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Trustees' Report

The Trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2026.The financial statements are presented in pounds sterling and rounded to the nearest £1.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document
The Sporting Aces was registered as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) on 21st November 2019.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

The Trustees are appointed to uphold the constitution of The Sporting Aces. The Chairperson of the Board of Trustees oversees the running and management of the Charity.

The board may at any time appoint a person to be a Charity Trustee by way of resolution passed by a majority vote at a board meeting.

The Trustees who served during the year were.

Dr Paul Mulheran (Chairperson)
Lorraine Macleod (Treasurer)
Yvonne Mclean (Secretary)
Glenda Miller
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Objectives and activities

The organisation's charitable purposes are:

- The advance of physical and mental health through the delivery of sporting and social activities, working with adults, young people and children who have a range of physical, learning and communication difficulties.

- The advancement of public participation in sport through the provision of a multi sports coaching programme that is free of charge to participants to enable access regardless of personal circumstances. This enables participants to be successful learners, confident individuals, effective contributors and responsible citizens.

- The advancement of citizenship/community development through the delivery of volunteer programmes for both young people and adults, ensuring we have strong, resilient and supportive communities where people take responsibility for their own actions and understand how they affect others.

Summary of main activities in relation to these objectives
Multi-Sports for all, including walking, netball, basketball, tennis, boccia, and football drills. We cater for all abilities in a safe, inclusive environment.

Experienced coaches provide support to each individual on their journey whether through sport or social events. They also oversee the development of our volunteers, and guide participants on the pathway to becoming a volunteer when they are ready. In addition, we organise a range of social and fundraising events to build a sense of community for all members of the charity.

Achievements and performance

In this year we provided a range of sport sessions and life skills opportunities to our vulnerable beneficiaries:

- We delivered a full programme of weekend sessions.
- Our Summer Camp ran July / August 2025 for weekday activities in the school/college holidays.
- We also provided a series of day trips to various fun venues for participants aged 16+ during the school/college holiday, plus a trip to a zoo for all members of the charity.
- After the summer, our activities continued at the Kirkintilloch Leisure Centre on Saturday and Sunday afternoons.
- The Saturday events for younger participants comprised three 1-hour sessions: Dance Boogie Fit, followed by multi-sports and our Chill Out Club.
- In the Sunday afternoon sessions for older (16+) participants, we split into groups and introduced walking, netball, tennis, boccia, volleyball and badminton.
- We delivered a series of evening walks for participants.
- We took a party of participants and volunteers to the Glasgow Santa Dash 2025, raising £800 in sponsorship for the charity.
- In December 2025 we took all participants, families, volunteers, coaches and trustees to a Christmas Pantomime at the Forte Theatre Bishopbriggs.
- Our Coaches and Volunteers undertook a variety of training courses.

The Trustees would like to thank the National Lottery sincerely for their support. We would also like to thank all local businesses and individuals who provided donations to support the charity. Contributions are hugely appreciated and allow us to meet our objectives to provide sport and wider social activities to the adults, young people and children who attend The Sporting Aces. We will continue with further fundraising activities to support the charity over the coming years.

Financial review

The results for the financial period ending 31st March 2026 are set out in the Receipt and Payments Account and Statement of Balances. As at 31st March 2026 the charity had funds of £82,317.

Reserves

The Trustees consider the level of reserves to be sufficient and are confident that the level of reserves and secured funding is appropriate to ensure the continuing ability of the charity to meet its objectives going forward.

The trustees will continue to assess and monitor the charity's reserves.

The trustees are satisfied that we are fulfilling our purposes and objectives.

The annual report was approved by the Trustees of the charity and signed on their behalf by

Signed by

Paul Mulheran
Paul Mulheran (Aug 19, 2026 19:53:22 GMT+1)

19/08/2026

Dr Paul Mulheran
Chairperson

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Sporting Aces

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2026 which are set out on pages 7 to 9.

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) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The Charity's Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(a) to (c) 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 Report
My examination was carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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 seeking explanations from you as 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 connection with 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 accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 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 accounts to be reached.

Jamie Fitzpatrick 20/08/2026

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2026

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2026 £	2025 £
Receipts:				
Donations	**5,080**	**-**	**5,080**	5,452
Grants	**20,000**	**59,066**	**79,066**	53,966
Receipts from fundraising activities	**6,984**	**-**	**6,984**	4,488
Total receipts	**32,064**	**59,066**	**91,130**	63,906
Payments:				
Expenses for fundraising activities	**412**	**-**	**412**	1,666
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	**11,824**	**50,232**	**62,056**	48,710
Total payments	**12,236**	**50,232**	**62,468**	50,376
Surplus for year	**19,828**	**8,834**	**28,662**	13,530

STATEMENT OF BALANCES

AS AT 31 MARCH 2026

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2026 £	2025 £
Cash and bank balances at start of financial period	**17,160**	**36,495**	**53,655**	40,125
Surplus shown on receipts and payments account	**19,828**	**8,834**	**28,662**	13,530
Cash and bank balances at end of financial period	**36,988**	**45,329**	**82,317**	53,655

There were no investments, other assets, liabilities, or contingent liabilities as at the accounting period end date or the prior period accounting date.

The financial statements on pages 7 to 9 were approved by the Trustees, and authorised for issue and signed on their behalf by:

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Dr Paul Mulheran
Trustee

Lorraine Macleod

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Lorraine Macleod
Trustee

NOTES RELATING TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

During the year, The Sporting Aces received the following restricted funds:

	Balance at 1 April 2025 £	Incoming resources £	Resource expended £	T'fers £	Balance at 31 March 2026 £
Improving Lives (National Lottery Community Fund year 1)	36,495	-	(26,532)	-	**9,963**
Improving Lives (National Lottery Community Fund year 2)	-	26,983	(22,200)	-	**4,783**
Trade House Commonweal fund	-	1,500	(1,500)	-	**-**
EDC Community Fund	-	3,600	-	-	**3,600**
Improving Lives (National Lottery Community Fund year 2)	-	26,983	-	-	**26,983**
Total funds	36,495	**59,066**	**(50,232)**	**-**	**45,329**

Nature and purpose of funds

- Improving Lives provides sporting and social activities for young people with physical, learning or communication difficulties.
- Trade House Commonweal fund – contribution towards uniforms for staff and participants
- EDC Community Fund – for social events

Grants
No grants were made by The Sporting Aces during the year.

Governance Costs
Amounts incurred in respect of the charity's Independent Examination was £318 (2025: £265)

Trustee Remuneration
No remuneration was paid during the year to any Charity Trustee in performance of their duties and services.

Trustee expenses
No expenses were paid in the year to any Charity Trustee (2025: £nil).

Transactions with Trustees
There were no transactions with Trustees during the year (2025: £nil).

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