

AFRICA ON THE BALL



SCOTTISH CHARITY NUMBER: SC044499

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**ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**



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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION For the year ended 31 December 2025

Trustees

Andrew Jenkin
Craig Smith (Secretary)
Jérôme Read (Chairperson - resigned 02/01/2026)
Niall Clayton
Louise Holland (Chairperson - appointed 26/01/2026)
Jules McGeever (resigned 11/03/2025)
Nicky Lewis (appointed 26/01/2026)
Chileshe Bwalya (appointed 26/01/2026)
Charlie Hurley (appointed 26/01/2026)
Bob Burke (appointed 26/01/2026)

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ended 31 December 2025

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the accounts and the independent examiner's report for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Structure Governance and Management

Constitution

The charity is a SCIO and is governed by its constitution.

Appointment of Trustees

The charity has a single tier model – Trustee Board members are the only members of the charity. All Trustees are appointed then re-elected annually by the Trustee Board at the AGM. Any active Trustees are as shown under the Reference and Administrative Information. In 2025 one Trustee resigned due to a conflict of interest.

Management

The Trustees are responsible for the strategic direction and governance of the charity as well as having the responsibility of running and developing the charity's work. The charity has contractors in Africa that undertake work on behalf of the organisation.

Objectives and Activities

Charitable Purposes

The organisation's charitable purposes are as follows:

1. The prevention and relief of poverty through the provision and delivery of services and opportunities including but not limited to food programmes, employment, access to education or vocational training;
2. The advancement of education through subsidy of school fees and delivery of educational workshops;
3. The advancement of public participation in sport through the delivery of sporting and recreational activities;
4. The advancement of health, by delivering services and activities to empower individuals and communities to live healthy lives, with particular attention but not limited to the prevention of HIV & AIDS and support for those already affected;
5. The provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities, with the object of improving the conditions of life of communities;
6. The advancement of citizenship and community development by encouraging and supporting personal development and fulfilment of potential, promoting the advancement of personal skills such as motivation, leadership and teamwork.



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Jimmy Bone - Our Founding Patron

It was with deep sadness that Africa On The Ball [announced](#) the passing of our much-loved Founding Patron, Jimmy Bone, in September 2025 at the age of 75. He passionately believed in giving the young people in Zambia the chance to thrive through sport, education, and opportunity.



2025 highlights



Strategic Plan

We ratified our new [strategic framework](#), aligning our core programmes in Zambia with a refreshed set of long-term sustainability goals.

Football success

Faith Kaunda's journey from the AOTB youth system to the world stage exemplifies our mission. A long-term beneficiary of our school fees support program, Faith made history as the first female player to ascend to the Zambian National Team set-up since the K Town Queens' inception in 2016. In a landmark year, she represented the 'Copper Princesses' at the 2025 FIFA U17 Women's World Cup in Morocco, was crowned a COSAFA U17 Champion and was named the Youngest Player of the Year in the FAZ National League Division 1.





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Football tournaments

The annual Lundazi Rural Football Tournament has become the heart of our rural engagement strategy. This year's edition saw unprecedented growth, with a record-breaking 66 teams taking to the pitch and over 1,450 players engaged in a structured, competitive environment. Throughout the rest of the year we also hosted successful women's, mixed and women's over-35 tournaments.

Scholarships

10 Scholarships in various Tertiary education courses at local institutions such as the University of Zambia, were awarded in 2025 at a total cost of £3,000, in line with 2024. Of note were the five awarded to the [over-35s women's team](#) members who all started a course in General Hospitality at the Abundant Life Training Centre.



Primary school outreach programmes extended

Our primary school outreach programme in and around Kalingalinga, facilitated by our Young Leaders and overseen by our team on the ground, was a very popular physical activity initiative. The programme currently reaches all 159 children at Kalingalinga Community School, all 178 at Mama Stella's School, and a class of 75 each week at the 2100-strong Kalingalinga Primary School.

Pitch drainage

This [ambitious project](#) was completed in time for the rains in October. This was enabled due to one of our Trustees coordinating the raising of £3,000 from the Edinburgh Kiltwalk, with great [press coverage](#) and support from the Scottish football community, and our Exec Director on the ground making it happen so fast. This has allowed activity to continue on the pitch during the rains for the first time.





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Stakeholder engagement in Lusaka



Our participation in the Agricultural Show proved to be an important moment for our local advocacy, significantly increasing our visibility with the Ministry of Sports and the National Sports Council of Zambia.

Africa On The Ball was also honoured to be represented by Project Manager James Banda at a high-level reception for the First Minister of Scotland, John Swinney MSP, during his 2025 official visit to Zambia.



