



**Thistle Youth FC**

**Trustees' Annual Report**

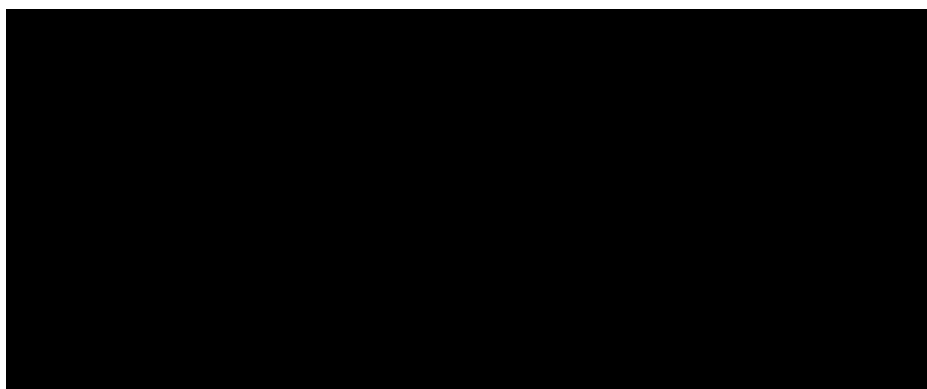
**1<sup>st</sup> August 2022 – 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023**

## Charity Contact Information



Thistle Youth FC

Scottish Charity Number: SC051178



Website: [thistleyouthfc.co.uk](http://thistleyouthfc.co.uk)



Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ThistleYFC>



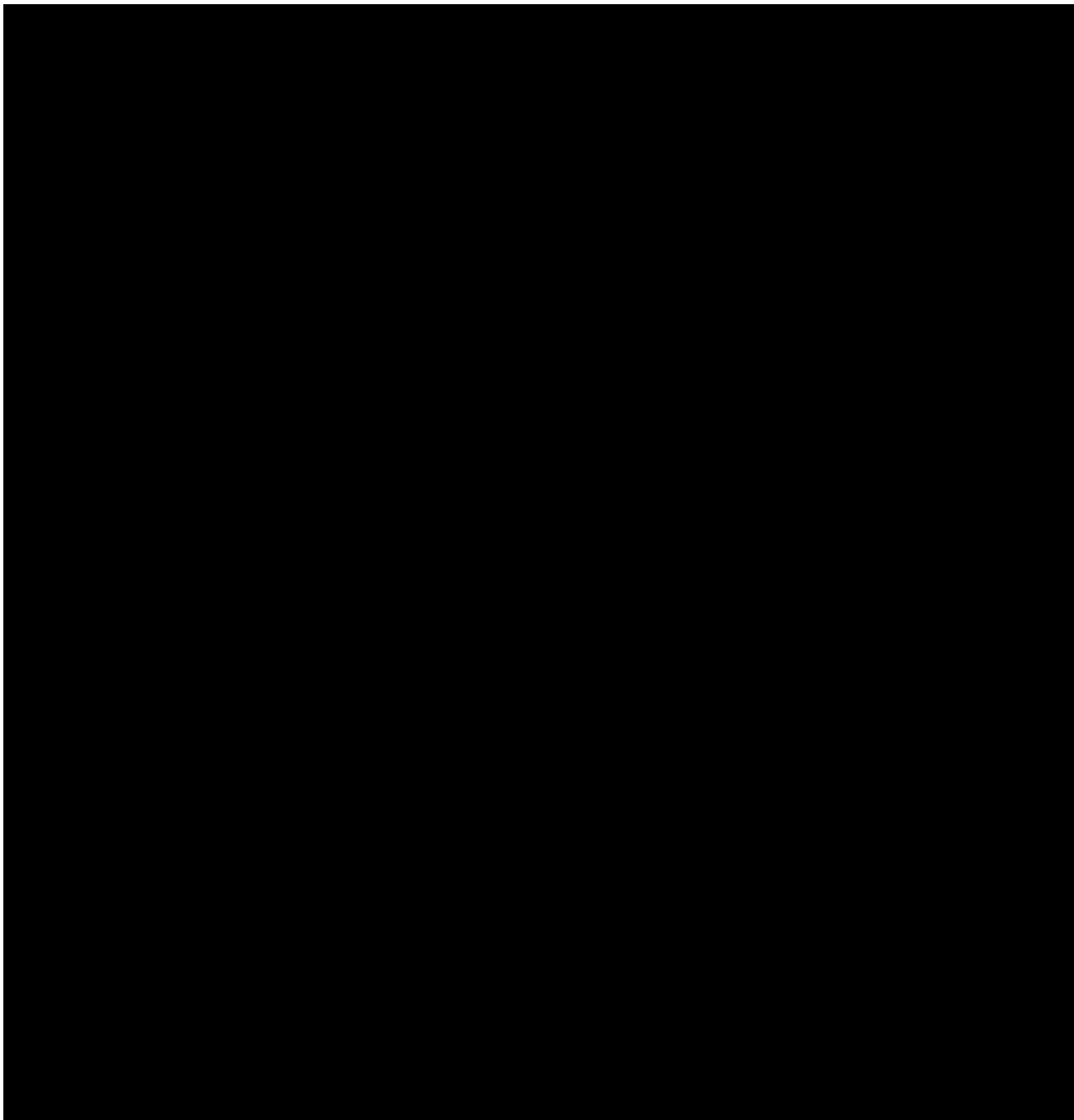
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## Charity Trustees

