



GALA FAIRYDEAN ROVERS COMMUNITY TRUST

A Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation
CHARITY No. SC050441

OSCr

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	04	2024	To	31	03	2025

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

Reference and administration details

Charity name
Other names charity is known by
Registered charity number
Charity's principal address

Gala Fairydean Rovers Football Club Community Trust
GFRFC Community Trust
SC050441
3G Arena
Nether Road
Netherdale
Galashiels
Postcode TD1 3HE

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Treasurer	04/09/2020 to present	GFRFC CT Board
2	Secretary	09/11/2022 to present	GFRFC CT Board
3	Trustee	04/09/2020 to present	GFRFC CT Board
4	Trustee	04/05/2021 to present	GFRFC CT Board
5	Chair	04/09/2020 to present	GFRFC CT Board
6	Trustee	04/09/2020 to present	GFRFC CT Board
7	Trustee	11/09/2022 to present	GFRFC CT Board

Reference and administration details

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

Constitution.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

Selection of Trustees is based on required qualities for the office of Trustee including background, relevant experience, qualifications and desire to serve the community.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We have developed a Reserves Policy to ensure that we maintain sufficient levels of capital to allow us to maintain activities for a period of six months without any income.

Details of any deficit

None.

Donated facilities and services (if any)

None.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

Position (e.g. Chair)

Chair

Date

20/11/2025



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Chair's Report.

The trustees of Gala Fairydean Rovers Community Trust are pleased to present this report and annual accounts to our membership. I am happy to report that we have enjoyed another hugely successful period over 2024/25 culminating in the Trust being named as **Sports Organisation of the Year** at the Galashiels Heartland of the Borders Awards. As a wholly voluntary Trust we are proud of the work that has been undertaken by our team of coaches, volunteers and members which has brought us success on and off the pitch.

Background

The Trust was established in September 2020 as a charitable organisation registered with The Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) and is constituted as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO).

Our Aims

Over the last five years the Trust has grown, with hundreds of members benefiting from its activities and our key aim is to inspire and empower the people of Galashiels and the Central Borders to live happier, healthier and more fulfilling lives through:

- Increasing participation in sport and physical activity and investing in accessible high quality sports services for people of all ages, demographics and socio-economic backgrounds.
- Improving the physical and mental health and wellbeing of our membership.
- Raising education attainment and creating training and employment opportunities for young people.
- Providing motivation for people to design and implement social action programmes in their own communities and championing positive community cohesion.
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- Delivering the Scottish Borders only adult para football project.
- Diverting young people away from and anti-social behaviour.

Community Trust Sections

GFR Academy

Under the guidance and hard work of Academy Chair [REDACTED] and his team of volunteers, we have increased the numbers of teams and players in both the junior and youth sections of the Academy. I would once again particularly like to thank [REDACTED] for his role as Child Welfare and Protection Officer over the period since he started in this onerous role and it is welcome to hear that [REDACTED] has been successful in assembling a team of volunteers to help support him in this role. We are also grateful to [REDACTED] for devoting so much time to the running and administration of the Academy. The importance of sponsorship cannot be underestimated to help cover costs of kit and equipment and the Academy has done well in seeking local businesses and companies to help support us in this respect and in some cases national companies too. We held another successful annual GFR Academy summer presentation day along with our Christmas parties and fun-days. We have compiled a professionally produced Induction Pack for parents and players at the Academy that lays out our ethos and information about the organisation. The GFR Academy worked with Active schools to deliver coaching sessions to new Primary 1 and existing Primary 2 pupils after the school holidays. We also, once again, donated kit to Africa through a local charitable organisation, Opportunities Zambia, meaning that GFR kit has made its way to three African countries, Zambia Malawi and Rwanda over the years.

Para/Disability Squad

Given its growing popularity the squad has now entered a second team into the monthly tournaments organised by the Scottish FA PAN Disability League in Grangemouth. Along with these competitive matches the squad continue to train on a weekly basis at Netherdale. We have begun the process of expanding the number of coaches supporting the squad which won a bronze medal at the Scottish Learning Disability Games at Stirling University in August. We also secured financial support for the project from the Scottish Borders Community Mental Health and Wellbeing fund to help the project grow. With support of community partners we were able to organise a successful Christmas social and subsidise travel and entry to watch the Gala Fairydean Rovers first team squad in their Scottish Cup tie in Linlithgow, against Hearts B at Ainslie Park, attend the Scottish Women's Cup Final at Hampden and two Capital Cup clashes between the Hearts and Hibs women's teams at Tynecastle Park in Edinburgh. We have also helped squad members access support from a number of agencies to help assist with addiction, budgeting and both mental and physical health issues. Our coach, Keir McIver, has been awarded with the Young Coach of the Year Award at the Club Sport Eildon Awards Ceremony. The squad was also featured on the ITV Lookaround Programme with a focus on the positive impact it has had on the life's of players and their families.

