

# Lochend Football Academy

Scotland · Charity number SC051226

## Details

**Status** Active

**Legal form** Unincorporated association

**Registered** 2021-08-31

**Register** [View on the OSCR register](#)

## Contact

**Address** 14 Harbour Place  
Portobello  
Edinburgh  
EH15 1TQ

**Website** [www.lochendfa.co.uk](http://www.lochendfa.co.uk)

## Activities

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

**Purposes:** 'the advancement of public participation in sport'

**What the charity does:** Lochend Football Academy is set up to provide safe, inclusive football opportunities in the Lochend community, within the Craighton/Duddingston ward of Edinburgh. We encourage children and young people to take part in football and general fitness, promoting health, wellbeing, fair play and participation for all, regardless of race, colour, religion, sex, sexuality or disability. We do this by organising and developing youth football teams, providing training and playing facilities, arranging regular competitive play through appropriate leagues, supporting coaches and volunteers, and maintaining high standards of safety, technical competence and child wellbeing. We also work to make our club facilities accessible to the local community and seek funding to support the club's charitable activities.

**Beneficiaries:** 'Children or young people'

**Objectives:** The Club will further the following charitable purposes:- 2.1.1 To provide a safe environment and to encourage and promote the development of football and health through the provision of youth (or senior) teams for boys and girls that foster fair play and participation for all, irrespective of race, colour, religion, sex, sexuality or disabilities.

## Geography

- **Main operating location:** City of Edinburgh
- **Geographical spread:** Wider, but within one local authority area

# Finances

| Period end | Income   | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|----------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-08-31 | £90,792  | £87,515     | -      | 2         |
| 2024-08-31 | £145,444 | £115,331    | -      | 2         |
| 2023-08-31 | £149,772 | £161,933    | -      | 2         |
| 2022-08-31 | £156,685 | £148,233    | -      | 2         |

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# Accounts

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## **Lochend Football Academy**

### ***Trustees' Annual Report*** ***(for year ended 31 August 2025)***

#### **1. Organisational Overview**

Lochend Football Academy operates as a registered Scottish Charity (SC051226) under a modern Constitution and is governed by a structured Management Committee / Board of Trustees. In recent years, the Club has undergone a significant governance refresh, strengthening oversight, financial controls and accountability standards. This represents a clear evolution in how the Academy is managed and positioned for long-term sustainability.

The current Trustee group includes a Chairperson, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Child Wellbeing & Protection Officer, supported by committee members with defined operational responsibilities. The Club operates with transparent financial systems, ring-fenced accounting where required, safeguarding policies aligned with Scottish FA standards, and formal reporting oversight.

The current Management Committee structure identifies the following trustees: Ian Fergus, James Urquhart, Martyn Dickson, Simon Shepherd, Sean Urquhart, Iain Budge and Paul Byrne. The office-bearing roles include Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Child Wellbeing & Protection Officer and Coach Co-ordinator.

#### **2. Governance & Management**

The Academy is governed by a volunteer Management Committee / Board of Trustees including a Chairperson, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Child Wellbeing & Protection Officer and additional trustees with operational responsibilities. The Club operates with appropriate financial controls, safeguarding policies aligned to Scottish FA requirements, and structured oversight of restricted and unrestricted funding. The current Trustees are listed below :

| <b>Name</b>      | <b>Role</b>                                                                                 |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Ian M Fergus     | Chairperson & Child Wellbeing & Protection Officer<br>Coach Co-Ordinator (Head of Coaching) |
| James Urquhart   | Treasurer and Deputy Head of Coaching                                                       |
| Martyn D Dickson | Secretary                                                                                   |
| Simon Shepherd   | Trustee                                                                                     |

|               |         |
|---------------|---------|
| Sean Urquhart | Trustee |
| Iain Budge    | Trustee |
| Paul Byrne    | Trustee |

### 3. Charitable Purposes and Activities

Lochend FA provides structured grassroots football and physical activity opportunities for children and young people in East Edinburgh, serving a community facing socio-economic challenges. Our focus is on improving physical wellbeing, confidence, resilience and teamwork.