Thistle Youth FC's current Charity Trustee's are:



## The Thistle DNA is at the Heart of Everything we do



## Objectives and Activities

Thistle Youth Football Club was established in 2015 by a small group of likeminded individuals from North East of Aberdeenshire who wanted to provide a platform for children and youths in the area to develop and learn football in line with the SYFA Player Pathway. The Player Pathway is firmly underpinned by our volunteer coaches, committee members and club supporters who give up their time to create a culture and environment, in line with the SFA Positive Coaching philosophy, that ensures all young players of mixed ability can learn and play with in an inclusive environment.

By providing a safe environment for children to play football we aim to encourage and promote the development and health in young players within the community of Newburgh and North East Aberdeenshire. We achieve this through the provision of youth football teams for boys and girls, irrespective of race, colour, religion, sex, sexuality or disabilities.

The Goal in the Club's Badge refers to our vision to develop all players and coaches, in a positive way so they learn, progress and maximise their potential whilst enjoying football for the long-term building of strong friendships, teamwork and a sense of belonging.

Thistle Youth are fully invested in the 'redefining success' initiative outlined by the SFA that puts player development and wellbeing ahead of results. This is complimented with focused and structured coach education and knowledge sharing to ensure each player can achieve their full footballing potential in a safe and fun environment playing with their friends.

We have built on our ethos by working our way through the SFA Quality Mark Awards and we now hold the highest award of Platinum Legacy.

The club has grown to include over 360 players, 100+ volunteer coaches, 18 age groups facilitating football for over 55 girls and over 300 boys.

## Structure, Governance and Management

Thistle Youth FC are a constituted group and we abide by the statements laid out within our Constitution which is updated and reviewed annually at our AGM.

## Trustee Recruitment and Appointment

Trustee's are recruited from the current TYFC Committee.

There are a number of changes pending in the Trustee Committee in the coming year with new members joining the Trustees as other members, who's children have moved into adult football, leave. The new members will be replaced by members from our current Committee.

## Achievements and Performance

WE have continued to fund the Skills Academy and Goalkeeper Academy this year, offering additional, free, specialised training for all age groups and genders who want to improve their technical skills with additional sessions.

