

Charity Registration No.
SC051683 (Scotland)

WHITBURN COMMUNITY
SPORTS
CLUB SCIO
ANNUAL REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30 JUNE 2025



WHITBURN COMMUNITY SPORTS CLUB SCIO REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION



Trustees

- A Browning (Assistant Treasurer)
- J G Murphy (Secretary)
- N M Newton (Treasurer)
- P A Newton (Chair)
- P McVerry

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WHITBURN COMMUNITY SPORTS CLUB SCIO TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025



The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year to 30 June 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Charity's constitution, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

Structure, governance and management

Constitution

Whitburn Community Sports Club SCIO (“Charity”) is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation which was founded in 2022 and incorporated with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator on 6 April 2022 with registered number SC051683. The organisation is an incorporated body having charitable status under the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and is governed by the Board of Trustees. The Charity was established under a Constitution document adopted on the creation of the Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation, effective 6 April 2022.

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Appointment and training of Trustees

The Board of Trustees, which normally meets bi-monthly to determine strategy, policy and the management of the Charity's assets, are the charity's Trustees. Membership of the Board is open to all members of the Club.

The Constitution also allows the Trustees to co-opt a maximum of three non-members either on the basis that they have been nominated by a body with which the Charity has close contact in the course of its activities or on the basis that they have specialist experience and/or skills which could be of assistance to the Board. Trustees are elected at the annual general meeting. There must be a minimum of five and a maximum of ten Trustees.

The founding Trustees have received appropriate professional training on the requirements of good governance to ensure that they act consistently and diligently in their duties and responsibilities.

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Decision making

The Trustees of the Charity are responsible for the Charity's decision making. The Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signing of these financial statements were as follows:

A Browning (Assistant Treasurer)

J G Murphy (Treasurer until 17th February 2025)(Secretary from 18th February 2025)

N M Newton (Secretary until 17th February 2025)(Treasurer from 18th February 2025)

P A Newton (Chair from 18th February 2025)

P McVerry

R L Cook (resigned 1st February 2026)

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Objectives and Activities

Charitable purposes

The charitable purposes as set out in the Charity's Constitution are:

- The advancement of public participation in sport by providing an outlet for people of all ages and abilities to take part in playing sport.
- To promote the enjoyment of all sports for members in an environment which fosters fair play and participation for all, irrespective of gender, race, colour or religion and shall encourage co-operation, respect for others, loyalty, acceptance of rules and decisions, personal development, self-discipline and the need for teamwork.
- To develop sports by:
 - Welcoming new members and encouraging participation in all the activities of the Club.
 - Providing equal opportunities for successful participation by all sections of the community.
 - Assisting members to improve their sporting skills and in their personal development.
 - Providing members with suitable competition at the appropriate age level and standard.

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- Working closely with other agencies and organisations including schools and businesses.
- Promoting physical activity and a healthy lifestyle to all members.
- To seek to provide, or assist in the provision of, the best possible facilities to allow widest possible participation in sport generally by the whole community.
- To encourage education on healthy living and the rules of the game throughout the membership by ensuring all coaches and volunteers receive the necessary training to meet all legislated requirements and maintain a best practices policy.

Activities

The Charity runs a Football School for 3 to 6 year-olds. In addition to this we have 15 football teams, both girls and boys 6 to 18 years, Under 20s and 2 adult teams, one in amateur and the other in senior leagues. The Charity continued to develop basic footballing skills in players from 3 years' old in a fun and safe environment led by SFA qualified Coaches and First Aiders. Development continues through 4, 5 and 7-a-side teams to competitive youth football from 13 years old with a view to progressing into amateur or senior football.

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We operate from King George V Park ('KGV') in Whitburn with use of the pavilion and four grass pitches. Our use of portable goals together with pitch maintenance adds to the longevity of playability throughout the season. Our communal training equipment for use by all member teams aids economy for all as costs increase year-on-year in the provision of grassroots football.