Walking Football

Walking Football continues to attract the Over 50's back into playing sport in both competitive and recreational sessions. Our Over 60's and Over 65's squads participate in the National League tournament organised by Walking Football Scotland at the Oriam whilst we continue

with our popular daytime sessions on a Monday and Thursdays. The squad have also undertaken friendly fixtures, participated in a number of tournaments and organised two highly successful Hugh Nicolson Memorial Tournaments at Netherdale. These tournaments, named in honour of one of our former players who sadly passed away, have seen participating teams travel from all across Scotland and as far away as Salford and Kent. A group of GFR Walking Footballers also attended a tournament held in Mallorca. As with the Para/Disability squad the raison d'etre of the squad is not to win trophies but to provide an outlet for the Over 50s to improve fitness, reduce social isolation and a welcoming environment of friendship and camaraderie. In addition to the actual sessions the group has organised a series of social events. Thanks to the Walking Football Committee, led by [REDACTED] for all the work they do behind the scenes.

Border Amateur Squad

The squad enjoyed a sensational season last term, winning the League (B Division) and Cup (Beveridge) double. Huge credit must go to [REDACTED] for forging a young, successful squad, most of whom have come through the GFR Academy pathway who are not just winners but play fantastic football. At the end of the season, Welsh received an award to recognise his outstanding contribution to football in his local community. We now have also a new, recreational football group, which fills a gap, primarily for players over the age of 35 who do not yet wish to make the move to walking football. The group is made up of a number of volunteer coaches, individuals with no previous ties to GFR and is often augmented by younger players.

Women's and Girls Section

Thanks to [REDACTED] and their team of coaches we continue to organise training for our Women's Adult Squad and our younger girl's section. The section has been competing in locally organised tournaments. [REDACTED] was nominated for and won the coach of the year at the Celebration of Women in Sport Awards in 2024 whilst [REDACTED] was recognised for his overall contribution to volunteering when he received an award from the Duke of Buccleuch and Borders Community Action. The Trust received support from Barclays Bank and Sported to help with coaching qualifications for the section and we are optimistic we will see continued growth in the section over the next 12 months.

In The Community

The Trust deliver programmes alongside a wide range of community, business, local authority bodies and charity partners, who are core to our operation and crucial to our success.

- Our charitable status has allowed us to receive grant funding including help towards costs of coach education, covering training costs for families affected by the cost-of-

living crisis, expanding our girls and walking sections, purchasing equipment for the Academy and subsidising travel for the para/disability squad.

- We continue to develop our community partnership with equalities charity, Nil by Mouth and provided volunteers to help them facilitate their “Poets and Penalties” competition as part of its ‘Kiss Bigotry Goodbye’ campaign. In addition, the Trust worked with the charity to deliver our Para/Disability Squad Christmas Party.
- The trust also worked with Nil by Mouth to deliver a Community Day at the final Gala Fairydean Rovers home Lowland League game of last season, covering the cost of free entry for around 400 supporters who cheered the first team onto a famous, relegation avoiding, last gasp victory over BSC Glasgow.
- During the Gala week, the Trust organised and ran the Braw Lads Five-a-side football competition attended by hundreds of players and supporters.
- For the second year in succession, the Trust worked in conjunction with Scottish Borders Council to deliver training and run a tournament in which vulnerable youngster could benefit from playing football.
- The Trust has a community partnership with Galashiels Foodbank which has seen us donate Easter Eggs, Christmas Selection Boxes and food vouchers for service users.
- We donated footballs to Burgh Primary School to mark its 150th Anniversary.
- We are supporting the Town’s Christmas Market Celebrations.

Headstrong Project

We have entered into partnership working with Live Borders through their Headstrong Mental Health in Sport project. It aims to educate and raise awareness of mental health and wellbeing for all of those involved within sports clubs. The project aims to help individuals to feel comfortable to open up discussion surrounding mental health for players, coaches and volunteers. The Trust has been building a list of case studies of players and volunteers who we have actively helped in this regard and several of our coaching and trustee team participated in accredited training programmes.

Plans For the Future

- The Community Trust operates within the 3G Arena in Netherdale in the shadow of the A-Listed Spectator Stand designed by [REDACTED] We oversaw a project that saw the Trust become a conduit for £1.45 million in grant funding to repair the stand, replace the pitch and install new floodlighting. The Trust is currently working with the Football club, continuing to be actively involved in pursuing further stages of development in improving the facilities at Netherdale.
- During this period the Trust took a significant step towards ensuring financial stability by securing Gift Aid monies through the HMRC scheme which allows charitable organisations to claim monies back on donations These additional funds have allowed us to provide over £6k worth of kit to volunteer coaches and this year we will introduce a

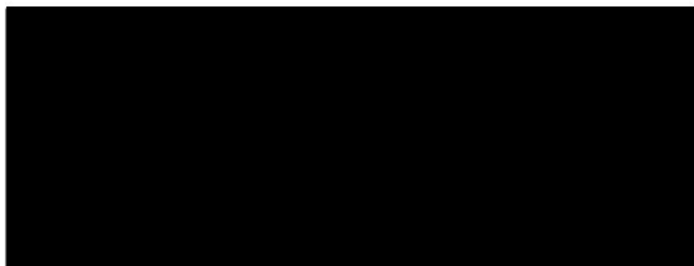
match funding scheme to encourage fundraising amongst each of our sections to encourage players, coaches and families to come up with their own unique ideas to benefit their teams.