### Participation & Retention

- Soccer Schools
  - Skills Academy
    - Aberdeen FC Developing 1 v 1 individual skills
    - Each age group works in 6 week blocks for an hour per session
    - Passive sessions where players encouraged to have lots of touches of the ball
    - The hope is to give the kids confidence by teaching them to do things they didn't think they would be able to
  - Goalkeepers Academy
    - All keepers at the club train together once a week
    - Coached by qualified goalkeeping coaches
    - Dedicated sessions encouraged to embed basic goalkeeping skills initially allowing keepers to develop in a structured and progressive manner
    - Older aged keepers take a lot of pride in supporting younger children and fosters a fantastic community club mentality





We continue to fund our coach training for all head coaches in line with the SFA coaching pathway. This is a continuous process with each new age group comes a new set of volunteers who begin their coaching journey with the club. This allows us to train our children in line with SFA guidance and best practices.

## Social Development

- Coach Education & Development
  - Appointed [REDACTED] B License Candidate, as Director of Football
- Coach Education
  - Club group sessions have been difficult since the outbreak of Covid-19 but our coaches have embraced the online learning qualifications hosted by the SFA
  - One coach progressing through B License
  - One coach completed C License
  - Supported start-up for every new team / age group
  - Supported young coaches through the Saltire Award
- Coach Contribution
  - [REDACTED] recognised at the Grassroots Regional Awards for her contribution to girls football
- Club Philosophy
  - Developed in conjunction with Aaron Scully of AFCCT
  - Ensures the club ethos is visible to all
  - Lets players and parents understand 'The Thistle Way'



We continue looking for further community engagement opportunities. The 2 minute clean up's continue across all age groups. We also support local businesses who provide teambuilding facilities and activities for the children.

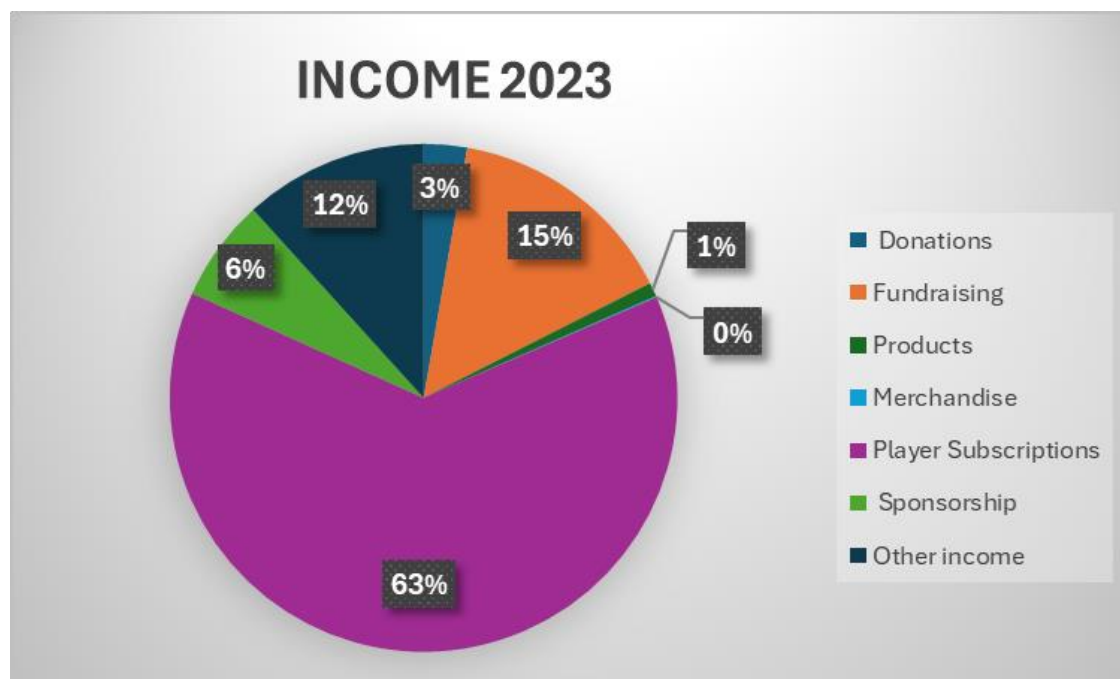
## Community Empowerment

- Keep Scotland Beautiful  
#2MinuteCleanUp
  - Pledged our support to Keep Scotland Beautiful by taking part in the 2 Minute Clean Up initiative
  - Every age group encouraged to spend 2 minutes cleaning up the local area
  - Younger age groups concentrated on parks and play areas in the village
  - Older age groups helped clean up at away venues to promote the positive work we are doing as a club and raise awareness of the community clean up initiative