Achievements and performance

Having withdrawn from the proposed 7-a-side 3G pitch due to ever increasing costs rendering the project no longer value-for-money in our view, we stepped up our maintenance of the grass pitches at King George V Park, over and above the Council's maintenance schedule. Our additional grass cutting and rolling of the pitches contributed significantly to their playability and therefore to our better satisfying our teams' needs for training and matches from April to October.

On two occasions, a good number of volunteers (from the community and Club members) turned out to assist with repairs to damage to pitch surfaces caused by quad and dirt bikes. These repairs assisted their speedier return to use.

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To help alleviate the shortage of facilities in the town for training and matches October to March, the Trustees worked throughout the year in developing a lease agreement for Central Park, a ready-made stadium which is owned by Whitburn Junior Football Club, a member of our community club and who work with us to deliver coaching and best possible facilities for all our member teams.

With the lease in place, we would aim to install floodlights to allow us to accommodate our youngest players there for winter training and alleviate the pressure we have endured at Whitburn Academy's 3G pitch for a few years.

Discussions continued with West Lothian Council ('WLC') as we moved closer towards a lease of the pavilion at KGV which would ensure our continuing use of the pitches. Our Community Benefit figures are way greater than that required to ensure that no rental will be payable to WLC.

The introduction in July of the SFA's new online admin system, Comet, added hugely to the workload of three of our Trustees, slowing down the hoped-for progress of the leases but the work on it is ongoing, hopefully coming to fruition in the new season.

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In June, two new teams came to join our community club for the new season - a second 2009 team and a 2011 team to replace one of ours which folded in November.

Another of the highlights of the year was our 2009 (under 16) team winning the league in their first season in the Central League and gaining promotion to the A Division.

Our 16 teams include 2 adults (senior and amateur), Under 20s, 3 Girls teams and child/youth teams from 2009 to 2018. Overall, the Club's 320 players were served by 93 volunteer Coaches, First Aiders and Team Helpers - all PVG'd and with SFA and SFA-recognised qualifications. In addition to these are our youngest players being developed in our Football School in readiness for teams to play Fun Fours.

We continue to encourage and support our volunteers to develop on their coaching pathway for the benefit of all our young players.

Although SFA Comet is being improved and becomes more familiar, it still consumes a considerable amount of time and has highlighted our need for additional admin workers to help cope with the continuing growth of the Club and our compliance with awards achieved.

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Financial Review

Our main source of funding is membership donations which are made via our Teams. We started to collect these from the Teams on a phased basis from May 2023 and we had £50,908 (2024: £40,879) received in the year.

Our footballing activities continued to supply the funding of all running costs including equipment and training courses for Coaches and First Aiders throughout the year.

Our fundraising efforts this year produced a successful grant application for new goals for KGV (£3,332). We received sponsorship from the Cross Tavern of £1,500 and donations of £813 (2024: £1,100) in the year.

Our expenditure for the period was £61,822 (2024: £29,854) and related mainly to team expenses, the use of West Lothian and Falkirk Council pitches, the purchase of equipment including a new set of goals for King George V Park and MCH fees. Our net expenditure for the year amounted to £3,590 (2024: £15,066 net income), comprising of total income of £58,233 (2024: £44,920), less total expenditure of £61,822 (2024: £29,854). This resulted in the Charity holding total reserves at the year-end of £14,019 (2024: £17,609) all of which are unrestricted.

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Reserves policy

The Trustees' policy is to retain as much in reserves as possible in order to meet commitments and to cover any unexpected expenditure. Reserves are currently £14,019 (2024: £17,609) and the Trustees intend to work towards increasing this in the coming years. The Trustees will revisit the reserves policy as the charity grows.

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Plans for future periods

The Trustees intend to pursue leases for both King George V Park with West Lothian Council and with Whitburn Juniors for Central Park to help ease the difficulties in providing sufficient facilities for training and matches for our existing member teams. As we continue our footballing activities with our established and respected brand, so too do we increase participation and membership, further fuelling the need for facilities.

We will actively seek to recruit new volunteers to help us better manage the administration and governance of our growing community club. These will be in addition to our ongoing recruitment to fill coaching and first aid roles whilst we encourage our existing volunteers to further their journey on the coaching pathway.