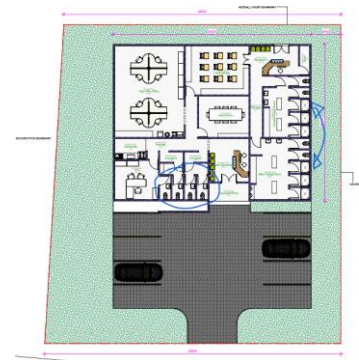
Artificial pitch infrastructure project

These strengthened relationships have laid the groundwork for our upcoming infrastructure goals; notably, the Ministry, the National Sports Council, and the FAZ have expressed their full support for our ambition to develop a new pitch.

This has long been a goal for AOTB given the poor nature of the dirt playing surface. Due to the climate, a grass pitch is not sustainable and we are therefore seeking to invest in a 3G artificial pitch.

Community Education Clubhouse (CEC) infrastructure project

As a result of publicity gained from the Kiltwalk fundraiser, we received a transformational legacy gift of £25,000 for the newly planned CEC at Kalingalinga. This clubhouse will include a shower and toilet block, a permanent base for the teaching and learning activities provided by our outreach programmes, as well as a community space, study room and library.



Visit by Presidential Advisor

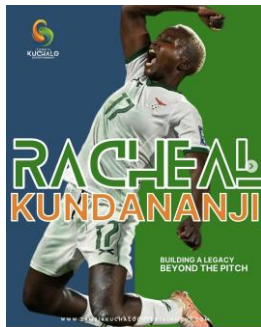
In a testament to our growing profile, the Special Advisor to the President, Jito Kayumba, conducted a visit to our Kalingalinga grounds to meet with Executive Director Kelvin Chasauka. This engagement led to the successful delivery of a collaborative two-day tournament, further strengthening our community ties, as well as a commitment of support for vital infrastructure.



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Collaborations

AOTB held a session with [Village Athlete](#) and the artist Solo, where our young athletes were encouraged to express through drawing what football and play personally mean to them. The American NGO is transforming the images into merchandise that they will sell in order to directly support our ambitious project to build a 3G artificial pitch, and bring us one step closer to creating a safe, inspiring space for the next generation.



Throughout 2025, AOTB and the [Rachael Kundananji Foundation \(RKF\)](#) have worked to establish a formal strategic collaboration, built on a shared commitment to empowering Zambian youth through sport. This represents a powerful synergy, uniting RKF's significant profile with AOTB's decade of operational experience in Zambia and our established governance as a UK-registered charity. To ensure transparency and operational efficiency, we have invited RKF Trustee Nicky Lewis to join the AOTB Board.

Fundraising

In June 2025, we launched our first-ever golf tournament at Haggs Castle, Glasgow – the day was a significant success, establishing a blueprint for future corporate engagement.



To honour Jimmy Bone's foundational role and lifelong commitment to the charity, the 2025 inaugural event will transition to the [Jimmy Bone Memorial Golf Tournament](#) in 2026.



Stirling Futsal Club did a month-long fundraiser, reaching a total of over £2,000 – which enabled 10 members of AOTB to be sponsored for annual scholarship support. This can serve as a blueprint for future fundraising by other university clubs and associations.



In order to raise awareness and funds for the charity, "Make Football Not War" t-shirts were designed and released in May.



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Financial Review

In 2025, Africa on the Ball posted a surplus of £25,279 (2024: £11,336), largely due to a one-off donation of £25,000 restricted to the Community Education Clubhouse project.

Income generated by donations (and gift aid) increased to £15,550 (2024: £10,232). This was principally as a result of a large donation received in December; regular donor numbers and average donation sums were broadly consistent with 2024, despite challenging economic headwinds.

Fundraising activity decreased to £9,266 (2024: £14,680) mainly on account of the Kiltwalk event taking on a smaller scale than in 2024.

Expenditure on the delivery of on-the-ground activities increased to £20,469 (2024: £14,760), enabling the charity to reach 4,750 participants during the year. A significant proportion of the restricted marketing grant was also spent during the period, increasing the charity's exposure both locally and internationally.

Reserves increased to £46,411 (2024: £21,132), however it should be noted £25,382 (2024: £2,687) of this balance is restricted, principally for the delivery of the Community Education Clubhouse project. Unrestricted reserves of £21,029 (2024: £18,445) will be utilised in further pursuit of the charity's aims and objectives in line with its charitable purposes outlined in its constitution.

Once regular donations consistently meet or exceed the cost of monthly charitable activity, it is the Trustees' intention to establish reserves to cover the charity's day-to-day running costs for a rolling period of 3 months.

