MARYFIELD UNITED COMMUNITY CHARITY

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

For the Year Ended 31 March 2026

Scottish Charity Number: SC054067
Principal Address: 76 Findhorn Street, Dundee, DD4 9PH
Reporting Period: 1 April 2025 – 31 March 2026

Introduction from the Chairperson

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I am delighted to present the Trustees' Annual Report for Maryfield United Community Charity for the financial year ending 31 March 2026.

Maryfield United has been part of the Dundee community since 1947, and our commitment to supporting children, young people, families and older residents remains at the heart of everything we do.

Throughout the reporting year, our charity has continued working towards its vision of building stronger, healthier and more inclusive communities through football, sport, education and community engagement.

Our work extends far beyond the football pitch. Through our community programmes, partnerships with local schools, activities supporting disadvantaged families and initiatives tackling social isolation, we aim to make a meaningful and lasting difference to the people and communities we serve.

Operating within communities experiencing significant levels of social and economic deprivation, we recognise the importance of providing accessible opportunities that remove barriers to participation.

Our ambition is to ensure that financial circumstances, personal background or individual ability do not prevent anyone from enjoying the benefits of sport, education and community involvement.

We recognise that none of this work would be possible without the dedication of our volunteers, coaches, trustees, employees, community partners and funders.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to everyone who has contributed to Maryfield United Community Charity during the year.

Together, we continue to demonstrate that Maryfield United is much more than a football club.

Robert Falconer
Chairperson
Maryfield United Community Charity

Charity Objectives and Purposes

Maryfield United Community Charity is a Scottish charitable organisation established to advance public participation in sport and education, while promoting opportunities for individuals and families within our local communities.

The charity primarily operates within the Coldside and Maryfield areas of Dundee, while also supporting individuals from surrounding communities.

Our principal objectives are to:

- Advance public participation in football, sport and physical activity.
- Promote education, personal development and lifelong learning.
- Provide accessible and inclusive sporting and recreational opportunities.
- Support children and young people from disadvantaged backgrounds.
- Encourage positive physical and mental wellbeing.
- Reduce social isolation and strengthen community relationships.
- Develop volunteering, leadership and employability opportunities.
- Work collaboratively with schools, community organisations and other partners.

Our activities are designed to provide public benefit by creating opportunities for individuals of different ages, abilities and backgrounds to participate in meaningful activities.

Activities and Achievements During 2025/26

Community Football and Youth Development

Football remains central to the identity of Maryfield United and provides an important foundation for our wider charitable activities.

Throughout the year, the charity has supported grassroots football opportunities for children and young people across a range of age groups.

Our football activities aim to promote participation, enjoyment, teamwork, discipline, confidence and positive social development.

We recognise that grassroots football plays an important role in supporting the physical and emotional wellbeing of young people, particularly those who may otherwise experience barriers to organised sport.

Our volunteer coaches and officials continue to provide a safe, supportive and welcoming environment where young people can develop their skills, build friendships and enjoy being part of a team.

The charity also recognises the importance of retaining young people in sport as they progress through different age groups, helping to encourage lifelong participation and healthy lifestyles.

Community Schools Programme

One of the charity's key areas of community engagement has been its work with local schools.

Our community schools programme is designed to support children and families by providing opportunities for physical activity, learning, personal development and positive social interaction.

Activities developed through our school partnerships include breakfast clubs, lunchtime activities, after-school programmes, football coaching, educational activities and targeted support for young people.

These initiatives seek to improve confidence, participation, wellbeing and engagement in education.

A particular priority is supporting children attending schools within areas of high deprivation, ensuring that access to activities is not determined by household income.

The Trustees recognise the importance of continuing to strengthen these partnerships and increasing the range of opportunities available to local children and families.

Tackling Poverty and Reducing Barriers

Maryfield United Community Charity recognises the financial pressures experienced by many families within the communities we support.

Our approach is to make participation as accessible and affordable as possible.

The charity seeks to reduce financial and social barriers through community-based activities, partnership working, external funding and volunteer support.

Our programmes are intended to ensure that children and young people can participate in positive activities regardless of their circumstances.

The Trustees believe that providing safe, structured and inclusive opportunities contributes to improved wellbeing, stronger relationships and better outcomes for young people.

Inclusion, Equality and Community Participation

Maryfield United Community Charity is committed to creating an inclusive environment where everyone feels welcomed, respected and valued.

The charity aims to ensure that opportunities are available regardless of age, gender, disability, ethnicity, religion, background or financial circumstances.

Through football, education and wider community activities, we encourage participation, promote positive relationships and support individuals to achieve their potential.

We also recognise the importance of providing opportunities for girls and young women to participate in football and physical activity.

The Trustees will continue to promote equality of opportunity and ensure inclusion

Volunteering and Community Leadership

Volunteers are fundamental to the continued success and sustainability of Maryfield United Community Charity.

Our volunteers contribute significant time and effort to coaching, organising activities, supporting events, administration, fundraising and maintaining the day-to-day operation of the organisation.

Their dedication enables the charity to deliver activities that would otherwise be difficult to sustain.

The charity also recognises the personal benefits of volunteering, including developing confidence, leadership, communication skills and a stronger sense of community responsibility.

The Trustees remain committed to supporting our volunteers through appropriate training, guidance, recognition and development opportunities.