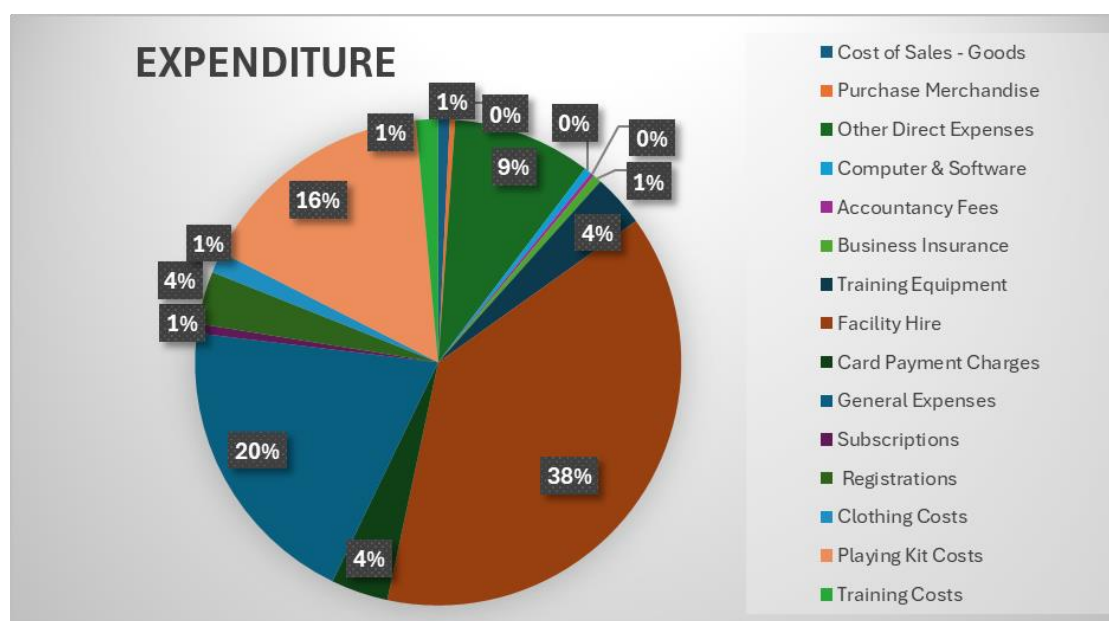


## Financial Review

We rely heavily on the Player Subscriptions (63%), Fundraising (15%) and Donations (12%) to fund the clubs activities. Kit Sponsorship (6%) also helps raise money for playing and training kit.



Facility Hire (38%), playing kit (16%) and General Expenses to facilitate playing games and training for the children are the primary Expenditure for the club. The lack and cost of Facility hire in the area is particularly challenging for our teams to ensure match day and training facilities.





## Reserves

We aim to hold 3 months of running costs at all times in the main account. This relates to around £1800. Each age group also retains sufficient funds to ensure they do not run short during the season.

The amount held by individual age groups at the start of each season (August) can be elevated pending the purchase of new training kit, match strips, training equipment, etc.

We are not a profit making organisation so we will continue to reinvest any excess back into our charity aim.

## Future Plans

The club has reached it's capacity in terms of having all age groups represented in both the girls and boys youth development leagues. We will look to maintain our ethos and coaching quality across all age groups and will continue to launch our youngest age groups for children entering Primary 1 to ensure the opportunity is there for local boys and girls to play football.

