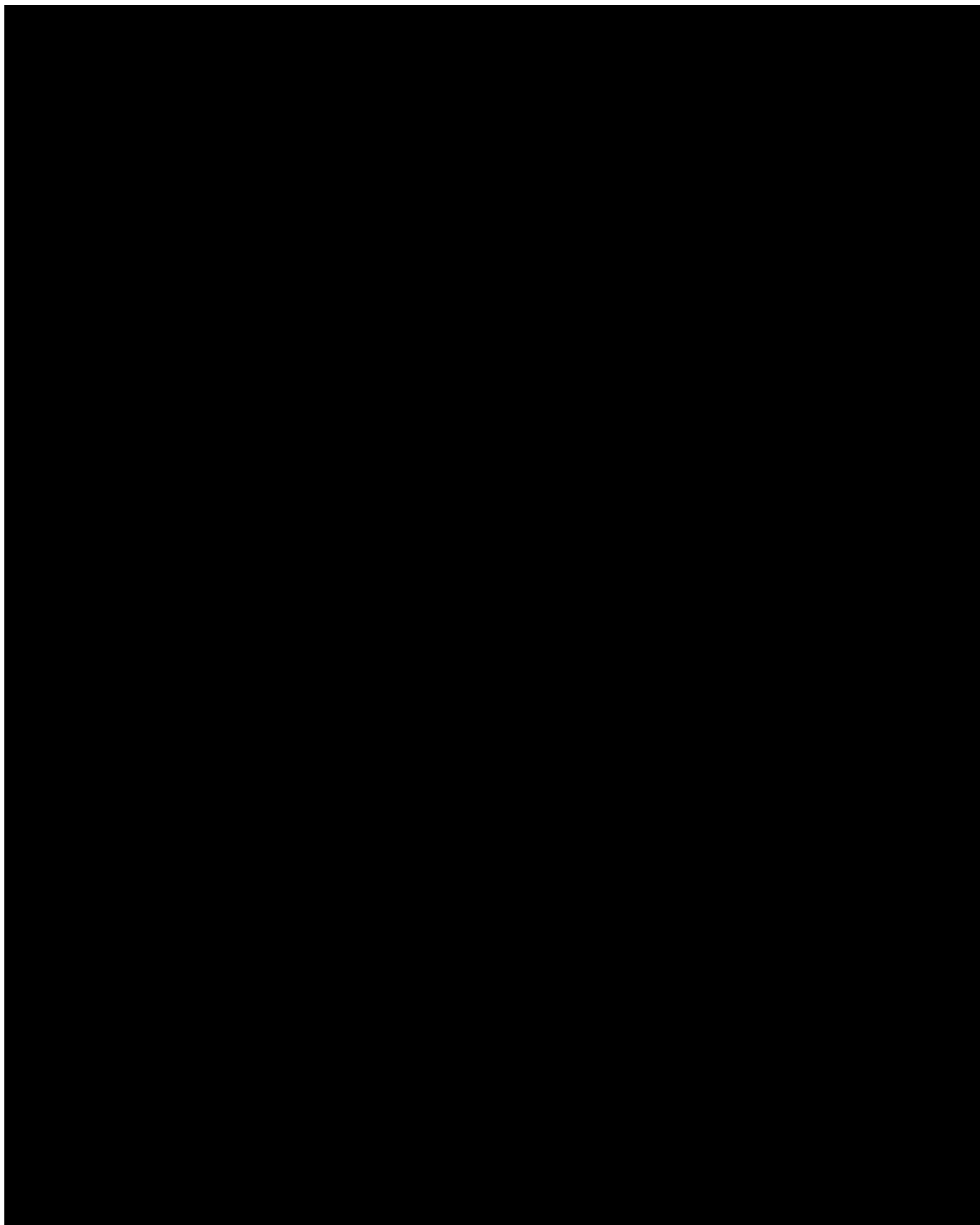
From a club performance perspective during the past year, IAC athletes continued to compete in numerous events across the county and beyond, during the past year with some notable performances and achievements:

