



# **Annual Report & Financial Statements For the period**

**1<sup>st</sup> June 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024**



Scottish Charity Number – SC047640

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## Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name

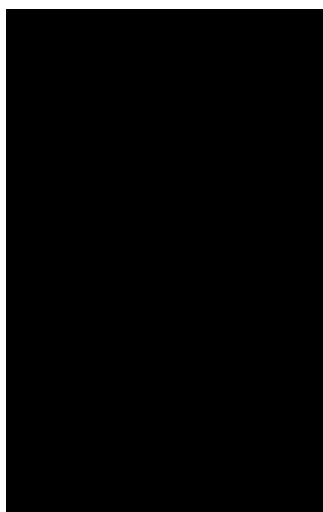
**THE AUTISM FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**

Charity Number

**SC047640**

14 Frankfield Crescent, Dalgety Bay KY11 9LW

## Current Trustees



Chair

Secretary

Trustee

Trustee

Trustee (resigned September 2023)

Trustee (resigned September 2023)

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# **Trustees' Annual Report**

## **For the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024**

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their annual report together with the financial statements of The Autism Football Association for the period from incorporation as a SCIO.

### **Structure, Governance and Management including organisational set-up**

#### **Appointment of Trustees**

The Autism Football Association, which normally meets bi-monthly, are the SCIO's Trustees. In its inception on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2017, the organization was registered as Team United before a change of name in September 2023 to The Autism Football Association.

Trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting ("AGM") which is held in the summer of each year. The SCIO aims to have a minimum of four Trustee representatives with two parent representatives. Representative from people with a Neurodivergent condition is also welcomed.

The Board also agreed to the establishment of a Youth panel in 2022 to bring forward a youth-led approach to our work. Funding from Young Start, a programme of the National Lottery, allowed the organization to establish this forum and develop a new scheme called Team leaders. Since then, the organization received continuation funding to extend our work to those 16 to 24 years. There is no effect to the constitution in this regard.

The organization currently works on a volunteer led basis. The Trustees do not employ staff but operate by establishing volunteer led sub groups. Such as the league committee who take responsibility for developing, and delivering the league and cup competitions.

The organization does pay coaching staff on a sessional basis to ensure consistency for young people. The Chair of the organization works on a voluntary basis. The organization operates an Affiliation scheme with each partnership club paying an annual fee to enable them to participate in league and cup competitions.. Parental contributions are gathered monthly to support weekly participation for young people which in turn helps pay support and coaching staff.

## Objectives and Activities

### Charitable Purposes

To advance public participation in football by people in Scotland living with a disability, with a view to:

- a. Provide a range of sporting opportunities with targeted support to young people with disabilities
- b. The promotion of social inclusion among disabled young people and their parents who are socially excluded from society or parts of society as a result of them having a disability
- c. Provides an awards programme that encourages and enables disabled people to participate more effectively within the wider community
- d. Provide training and support
- e. Increasing or coordinating opportunities for people with disabilities to engage with service providers to enable these providers to adapt services to better meet their needs



## **Activities**

The organization focuses on supporting young people with Autism and other Neurodiverse conditions aged 10-16 years. In January 2024, the organization was fortunate to run a pilot project in order to gain funding to support recreational football for 16 to 24 year olds.

We offer a range of sports opportunities, mostly football, and we adapt the sessions to meet the need of the child. Over the past 12 months, we have changed our focus on supporting young people with Autism & Neurodiverse conditions. This is in keeping with the trend and diagnostics currently in place.

Our sessions are structured and consistent and all staff have knowledge and experience of working with young people with Autism.

The Autism Football Association is affiliated to The Scottish FA through Scottish Para Football. The organisation also manages and run the Autism League. We partner with local grassroots clubs who go on to develop autism teams with our support. Clubs become affiliated to the organization which enables them to register players through our digital platform and participate in sessions, competitions and activities. Young people automatically become members of the organization and are able to take part in the many activities, social clubs and projects we operate.

## Performance

The organization's name was changed following the transfer of its main program through a partnership with the Hibernian Community Foundation

This allowed The Autism Football Association to focus its activities and further its work in operating a competition framework. The transfer of the Team United programme took place in September 2023 with £117k of restricted funding transferred to support the ongoing project work that has been raised and restricted to Team United activities.

The Autism Football Association retained £40,000 of funding to enable them to progress the work of the association which was previously not possible due to a cross over of responsibilities. Becoming a governing body (A football Association) meant that a separation of activities was required for both entities to grow.