During the year, the charity continued to deliver grassroots football activities, including training sessions, team coaching, competitive matches, player development and opportunities for young people to take part in organised sport. The Club's programmes support children and young people from around age 5 through to young adults, across different football formats. The Club's coaching is delivered by experienced coaches and is intended to develop technical skills, fitness, confidence, teamwork and enjoyment of football in a safe and inclusive environment.

In 2024, the Academy was honoured with the King's Award for Voluntary Service – the UK's highest award for volunteer-led organisations – recognising our sustained community impact and governance standards.

### 4. Achievements and Public Benefit

During the year, Lochend Football Academy continued to provide accessible grassroots football opportunities for children and young people in the Lochend community and wider Edinburgh area. The Club's activities supported participation in sport, physical fitness, confidence, teamwork, resilience and community pride. The Club operates in a community described in its partnership materials as being within the top 5% most deprived communities in Scotland, and its activities are aimed at ensuring that children can access quality coaching regardless of background or income.

The Club achieved a number of notable sporting and community successes during the period and around the 2025 season, including:

- Recognition through The King's Award for Voluntary Service.
- Competitive success across age groups, including the U13s winning the South East Region Cup.
- Cup finalist appearances across all age groups from U13 to U16, demonstrating strong participation and performance across the youth pathway.
- Three teams reaching Scottish Cup quarter-finals, with the U15s reaching the Scottish Cup semi-final.
- Six players selected for the SYFA National Squad at U15 and U16 level, showing the strength of the Club's player development pathway.
- U13 and U14 teams winning the Division 4 and Division 3 League Cup Finals.
- The U15s travelling to Italy to compete in a major international youth tournament, providing players with a valuable sporting and personal development experience.

The trustees consider that these achievements demonstrate the public benefit delivered by the charity through increased access to sport and physical activity, structured youth development, improved health and wellbeing, opportunities for children and young people to progress in

football, and the strengthening of community participation through volunteering, coaching and outreach.

## **5. Financial Review**

For the year ended 31 August 2025, the accounts show total income/turnover of £90,791.93. The main sources of income included team fee income, grant income, lets, fundraising, sales and signage income. Direct wages were £45,786.75, and administrative costs totalled £41,728.39, resulting in a surplus/profit after taxation of £3,276.79 for the year.

At 31 August 2025, the charity had fixed assets of £40,646.67, cash at bank and in hand of £27,498.17, accounts receivable of £300.00, and creditors falling due within one year of £2,186.55. Net assets at the year end were £66,258.29.

The trustees consider the charity to be in a stable financial position at the year end. The surplus will be retained and applied toward the charity's ongoing football, coaching, facilities, safeguarding and community activities.

The trustees aim to maintain sufficient reserves to allow the Club to meet its ongoing operating commitments, including coaching, facility, equipment, registration, insurance and safeguarding-related costs, while continuing to invest in facilities and activities for members and beneficiaries. At 31 August 2025, the charity's net assets were £66,258.29, including cash at bank and in hand of £27,498.17.

## **6. Trustee Remuneration and Related Party Disclosure**

Two current trustees also provide paid coaching services to the charity. These arrangements have been formalised by written employment agreements. The agreements state that remuneration is paid for services provided in operational coaching roles, and not for acting as charity trustees.

Ian Fergus is employed as Head of Coaching. His duties include organising and delivering football coaching programmes, training sessions, football camps and similar events, assisting with team coaching at competitive matches, developing players and supporting progression in line with the aims of the charity.

James Urquhart is employed as Deputy Head of Coaching. His duties include supporting the Head of Coaching in organising and delivering coaching programmes, training sessions, football camps and competitive matches, developing players and promoting enjoyment and progression.

