



WEST BRIDGFORD COLTS FOOTBALL CLUB

Charity Number: 1182502



Welcome and Introductions

Introductions from all trustees; Chris Simon, Ilana Freestone (chair), Sally Lowther, Phil Traquair, Jo Worster, Pete Hopkins.
Apologies from Ian Stendhurst



AGM 2025

- 1 TRUSTEES HIGHLIGHTS AND ANNUAL REPORT**
- 2 ANNUAL ACCOUNTS**
- 3 TRUSTEE APPOINTMENTS:**

Appointed outside of the AGM:

- Chris Simon
- Sally Lowther
- Ian Stendhurst

Rotation of business:

- Pete Hopkins
- Phil Traquair

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 2025



Highlights

Governance Review

- Senior Section
- Policies and procedures
- Club Development Plan

Volunteer Recruitment

Financial Review

Welfare Review

4G

Member survey

Senior Section – has been separated from the club so it can operate as it needs to, which is different from charity rules that the main club operates within. Club policies and procedures are being reviewed in the upcoming months and a new club development plan is underway.

We have recruited more volunteers for some key club roles, thanks to all those that have stepped up but still some vacancies to fill.

There has been a financial review and we now have much better controls in place and have implemented Xero software to help with this.

We have also had an independent welfare review done by the FA with lots of actions to be taken and improvements we can make.

Work on the 3G pitch is underway and we have appointed an external company to help us through the process to ensure we obtain the highest possible level of funding towards the project.

Member Survey

- 224 responses
- Support for streaming
- Extend our offer to social football – youth pan disability, mens, ladies, walking football, veterans.
- Approximately 40% parents/volunteers and 60% players keen to have teams competing at the highest levels
- Desire to be part of a club is strong
- Coach development and improved pitches priority for improvement/investment

Really good examples of where it works well – challenge is making this consistent across the whole club

Areas to consider

- Creating a sense of 'one club' – shared values and philosophy
- Focus on the quality of experience over the size of the club
- Overall support for streaming but transitions between age groups (e.g. when moving from 5v5 to 7v7) can be improved
- More support for volunteers and coaches – stretched
- Greater financial transparency – kit, sponsorship

How has the survey been used:

- Club Development Plan/future priorities
 - work in progress
- 4G application
- Welfare review
- Given us an understanding of what matter to members
 - overall improvements

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Future Direction

Club Values

- Fun
- Community
- Supportive
- Sustainable



Our Purpose

We want to be a welcoming club for the West Bridgford community, providing safe and enjoyable football in an inclusive environment.

Our Ambitions

- 1. Build a sense of pride and belonging to a club**

Embed values/code of conduct/culture/consistency

- 2. Provide a fully inclusive offer**

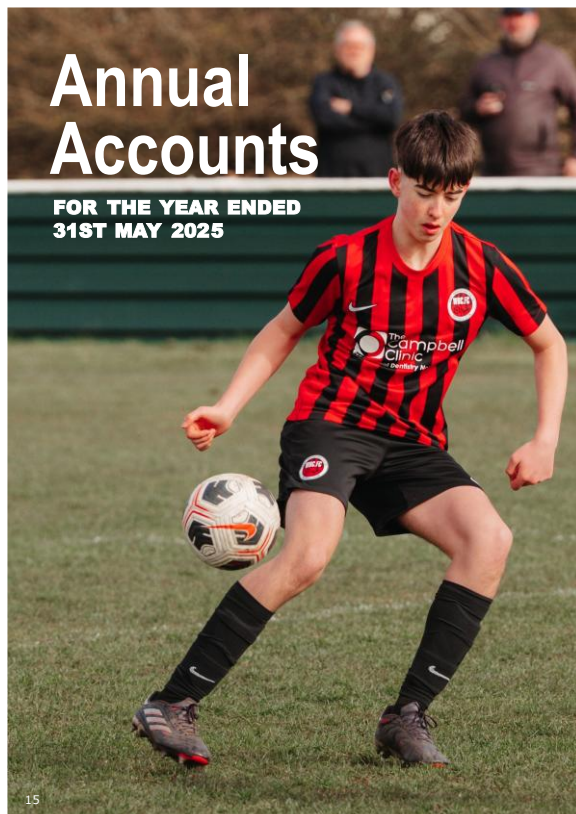
Pan Disability/broaden inclusive offer

- 3. All players can access safe, high-quality coaching and a strong pathway.**

Shared coaching philosophy, growth of the girls and women's game, transparent and progressive pathway to senior football

- 4. Develop exceptional facilities, including our own 3G pitch**

- 4. Operate with the highest standards of welfare, governance and transparency.**



Finance summary and context

Financial year 23/24 **£10k** loss however this included expenditure of £25k on floodlights with the income received in 24/25

Financial year 24/25 surplus of **£21k** however this included some one-off income items:

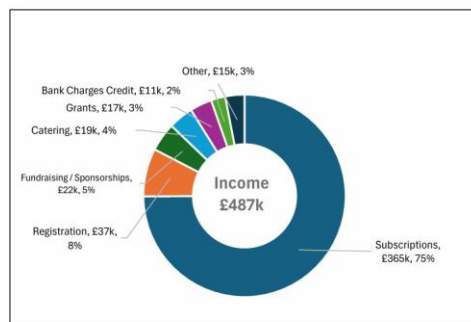
- Floodlight grant income of **£17k**
- Bank charges refund **£11k**

Adjusting for these one-off items there was a loss of **£7k** in 24/25

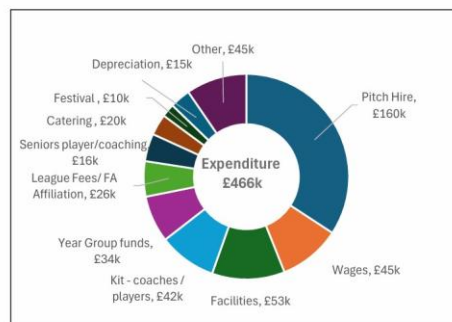
24/25 highlights:

- Income of **£0.487m**, of which:
£0.365m (75%) is from subscriptions
£0.037m (8%) from registrations
- Expenditure of **£0.466m**, of which:
£0.160m (34%) is pitch hire
£0.053m (11%) is facilities (largely Regatta Way),
£45k (10%) wages,
£42k (9%) Kit (coaches / players),
£34k (7%) Year group funds
- 19,893 transactions in the main bank account

Where we generate our income and what we spend it on....