Improved administration will bring better use of our charitable status to aid soonest achievement of our goals to better serve both our players and our local community.

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The Trustees are required to prepare the Financial Statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue to operate. The Trustees confirm that the above requirements have been complied with in the Financial Statements.

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 12/03/2026.

P A Newton
Trustee

Dated: 12/03/2026

WHITBURN COMMUNITY SPORTS CLUB SCIO INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF WHITBURN COMMUNITY SPORTS CLUB SCIO



I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2025 which are set out on pages 17 to 23.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 (the 2005 Act) and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (the 2006 Accounts Regulations).

The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(a) to (c) of the 2006 Accounts Regulations does not apply and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to examine the financial statements as required under section 44(1) (c) of the 2005 Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

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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 financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, 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 financial statements.

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Independent examiner's 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, and
- to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 8 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 financial statements to be reached.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'K Adams.', is located in the bottom left corner of the page.

Kelly Adams MA (Hons), CA

Relevant Professional Qualification: ICAS

3 Hamilton Way, East Whitburn, EH47 8RA

Date: 12/03/2026

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2025



	Notes	Unrestricted 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<u>Receipts</u>				
Donations	3	813	813	1,100
Pitches		1,680	1,680	2,941
Membership Income		50,908	50,908	40,879
Grants - Heartlands		3,332	3,332	-
Sponsorship - Cross Tavern		<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>-</u>
Total receipts		58,233	58,233	44,920
<u>Expenditure on:</u>				
Charitable activities	4	<u>61,822</u>	<u>61,822</u>	<u>29,854</u>
Total payments		<u>61,822</u>	<u>61,822</u>	<u>29,854</u>
(Deficit)/Surplus for the period		<u>(3,590)</u>	<u>(3,590)</u>	<u>15,066</u>

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STATEMENT OF BALANCES AS AT
30 JUNE 2025



	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Opening cash at bank and in hand	17,609	17,609	2,543
(Deficit)/Surplus for the period	<u>(3,590)</u>	<u>(3,590)</u>	<u>15,066</u>
Closing cash at bank and in hand	<u>14,019</u>	<u>14,019</u>	<u>17,609</u>
<u>Bank and cash balances</u>			
Bank current account	<u>14,019</u>	<u>14,019</u>	<u>17,609</u>
	<u>14,019</u>	<u>14,019</u>	<u>17,609</u>

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Other assets - unrestricted fund	£	£
Mower	257	514
Roller	215	239
Goals	5,185	3,067
Defibrillator	840	980
Veo	816	1,224
TV Monitor	280	420
Containers (2 x 20ft and 1 x 40ft)	272	408
Line markers	153	307
Floodlights	-	956
	<u>8,018</u>	<u>8,115</u>

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Liabilities - unrestricted fund	£	£
Other creditors	<u>3,154</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>3,154</u>	<u>-</u>

This Statement of Balances was approved by the Trustees on 12/03/2026

P A Newton
Trustee
Dated: 12/03/2026

WHITBURN COMMUNITY SPORTS CLUB SCIO NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025



1. Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

Charitable funds

Funds are classified as either Restricted or Unrestricted funds, defined as follows:

Restricted funds are funds which can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the Charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Unrestricted funds are funds which are expendable at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the Charity.

2. Related party transactions

No expenses or remuneration was paid to the Trustees or any connected persons during the year (2024: none).

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3 Donations

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Folded clubs	813	813	-
Omnifix	-	-	1,000
Cadonnas Funfair	-	-	100
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	<u>813</u>	<u>813</u>	<u>1,100</u>

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4 Cost of charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
MCH Fees	2,403	2,403	2,150
Team expenses	39,533	39,533	14,720
Use of West Lothian Council pitches	9,372	9,372	7,264
Maintenance of pitches	1,260	1,260	678
Equipment	6,948	6,948	1,808
Coaching and first aid training courses	1,335	1,335	1,600
Other	<u>972</u>	<u>972</u>	<u>1,634</u>
	<u>61,822</u>	<u>61,822</u>	<u>29,854</u>