The employment agreements state that each trustee/employee must declare any conflict of interest relating to remuneration or duties and abstain from participating in Management Committee decisions relating to their own remuneration or conditions of employment. The trustees consider that these paid roles are necessary for the effective delivery of the charity's football coaching activities and that the remuneration is for operational services rather than trustee duties.

On behalf of the Trustees of Lochend Football Academy  
April 2026

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Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

| Period start date |     |       |      | Period end date |     |       |      |
|-------------------|-----|-------|------|-----------------|-----|-------|------|
| From              | Day | Month | Year | To              | Day | Month | Year |
|                   | 01  | 09    | 2023 |                 | 31  | 08    | 2024 |

## Reference and administration details

Charity name  
Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number

Charity's principal address

Lochend Football Academy

SC051226

1 Lochend Road South

Edinburgh

Postcode EH7 6BB

## 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  |              | Chair           |                                   |                                                               |
| 2  |              | Trustee         |                                   |                                                               |
| 3  |              | Trustee         |                                   |                                                               |
| 4  |              | Trustee         |                                   |                                                               |
| 5  |              | Trustee         | To 31/12/23                       |                                                               |
| 6  |              | Trustee         | To 31/03/24                       |                                                               |
| 7  |              |                 |                                   |                                                               |
| 8  |              |                 |                                   |                                                               |
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| 18 |              |                 |                                   |                                                               |
| 19 |              |                 |                                   |                                                               |
| 20 |              |                 |                                   |                                                               |



## 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 |
|------|-----------------------------------|
| None |                                   |
|      |                                   |
|      |                                   |

## Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

Charity Constitution.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

As per Charity Constitution.

## Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

Lochend Football Academy is a progressive football academy where children come first. The children will be expertly coached in all aspects of football. Our sessions have been carefully devised to ensure children of all ages and abilities receive the best tuition possible to improve their knowledge and enjoyment of the game. Our aim is to provide a safe and friendly environment where children can learn all aspects of playing football. All of our training sessions are designed to develop physical fitness and improve stamina.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

We teach basic balance and co-ordination exercises that lead to more advanced technical skills, including defending, attacking and positional play. Above all, all children are encouraged to develop their skills and talents at their own pace. We cater for children from as young as 5 up to young adults. We have teams at soccer 4's, 5's, Futsal, 7's, 9s and teams who play 11 a side. We believe that football should be accessible for all. Additionally, we strive to provide football and sporting opportunities for the community of Lochend (top 5% most deprived in Scotland) and Edinburgh.

## APPENDIX 1

### Achievements and performance

#### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

Throughout the year, Lochend Football Academy has run numerous training camps and smaller group sessions, not only for the players who are in the club, but for those in the wider community. These have included holidays camps for local children, coaching within local primary schools, training sessions with vulnerable adults (arranged through the Council) and fun softball sessions within the local care home.

Not only have we been successful in our core football activities, we have secured grant funding to upgrade our facilities at Lochend but we are exploring the possibility of taking on a larger facility from City of Edinburgh Council. If successful, this will allow us to expand what we can offer and grow within the Community.

We have also been granted The King's Award, a very prestigious honour are now one of only 13 charities to be granted this award in Scotland in the last 10 years.

### Financial review

#### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

None

#### Details of any deficit

None

#### Donated facilities and services (if any)

None

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### Other optional information

### 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)

Date

Chair

Trustee

21/5/25

21/05/25

# Balance Sheet

## Lochend Football Academy As at 31 August 2024

31 AUG 2024

### Fixed Assets

#### Tangible Assets

|                                                         |                  |
|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Leasehold Improvements                                  | 36,529.09        |
| Less Accumulated Depreciation on Leasehold Improvements | (549.82)         |
| Office Equipment                                        | 4,003.80         |
| <b>Total Tangible Assets</b>                            | <b>39,983.07</b> |

|                           |                  |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Total Fixed Assets</b> | <b>39,983.07</b> |
|---------------------------|------------------|