## Declaration

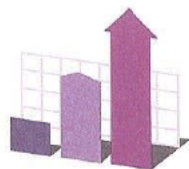
Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:

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Print name:

Designation: Exec Committee/Club Treasurer

Date: 04/05/24



SGG Business Services

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Accounts & Administration

**Registered Charity Number: SC051178**

## **Thistle Youth Football Club**

**Statement of Income and Expenditure  
and Bank Reconciliation**

**For The Period**

**2nd August 2022 - 1st August 2023**



# Thistle Youth Football Club

## Income

Period 2 August 2022 - 01 August 2023

### INCOME

	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations	3,832	10,344
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Products	1,237	690
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Sponsorship	9,060	4,595
Other income	16,239	6,627
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## Expenditure

Period 2 August 2022 - 01 August 2023

### DIRECT EXPENSES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Cost of Sales - Goods	977	292
Purchase Merchandise	438	
Other Direct Expenses	11,643	2312
	<b>13058</b>	<b>2604</b>

### OVERHEADS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Computer & Software	616	292
Accountancy Fees	315	285
Business Insurance	721	649
Training Equipment	4424	6,592
Facility Hire	48303	38,762
Card Payment Charges	4798	4,576
General Expenses	24970	33,718
Subscriptions	795	2,401
Registrations	4424	3,423
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Surplus/-defecit transferred to accumulated fund

<b>12,253</b>	<b>-5,771</b>
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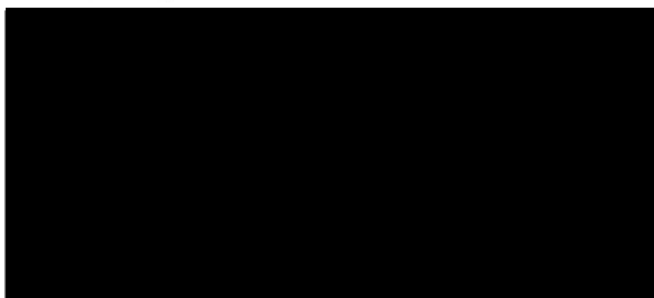
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## Bank Reconciliation

### Period 2 August 2022 - 01 August 2023

Balance at 01/08/2022	£45,781.00
Add Lodgements for the period	£138,631.00
	£184,412.00
Less Payments for period	£126,378.00
Balance as at 1st August 2023	£58,034.00
Balance as per Bank Statment:	£58,076.00
Add Outstanding Lodgements	
Less Outstanding Payments	42
Balance as at 1st August 2023	£58,034.00
	Difference .
Cash in Hand	£0.00
	<hr/> £0.00

I certify that the foregoing Income and expenditure accounts and bank reconciliation for the Charity, Thistle Youth Football Club are correct in accordance with the books produced and the information given to me.



#### Client Approval

I approve the statements and confirm that I have made available all relevant records and information for their preparation.

Signed



### List of Bank Accounts Balances at 01 August 2023

TYFC Main Account	12,734.00
TYFC 2006s	1,952.00
TYFC 2007s	5,128.00
TYFC 2008s	7,426.00
TYFC 2009s	459.00
TYFC 2010 JAGS	915.00
TYFC 2010 DONS	1,223.00
TYFC 2011s	3,749.00
TYFC 2012s	2,740.00
TYFC 2013s	1,604.00
TYFC 2015s	4,149.00
TYFC 2014s	2,175.00
TYFC 2016s	5,358.00
TYFC 2017s	4,119.00
TYFC GIRLS	4,345.00

<b>Total Balances</b>	<b><u>58076.00</u></b>
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# APPENDIX 3



**Report to the trustees/members of**

**Registered charity number**

**On the accounts of the charity for the period**

**Set out on pages**

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

**Basis of independent examiner's statement**

**Independent examiner's statement**

**Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):**

**Address:**

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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Charity name

Thistle Youth Football Club

SC051178

Period start date

Day

Month

Year

02

August

2022

to

Period end date

Day

Month

Year

01

August

2023

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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.

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.

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention.

**Signed:**

**Name:**

4<sup>th</sup> May 2023

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APPENDIX 3

Disclosure section

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of  
any items that the  
examiner wishes to  
disclose