- We will continue to help coaches gain higher levels of SFA coaching qualifications and improve their own skills and life opportunities.
- We will offer subsidised places to as number of target groups and individuals to help them enjoy the benefits of participation in regular sport.
- The Trust has established a working party with the football club to explore ways of enhancing the sport in the town, improve facilities and deepen our community footprint.

Conclusion

The Trust generates many thousands of hours of community and member benefit each year, **notably without employing any members of staff to deliver these**. This highlights both the unique power of sport to change and shape lives for the better and the outstanding level of commitment, imagination and passion shown by our volunteers and trustees.

All in all, the GFR family contains over 20 teams - the first team and Amateur squad, all of our Academy squads playing locally in the SBJFA and in the Edinburgh League (ESSDA), our women's and girls section who have been involved in local tournaments, a recreational football group, an Over 60's and an Over 65's team playing in National Competition at the Oriam in Edinburgh and two teams from our Para/Disability Squad competing in the monthly Scottish FA's PAN Disability League at Grangemouth. The 3G Arena facility is full seven days a week with all of the training and fixtures associated with the GFR Community Trust and its teams. We have increased the numbers of players at the Trust and enjoyed a corresponding increase in volunteers at the same time. Running an organisation of this size relying entirely on volunteers is not without its challenges and we continue to value the role of our volunteers above all else at the Community Trust. The Community Trust has also contributed to local charitable causes and continues to organise meetings and events in Galashiels aimed at promoting the values and ethos of the Trust





Receipts and payments accounts							
For the period from				to			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	08	09	2024		31	03	2025

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						
Fees and Memberships	55,133				55,133	54,005
Grants- note 1	2,600				2,600	5,346
Sponsorship and Donations	5,452				5,452	4,519
Games Money	385				385	800
Kit Sales	656				656	478
Other	1,215				1,215	1,160
Gift Aid	9,218				9,218	-
					-	-
A1 Sub total	74,659	-	-	-	74,659	66,308
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities - note 2	74,143				74,143	62,896
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination	360				360	444
Preparation of annual accounts	600				600	900
Legal costs					-	
Other					-	
					-	-
A3 Sub total	75,103	-	-	-	75,103	64,240
Total payments	75,103	-	-	-	75,103	64,240
Net receipts / (payments)	(445)	-	-	-	(445)	2,068
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds					-	-
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(445)	-	-	-	(445)	2,068

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			20/11/2025

Section C Notes to the Accounts

C1 Nature and purpose of funds *(may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)*

The Charity will use all funds for the benefit of the Community Trust to help the advancement of football within the community.

C3a Trustee remuneration

If no remuneration was paid during the period to any charity trustee or person connected to a trustee cross this box (otherwise complete section 3b)

X

Authority under which paid

£

C3b Trustee remuneration - details

None	

C4a Trustee expenses

If no expenses were paid to any charity trustee during the period then cross this box (otherwise complete section 4b)

X

Number of trustees

£

C4b Trustee expenses - details

None		

C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons

Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)

C6 Other information

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Additional analysis

Analysis of receipts and payments

1 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Sported Foundation	1,000		1,000	500
Leap Sport			-	250
Sported Foundation 2			-	240
LIVE Borders			-	2,000
Foundation Scotland			-	1,210
Borders Community Foundation	1,600		1,600	
Awards For All			-	1,146
Total	2,600	-	2,600	5,346

2 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	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 £
Charitable and Political Donations	898				898	802
Laundry	501				501	513
Coaching Expenses	868				868	1,610
Entertainment and Hospitality	650				650	1,220
Fines	75				75	160
Football Equipment	1,956				1,956	2,646
Insurance	1,219				1,219	1,670
Kit and Embroidery Costs	8,218				8,218	8,411
LIVE Borders and Pitch Hire	45,509				45,509	34,872
Subscriptions	457				457	446
MYCLUBHUB	4,874				4,874	4,549
Postage Freight and Courier	3				3	50
Printing and Stationery	39				39	249
Professional Costs	1,380				1,380	-
Repairs and Maintenance	25				25	53
Referee Fees	609				609	697
Staff Training	-				-	245
Team Registrations	2,417				2,417	1,986
Travel-National	2,126				2,126	1,335
Trophys and Medals	990				990	1,180
General	1,329				1,329	200
Total	74,143	-	-	-	74,143	62,896

APPENDIX 3



		Independent examiner's report on the accounts							v2	
Report to the trustees/members of	Charity name	Gala Fairydean Rovers Football Club Community Trust								
	Registered charity number	SC050441								
	On the accounts of the charity for the period	Period start date				Period end date				
	Day	Month	Year	to	Day	Month	Year			
	01	04	2024		31	03	2025			
Set out on pages	1-11									
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) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) 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 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 statement	<p>In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations <p>have not been met, or</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached. 									
Signed:					Date:	20/11/2025				
Name:										
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):										
Address:										