The Chair and Founder of Team United has become the Chair of The Autism Football Association and is now involved at a strategic level within Scottish Para Football

The growth of the organization continues with a close working relationship with Hibernian Community Foundation who through their Team United programme increasing participation at a local level with grassroots clubs and therefore leaving the Autism Football Association to grow the game.

With the inclusion of Neurodiversity in our work, it has been necessary to develop a new strapline and aim which is :

### **The Autism Football Association- the Neurodiverse Football charity**

The Trustees recognize that 80% of young people in our services, have at least one co-existing neurodiverse condition and it is a natural development and way in which to expand our work and strategic direction.

With the change of name and focus of the organization following on from our partnership with Hibernian Community Foundation, The Autism Football Association now operates effectively with a strong volunteer led basis.

The Autism Football Association has aspirations to increase the awareness of Neurodiversity in Football, grow the game at both a local, national and international level.



## Financial Review

Prior to the partnership with Hibernian Community Foundation and the transfer of our Team United programme, the balance of funds was £117,687 - £39,916 (unrestricted) restricted £78,470.

The Autism Football Association retained £40,000 of unrestricted funds to further its work with the balance carried of restricted funds to Team United programmes, who would be managed by Hibernian Community Foundation. All funders and stakeholders were informed of the change and supported the transfer of funds to complete the work in which funding support was provided.

One member of staff remained on a self-employed basis to manage the Autism Football Association.

**Reserves Policy** The Trustees have made a commitment to review their Reserve policy. With no staffing commitments and low expenditure, the Trustees feel assured in their current reserves position.

## Plans for Future Period

The Trustees have committed to working closely with the Team United programme in the delivery of the competition framework.

The Team United programme, under the management of Hibernian Community Foundation continue to work at a grassroots operational level supporting individual young people at a local level including clubs and groups. The Autism Football Association, through their league committee organize league and cup competition across Scotland, ensuring the growth of the game.

The new approach and partnership with Hibernian Community Foundation has enabled The Autism Football Association to grow the game in three regions across

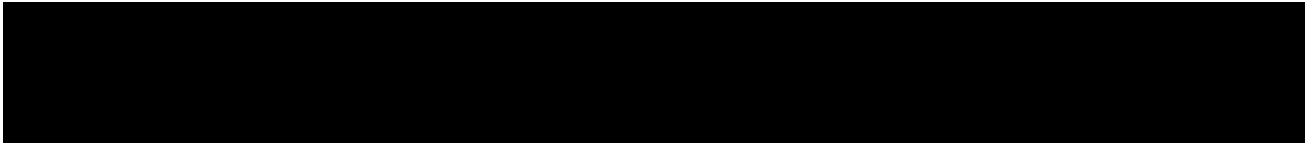




Scotland and now deliver a competition framework to 30 clubs across Scotland.

The organisation continues to receive an annual grant from Scottish Para Football towards the delivery of the league meetings and cup competitions.

The Chair continues to be the main fundraiser and the Board are thankful for the effort and success that her experience has brought to the Charity.





Receipts and payments accounts - Draft							
For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	June	2023		31	May	2024

## Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds current period to nearest £	Total funds last period to nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>						
Donations	15,569				15,569	36,426
Legacies					-	
Grants		29,422			29,422	136,856
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
					-	
<b>A1 Sub total</b>	<b>15,569</b>	<b>29,422</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>44,991</b>	<b>173,282</b>
<b>A2 Receipts from asset &amp; investment sales</b>						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
<b>A2 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>15,569</b>	<b>29,422</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>44,991</b>	<b>173,282</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	21,397	73,742			95,138	153,993
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Other					-	
Transfer to Hibernian Community	39,917	77,770			117,687	
<b>A3 Sub total</b>	<b>61,314</b>	<b>151,512</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>212,825</b>	<b>153,993</b>
<b>A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements</b>						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
<b>A4 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>61,314</b>	<b>151,512</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>212,825</b>	<b>153,993</b>
<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>	<b>(45,745)</b>	<b>(122,090)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>167,835</b>	<b>19,289</b>
<b>A5 Transfers to / (from) funds</b>					-	
<b>Surplus / (deficit) for year</b>	<b>(45,745)</b>	<b>(122,090)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(167,835)</b>	<b>19,289</b>

## Section B Statement of balances

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year	47,884	125,807			173,691	154,402
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	(45,745)	(122,090)			(167,835)	19,289
						-	
						-	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	2,139	3,717	-	-	5,856	173,691
	(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	- 0	- 0	-	-	- 0	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Investments				
		Total	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available) to nearest £	Current value (if available) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B3 Other assets					
		Total	-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B4 Liabilities				
		Total	-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (estimate) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B5 Contingent liabilities				
		Total	-	-