Income	Amount	%
Subscriptions	£365k	75%
Registration	£37k	8%
Fundraising / Sponsorships	£22k	5%
Catering	£19k	4%
Grants	£17k	3%
Bank Charges Credit	£11k	2%
Other	£15k	3%
Total Income	£487k	100%



Expenditure	Amount	%
Pitch Hire	£160k	34%
Wages	£45k	10%
Facilities	£53k	11%
Kit - coaches / players	£42k	9%
Year Group funds	£34k	7%
League Fees/ FA Affiliation	£26k	6%
Catering	£20k	4%
Seniors player/coaching	£16k	3%
Festival	£10k	2%
Depreciation	£15k	3%
Other	£45k	10%
Total Expenditure	£466k	100%

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Those that were appointed outside of the AGM

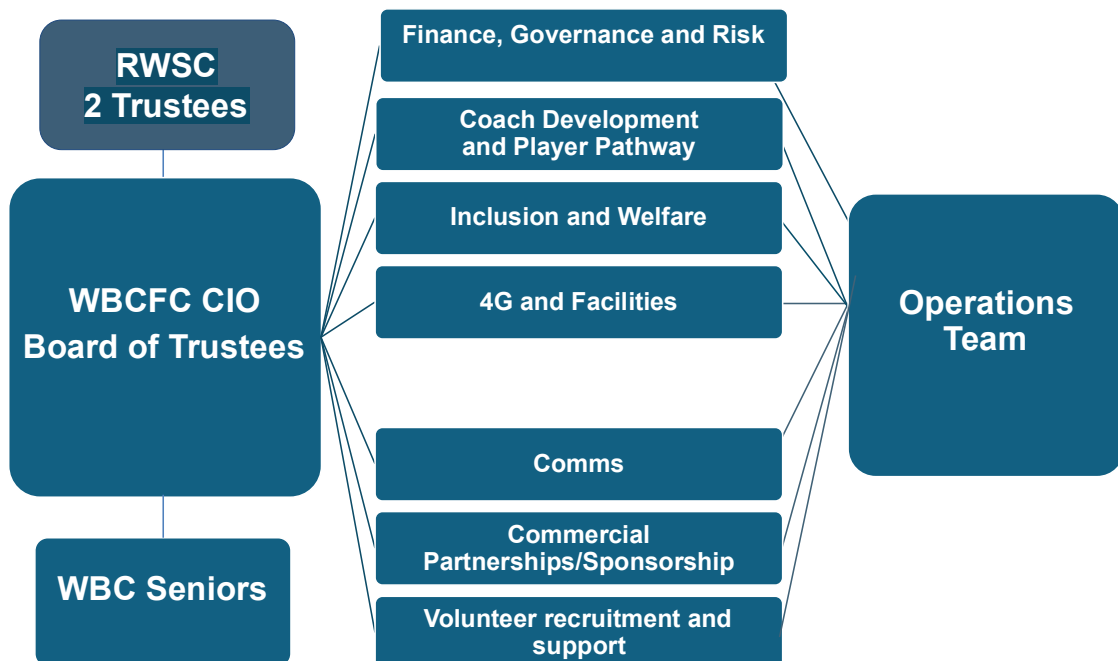
Chris Simon	Proposed by Stu Thompson	Seconded by Rory Doyle
Sally Lowther	Proposed by Mark Rye	Seconded by Alex Elliker
Ian Stendhurst	Proposed by Kev Matthews	Seconded by Rob Gough
Pete Hopkins	Proposed by Ben Loomes	Seconded by James Lordan
Phil Traquair	Proposed by Rich Elliot-Garwood	Seconded by Paul Burrows

Tim has stepped down as a trustee and does not wish to be re-elected

Peter Stansbury has stepped down as a trustee and resigned from the club



Thank you





Roles and Recruitment

Paid Roles:

- General Manager. Part time with a focus on Comms and volunteer recruitment and support

Volunteer roles – various!

- Board of Trustees (legal, charity governance, commercial partnership)
- Directors – West Bridgford Colts Seniors (trading company)
- Welfare support – speak to Sally
- Operations – speak to Phil and Pete

Any other business

- 4G pitch at regatta way, Chris chatted through process and that formal application due to be submitted before Christmas, external consultants appointed to support our application as we are keen to secure as much funding as possible but there will be some fundraising to do
- Safeguarding Report review, Michelle read through some highlights and improvements we can make – always looking for volunteers to support so please email if you can help
- Kit ordering, Pete advised that match day kit can be ordered via the club, please ask your team for info and anything else via online store
- Pathway, Phil talked through structure of pathway
- Referees, question raised regarding low coverage offered by some leagues and ideas of what we can do to retain & recruit more. Club advised some difference in ref fees between leagues might be a factor, the club will follow up with the CFA, also general feeling that we all need to behave well at matches to retain refs.
- Late notice of NTU training pitch cancellation-Club apologised that comms weren't quite as effective as should have been, now resolved, no more planned closures