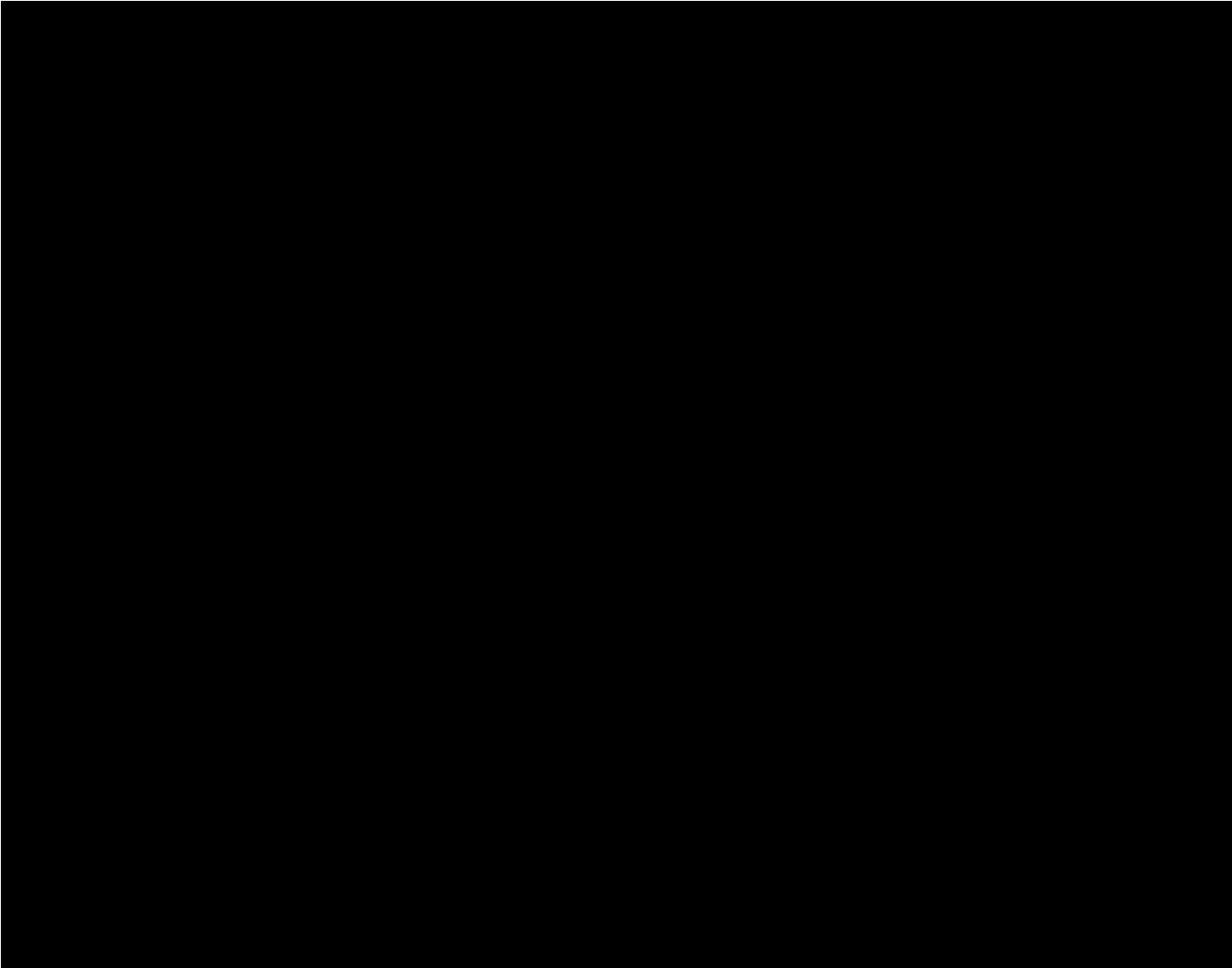
Scottishathletics Inter District Cross Country Championships incorporating the Celtic Cross Country and UK Cross Challenge held at Renfrew

[REDACTED] (three out of the six man team) were selected to represent the West District and led the team home in second place.

At the same even [REDACTED] representing the West District finished in 9th place overall and [REDACTED] second place for the west team who finished in second place, with [REDACTED] selected to represent Scotland finishing first u17 (3rd overall) in the Womans u20 event being part of the Scottish winning team..

Scottish Masters Road Relays,.





As a registered Charity (SCIO), IAC is very conscientious of the cost of participating and subsidises a number of events and travel costs for members, also working closely with Active Schools staff to identify inclusion at both club sessions and holiday camps.

During 2023 IAC actively supports Christmas donations to local charities including local foodbanks, Branchton Community Centre and Starter Pack Inverclyde.

Financial Review

The Clubs' main source of funding is annual membership fees, with the Club introducing a Standing Order Scheme to pay for annual membership fees several years ago, which is now proving popular among the members.

The Club also benefited from donations from several Club sponsors, which together with hosting the Renfrewshire Road Race Championships and the Superteams event also brought in valuable income via catering at the event.

The Club was also extremely fortunate to benefit (again) from Inverclyde Councils Community Grant Scheme (formally U19 Sports Waiver Scheme).

Management

The activities, strategic development and finances of the club are overseen by a Board of Trustees who meet periodically to consider the Club Development Plan, Financial Position and any material matters arising from the Management Committee.