Partnerships and Community Collaboration

Partnership working remains a key part of our approach.

Maryfield United Community Charity recognises that collaboration with schools, local authorities, sporting organisations, funders, community groups and other charities enables us to reach more people and deliver greater community benefit.

During the reporting period, the charity continued to develop relationships that support our long-term ambitions.

Our approach is based on working collaboratively, avoiding duplication and responding to the needs of the communities we serve.

The Trustees believe that strong partnerships will remain essential to the charity's continued growth.

Facilities and Community Infrastructure

Access to suitable, safe and affordable facilities remains one of the charity's most significant challenges.

The Trustees recognise that high-quality community facilities are essential for the long-term development of our football and community programmes.

During the reporting year, Maryfield United Community Charity progressed its ambitions to secure community facilities

Our long-term vision is to develop a sustainable community facility that supports grassroots football while providing opportunities for wider community activities.

The charity's ambitions include creating a welcoming environment for children, young people, families, volunteers and local residents.

Any future facility development will be subject to the necessary agreements, approvals, funding and community consultation.

Governance and Management

Maryfield United Community Charity is governed by its Board of Trustees, who are responsible for the strategic direction, financial oversight and effective management of the organisation.

The Trustees are responsible for ensuring that the charity operates in accordance with its governing document, charitable purposes and relevant Scottish charity legislation.

The Board provides oversight of the charity's activities, finances, policies, risk management and future development.

The Trustees serving during the reporting period are to be confirmed against the charity's official records.

Trustees:

- Robert Falconer
- Dawn Falconer

- Chris Holmes
- Louise Reilly
- Paddy Anderson

The Board seeks to ensure that appropriate governance arrangements are maintained, including financial accountability, safeguarding, health and safety, and responsible decision-making.

The Trustees acknowledge their collective responsibility for protecting the charity's assets and ensuring that resources are used effectively in pursuit of its charitable

Safeguarding and Wellbeing

The safety and wellbeing of children, young people and vulnerable individuals remain fundamental priorities.

Maryfield United Community Charity recognises its responsibility to provide safe and supportive environments across all activities.

The charity's approach includes appropriate safeguarding arrangements, volunteer recruitment procedures, PVG requirements where applicable, risk assessments and clear standards of conduct.

The Trustees recognise the importance of regularly reviewing safeguarding arrangements and ensuring that employees and volunteers understand their responsibilities.

Promoting positive wellbeing, respect, inclusion and safe participation will remain central to the organisation's activities.

Financial Review

The Trustees are responsible for ensuring that the charity's financial resources are managed prudently and used to support its charitable purposes.

The charity receives income from a combination of sources, which may include:

- Membership and participation contributions
- Grants and charitable funding
- Sponsorship and donations
- Fundraising activities
- Community programme funding
- Other charitable income

Expenditure is directed towards the delivery and support of charitable activities, including football development, community programmes, facilities, equipment, staffing, training, safeguarding and operational costs.

The Trustees will continue to monitor income and expenditure, seek appropriate funding opportunities and ensure that financial commitments remain sustainable.

The charity recognises the importance of maintaining adequate financial reserves to meet operational obligations and protect the continuity of its activities.

The financial figures and any explanation of significant movements in funds will be finalised following review of the accounts for the reporting period.

Maryfield United Community Charity

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Year ended 31 March 2026

Description	2026	2025
INCOME RECEIVED		
Fees	£120,527.55	£110,024.41
Funding	£24,296.00	£17,790.00
Fundraising	£596.35	£11,460.59
Gift Aid	£17,704.64	£15,058.51
Sponsorship	£7,386.62	£11,173.70
Trip Fees	£16,534.89	£32,544.10
Total income	**£187,046.05**	**£198,051.31**
EXPENDITURE		
Bank Charges	£1,677.70	£3,385.22
Club Kit	£11,411.10	£24,363.45
Cash Back	£18,570.50	£11,554.50
Coaching Courses	£1,201.05	£930.00
Equipment	£8,159.21	£6,142.41
Ground Letting	£50,050.35	£44,133.27
Match Day Fees	£2,852.00	£6,199.48
Registration Fees	£8,068.14	£2,390.00
Services	£8,701.54	£7,579.29
Sponsorship	£762.00	£8,066.00
Salaries	£23,907.60	£25,594.60
Telephone	£907.95	£865.55
Professional Services	£10,159.32	£3,490.44
Refunds		£501.00
Presentation Fees	£7,200.20	£6,880.28
Remuneration		£750.00
Event Fees	£9,849.86	£9,008.00
Trip Fees	£8,844.00	£35,952.70
Trip Refund	£1,091.00	£1,441.50
Insurances	£979.42	£0.00
Donations	£2,782.47	£0.00
Fine		£20.00
Total expenditure	**£177,175.41**	**£199,247.69**
Surplus / (deficit) for the year	**£9,870.64**	**£-1,196.38**
Opening bank balance	£10,715.40	£11,911.78
Closing bank balance at 31 March	**£20,586.04**	**£10,715.40**

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Maryfield United Community Charity

I report on the accounts of the charity for the period ended 31 March 2026 which are set out on pages to .

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's committee 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 trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (a) to (c) of the 2006 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 (Scotland) Regulations (as amended). 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

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

   To prepare accounts 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 proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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