Plans for Future Periods

Infrastructure projects

We hope to agree the plans for Phase 1 of the Community Education Clubhouse initiative by the middle of the year, following finalisation of architectural drawings, receipt of construction quotations and the initiation of a fundraising plan. We will continue collaboration with Village Athlete in order to raise funds for the installation of an all-weather pitch.

Education outreach expansion

We aim to expand the outreach program in Zambia by focussing on education in particular. We specifically aim to reach a fourth school in Kalingalinga, and a further primary school in the rural district of Chongwe in early 2026. We also aim to initiate a school fee support programme during the year, as well as continuing to support Skills and academic Scholarships.

Capacity-building our on-the-ground team

We will support staff to achieve clear operating structures, in order that Kalingalinga can become a sustainable operating base for a wider-reaching Africa On The Ball.



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New project in Bwindi, Uganda

We will progress our mission to change lives through football across Africa by providing the framework to initiate a new football programme reaching 2,000 children in rural Uganda. This is a collaboration with UK volunteers who helped to fundraise for the construction of a health clinic in the community with BwindiREACH, an organisation working with Bwindi Community Hospital.

Collaborations

We hope to finalise a memorandum of understanding formalising future collaboration with the Rachael Kundandji Foundation. We will also build an action plan with the international NGO Soccer Without Borders, which will help AOTB to build capacity in Lusaka, expand monitoring and evaluation capabilities, and enable us to tap into valuable knowledge and experience of operating in Uganda.

Fundraising

Our fundraising plan for 2026 will concentrate on grant applications to foundations as well as collaborations with other organisations. We will continue to focus our support for fundraising events such as the Scottish Kiltwalks, "On The Ball" football fundraisers, and the AOTB Golf Day.

Approved by the Trustees on 16 March 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Louise Holland".

Louise Holland
Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Niall Clayton".

Niall Clayton
Treasurer



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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF AFRICA ON THE BALL For the Year Ended 31 December 2025

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are set out on pages 12 to 14.

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 ("the 2005 Act") and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) ("the 2006 Regulations"). The charity's trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(d) of the 2006 Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section (44)(1)(c) of the 2005 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 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 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 Regulations, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 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.

Nicholas Igoe BA ACA

16 March 2026

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2025

	Notes	2025			2024		
		Restricted funds £	Unrestrict- ed funds £	Total £	Restricted funds £	Unrestrict- ed funds £	Total £
Receipts							
Grant Income	2				3,500	3,500	
Donations and Gift Aid		25,000	15,550	40,550	10,232	10,232	
Other Fundraising			9,266	9,266	14,680	14,680	
Bank Interest Received			54	54	53	53	
Total Receipts		25,000	24,870	49,870	3,500	24,965	28,465
Payments							
Cost of Charitable Activities			(20,469)	(20,469)	(14,760)	(14,760)	
Cost of Fundraising	3		(1,767)	(1,767)	(1,506)	(1,506)	
Governance Costs			(50)	(50)	(50)	(50)	
Marketing & Communications		(2,305)		(2,305)	(813)	(813)	
Total Payments		(2,305)	(22,286)	(24,591)	(813)	(16,316)	(17,129)
Surplus for the Year		22,695	2,584	25,279	2,687	8,649	11,336

The notes on page 14 form an integral part of these accounts



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STATEMENT OF BALANCES 31 December 2025

	2025			2024		
	Restricted funds £	Unrestrict- ed funds £	Total £	Restricted funds £	Unrestrict- ed funds £	Total £
Cash Funds						
Cash and bank balances at start of year	2,687	18,445	21,132	9,796		9,796
Surplus on receipts and payments account	22,695	2,584	25,279	2,687	8,649	11,336
Cash and bank balances at end of year	25,382	21,029	46,411	2,687	18,445	21,132

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Approved by the trustees on 16 March 2026 and signed on their behalf by:-

Louise Holland
Chair

Niall Clayton
Treasurer



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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 31 December 2025

1. Accounting Policies

A summary of the principal accounting policies adopted (which have been applied consistently, except where noted), judgements and key sources of estimation, is set out below.

Basis of Preparation

These accounts 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).

Going Concern

In the opinion of the trustees, the charity has sufficient cash reserves to meet its working capital requirements for the foreseeable future. There are no material uncertainties that cast significant doubt upon the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Fund Accounting

All receipts and payments were in respect of unrestricted funds during the year.

Irrecoverable VAT

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

2. Grant Income

Grant income for 2024 comprises £3,500 received from The Stafford Trust.

3. Cost of Fundraising

The cost of fundraising includes the costs of promoting the organisation's activities to potential donors and of collecting donations.

4. Related Party Transactions

No remuneration was paid to the trustees or to any connected person during the year. No expenses were paid to the trustees during the year.