A Management Committee meet monthly to consider the day to day activities of the Club including membership, capacity, competition, member welfare and general administration duties.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees' policy is to retain at least 6 months' worth of core running costs, e.g., facility lets, race entry fees and our Scottish Athletic Affiliation in order to meet commitments and to cover any unexpected expenditure. This expenditure stands at around £15,000.

Unrestricted reserves are in excess of this at £30,000 which the Trustees believe to be acceptable but will continue to monitor the position.

Plans for Future Period

The Trustees intend to continue to pursue the growth and development of the Club on a managed and controlled basis building on our recent success.

We will continue to work constructively with Scottish Athletics on developing the structure and governance of the Club.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

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| Position (e.g. Chair) | Treasurer | |
| Date | 23 rd February 2025 | |

Inverclyde Athletic Club

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Receipts and payments accounts

| For the period from | Period start date | | | to | Period end date | | |
|---------------------|-------------------|-------|------|----|-----------------|--------|------|
| | Day | Month | Year | | Day | Month | Year |
| | 1 | Sept | 2023 | | 31 | August | 2024 |

Section A Statement of receipts and payments

| | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Expendable endowment funds to nearest £ | Permanent endowment funds to nearest £ | Total funds current period to nearest £ | Total funds last period to nearest £ |
|---|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|---|--|---|
| A1 Receipts | | | | | | |
| Donations | 5,833 | | | | 5,833 | |
| Legacies | | | | | - | |
| Grants | | 7,500 | | | 7,500 | |
| Receipts from fundraising activities | | | | | - | |
| Gross trading receipts | | | | | - | |
| Income from investments other than land and buildings | | | | | - | |
| Rents from land & buildings | | | | | - | |
| Gross receipts from other charitable activities | 37,052 | | | | 37,052 | |
| | | | | | - | |
| A1 Sub total | 42,885 | 7,500 | - | - | 50,385 | - |
| A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales | | | | | | |
| Proceeds from sale of fixed assets | | | | | - | |
| Proceeds from sale of investments | | | | | - | |
| A2 Sub total | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 42,885 | 7,500 | - | - | 50,385 | - |
| A3 Payments | | | | | | |
| Expenses for fundraising activities | | | | | - | |
| Gross trading payments | | | | | - | |
| Investment management costs | | | | | - | |
| Payments relating directly to charitable activities | 52,087 | | | | 52,087 | |
| Grants and donations | | | | | - | |
| Governance costs: | | | | | - | |
| Audit / independent examination | | | | | - | |
| Preparation of annual accounts | | | | | - | |
| Legal costs | | | | | - | |
| Other | | | | | - | |
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| A3 Sub total | 52,087 | - | - | - | 52,087 | - |
| A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements | | | | | | |
| Purchases of fixed assets | | | | | - | |
| Purchase of investments | | | | | - | |
| A4 Sub total | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | 52,087 | - | - | - | 52,087 | - |
| Net receipts / (payments) | (9,202) | 7,500 | - | - | (1,702) | - |
| A5 Transfers to / (from) funds | | | | | | |
| | | | | | - | |
| Surplus / (deficit) for year | (9,202) | 7,500 | - | - | (1,702) | - |

Section B Statement of balances

| Categories | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Expendable endowment funds to nearest £ | Permanent endowment funds to nearest £ | Total current period to nearest £ | Total last period to nearest £ |
|---------------|--|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|---|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| B1 Cash funds | Cash and bank balances at start of year | 73,391 | 7,500 | | | - | |
| | Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account | | | | | - | |
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| | Cash and bank balances at end of year | 73,391 | 7,500 | - | - | 80,891 | - |
| | (Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | | | | | | |

| Categories | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Market valuation to nearest £ | Last year to nearest £ |
|----------------|---------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| B2 Investments | | | | |
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| | | Total | - | - |

| Categories | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (if available) to nearest £ | Current value (if available) to nearest £ | Last year to nearest £ |
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| B3 Other assets | | | | | |
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| | | Total | - | - | - |

| Categories | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due to nearest £ | Last year to nearest £ |
|----------------|---------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| B4 Liabilities | | | | |
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| | | Total | - | - |

| Categories | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (estimate) to nearest £ | Last year to nearest £ |
|---------------------------|---------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| B5 Contingent liabilities | | | | |
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| | | Total | - | - |

Signed by one or two trustees
on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of
approval

12/01/2025

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Independent Examiners' Report to the Trustees of Inverclyde Athletic Club

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the period ended 31 August 2024 which are attached.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

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) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiners' 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 under an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiners' Statement

In the course of 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.
 - 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.

Sign

Relevant Professional Qualification / Professional Body: Chartered Financial Planner

Date:

28/2/25