### Current Assets

#### Cash at bank and in hand

|                                       |                  |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| Lochend Football Academy              | 24,105.32        |
| <b>Total Cash at bank and in hand</b> | <b>24,105.32</b> |

|                     |        |
|---------------------|--------|
| Accounts Receivable | 300.00 |
|---------------------|--------|

|                             |                  |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Total Current Assets</b> | <b>24,405.32</b> |
|-----------------------------|------------------|

### Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

|                                                             |                 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Accruals                                                    | 1,258.88        |
| NIC Payable                                                 | (138.32)        |
| PAYE Payable                                                | (122.31)        |
| Pensions Payable                                            | 262.20          |
| Wages Payable - Payroll                                     | 146.44          |
| <b>Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b> | <b>1,406.89</b> |

|                                         |                  |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Net Current Assets (Liabilities)</b> | <b>22,998.43</b> |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------|

|                                              |                  |
|----------------------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Total Assets less Current Liabilities</b> | <b>62,981.50</b> |
|----------------------------------------------|------------------|

|                   |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|
| <b>Net Assets</b> | <b>62,981.50</b> |
|-------------------|------------------|

### Capital and Reserves

|                                   |                  |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| Current Year Earnings             | 30,111.97        |
| Retained Earnings                 | 32,869.53        |
| <b>Total Capital and Reserves</b> | <b>62,981.50</b> |



# Profit and Loss

## Lochend Football Academy For the year ended 31 August 2024

2024

### Turnover

|                          |                   |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Concept App Team Fee Pay | 4,688.55          |
| GOCARDLESS - Sales       | 59,952.05         |
| Grant Income             | 63,490.00         |
| Lets                     | 12,340.00         |
| Other Revenue            | 1,000.00          |
| Sales                    | 3,663.55          |
| Strips                   | 310.00            |
| <b>Total Turnover</b>    | <b>145,444.15</b> |

### Cost of Sales

|                            |                  |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| Direct Expenses            | 400.00           |
| Direct Wages               | 44,307.67        |
| <b>Total Cost of Sales</b> | <b>44,707.67</b> |

### Gross Profit

100,736.48

### Administrative Costs

|                                   |                  |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| Audit & Accountancy fees          | 2,569.98         |
| Bank Fees                         | 69.98            |
| Cleaning                          | 138.16           |
| Club Strips staff, coaches        | 360.00           |
| Coach Training                    | 90.00            |
| Coaching Costs                    | 12,261.04        |
| Entertainment-100% business       | 367.90           |
| equipment for club                | 16,197.58        |
| General Expenses                  | 289.86           |
| Go-cardless                       | 2,337.96         |
| Insurance                         | 696.05           |
| IT Software and Consumables       | 446.59           |
| Light, Power, Heating             | 8,990.10         |
| Pensions Costs                    | 513.32           |
| Pitches / Refs Outgoings          | 11,868.90        |
| Printing & Stationery             | 154.99           |
| Rent                              | 646.75           |
| Repairs & Maintenance             | 1,968.84         |
| Strips & Kit                      | 7,016.04         |
| SYFA & ESSDA Registrations        | 1,892.00         |
| Telephone & Internet              | 312.15           |
| Travel & Subsistence              | 1,436.32         |
| <b>Total Administrative Costs</b> | <b>70,624.51</b> |

2024

|                                               |           |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Operating Profit                              | 30,111.97 |
| Profit on Ordinary Activities Before Taxation | 30,111.97 |
| Profit after Taxation                         | 30,111.97 |

# APPENDIX 3



## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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Report to the trustees/members of

Lochend Football Academy

Registered charity number

SC051226

On the accounts of the charity for the period

| Period start date |       |      | to | Period end date |       |      |
|-------------------|-------|------|----|-----------------|-------|------|
| Day               | Month | Year |    | Day             | Month | Year |
| 01                | 09    | 2023 |    | 31              | 08    | 2024 |

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention [other than that disclosed on the attached page\*]

- 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 comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or

- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper

Signed:

Name:

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

Address:

5/2025

## 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