Signed by one or two trustees  
on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		2/2/2025

## Additional analysis (1)

### Analysis of receipts and payments

#### 1 Donations

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Parental	15,969				15,969	36,426
Fundraising					-	
					-	
					-	
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,969</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,969</b>	<b>36,426</b>

#### 2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £			Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Edinburgh Council		4,260			4,260	7,598
Scottish Football Association		23,550			23,550	3,500
Youngstart		1,642			1,642	32,243
East Lothian Council						21,435
Foundation Scotland						1,000
Inverclyde						2,160
NHS						14,248
Share Care						25,281
Society of Writers						2,500
West Lothian Council						8,521
Barclays Sport Foundation					-	500
Coalfields						2,875
Coca Cola					-	1,000
Goundwork Uk					-	1,125
Red Circle Community Sponsorship					-	5,000
Awards for All					-	7,870
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>29,452</b>			<b>29,452</b>	<b>136,856</b>

#### 3 Gross receipts from other charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

#### 4 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

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## 5 Breakdown of unrestricted funds

<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Total unrestricted funds last period</b>
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## Additional analysis (3)

## 6 Breakdown of restricted funds

	Awards for all	Coaffields	East Lothian Council	Edinburgh Council	Foundation Scotland	Inverclyde	NHS	SFA	Sharecare	Society of Writers	West Lothian Council	Young Start	Midlothian Council	Total restricted funds	Total restricted funds last period
<b>Receipts</b>															
Donations														-	-
Legacies														-	-
Grants				4,269				23,868				1,612		29,422	129,231
Balance carried forward from last year														-	-
Receipts from fundraising activities														-	-
Gross trading receipts														-	-
Income from investments other than land and buildings														-	-
Rents from land & buildings														-	-
Gross receipts from other charitable activities														-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	4,269	-	-	-	23,590	-	-	-	1,612	-	29,422	129,231
<b>Receipts from asset &amp; investment sales</b>															
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets														-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments														-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	-	-	-	4,269	-	-	-	23,590	-	-	-	1,612	-	29,422	129,231
<b>Payments</b>															
Expenses for fundraising activities														-	-
Gross trading payments														-	-
Investment management costs														-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	873	1,300	23,400	2,245	2,058	2,418	7,972	24,997		2,500		1,612	4,366	73,742	123,868
Grants and donations														-	-
Governance costs														-	-
Audit / independent examination														-	-
Preparation of annual accounts														-	-
Legal costs														-	-
Transfer to Hibs Community Foundation	1,834			2,614			6,036		25,251		4,061	38,574		77,779	
<b>Sub total</b>	2,707	1,300	23,400	4,269	2,058	2,418	14,008	24,997	25,251	2,500	4,061	40,186	4,366	151,512	123,868
<b>Payments relating to asset and investment movements</b>															
Purchases of fixed assets														-	-
Purchases of investments														-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	2,707	1,300	23,400	4,269	2,058	2,418	14,008	24,997	25,251	2,500	4,061	40,186	4,366	151,512	123,868
<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>	(2,707)	(1,300)	(23,400)	(0)	(2,058)	(2,418)	(14,008)	(1,447)	(25,251)	(2,000)	(4,061)	(38,574)	(4,366)	(122,090)	5,363
<b>Surplus / (deficit) for year</b>	(2,707)	(1,300)	(23,400)	(0)	(2,058)	(2,418)	(14,008)	(1,447)	(25,251)	(2,000)	(4,061)	(38,574)	(4,366)	(122,090)	5,363

# APPENDIX 3



		Independent examiner's report on the accounts v2					
Report to the trustees/members of	Charity name	Team United					
	Registered charity number	SC047640					
On the accounts of the charity for the period	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day 01	Month June	Year 2023	to	Day 31	Month Mar	Year 2024
Set out on pages	Scottish Para- Football Management Account						(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)
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) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) 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 statement	My examination is 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 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 accounts.						
Independent examiner's statement	<p>In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention [other than that disclosed on the attached page*]</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and</li> <li>to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations</li> </ul> </li> </ol> <p>have not been met, or</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.</li> </ol>						
Signed:					Date:	13/02/24	
Name:							
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):							
Address:							

\*Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply. If the words do apply, set out those matters which have come to your attention on the following page.

**APPENDIX 3**

**Disclosure section**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of  
any items that the  
examiner wishes to  
disclose



