

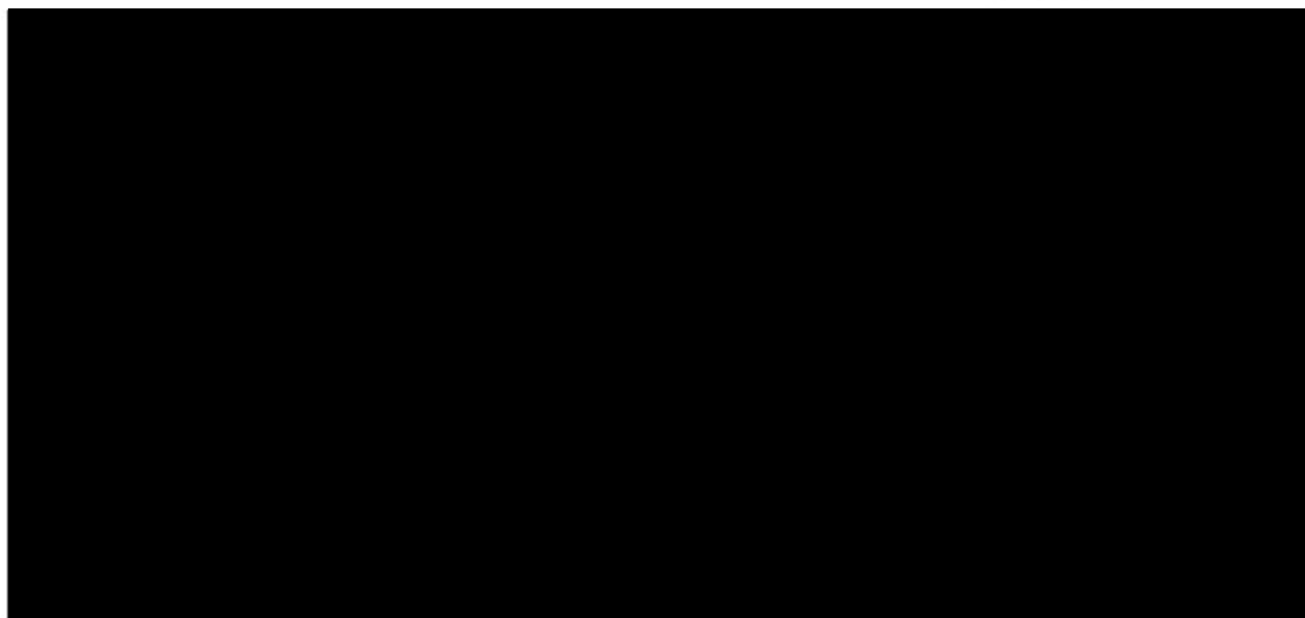


Bathgate Thistle Community Football Club

(SC048444)

Trustees' Annual Report

Period from 1st July 2023 to 30th June 2024



Charity Contact Information

Bathgate Thistle Community Football Club ("BTCFC" or the "Club")

Scottish Charity Number: SC048444

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Receiving the National Award for Best Community Football Club for 2023

Charity Trustees

The following individuals served as Trustees for the club during the reporting period:



Executive Committee

The following individuals served as Members of the Executive Committee:

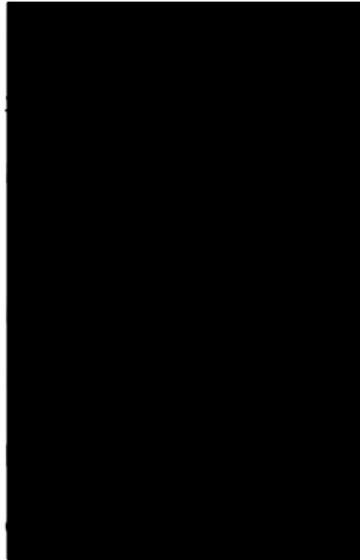
Chairman:

Secretary:

Treasurer:

Child Protection Officer:

General Members:



Objectives and activities

The club's main purpose is to advance public participation in sport by providing opportunities for individuals of all ages and abilities in the Bathgate area to take part in football or football related activities through Bathgate Thistle Community Football Club.

The club aims to promote development of physical and social skills through membership, participation in training and competitive, non-competitive and recreational games and activities.

As of 30th June 2024 the club had active teams and year groups for children born between 2007 and 2018 covering both boys and girls' groups. The club has also established strong links with local Juniors Clubs (such as Fauldhouse United and Armadale Thistle) for players looking to continue their senior football.

Community involvement is central to the club, as demonstrated by the national award recognising the work we do in our communities. We continue to play a large part in local events (such as the annual procession), work with other local organisations (such as the High Church Foodbank) and provide a wide range of community activities out with our core club and team structure. These include (but not limited to) Visual Impairment football, 50+ Walking football, Over 35s recreational football, Disney Playmakers, Claire Emslie and Women's Recreational football. We have also welcomed in a new Warrior's Premier League team (formerly Monster Munchin) to further expand the opportunities available within our club and community.

Players and Participants

We aim to allow individuals of all ages to learn the game of football in a Scottish Football Association and Scottish Women's Football backed Development plan and do so in a fun and challenging way. The club follows the SFA coaching pathway that is proven to provide the right environment for players of all ages to grow and develop.

Coaching

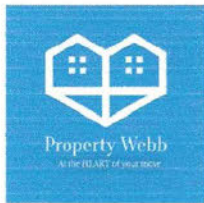
We continue to invest in our coaches, ensuring each individual has achieved the minimum requirements for coaching qualifications but is also given the opportunity to further develop and grow their skills to ensure we can provide the best learning environments for our teams and players.

Volunteers

As a volunteer led organisation, our volunteers are the backbone of our organisation. We continue to fully support all volunteers with open lines of communication between each group and the club executive to share experiences and skills. We continually seek to recruit a wide variety of volunteers to help us run the expanding sections of our club, building on the strengths each individual brings from other areas of their life.

Sponsors

We would not be the club we are today without the amazing support constantly provided by local individuals, counsellors, businesses and organisations. A small sample of club / team sponsors are below;



Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

The Club is governed by a Constitution which is available to the public via the club website. The constitution was last amended and approved at the AGM held Sunday 25th February 2024.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

We aim to have a diverse Board of Trustees and Executive Committee in order to make the Club more effective and have the right mix of skills and experience to boost our ability to meet our aims. Nominations and selections are made in line with the following principles:

- At each AGM, the members may elect any member (unless he/she is debarred from membership) to be a charity trustee.
- The Executive Committee may at any time appoint any member (unless he/she is debarred from membership) to be a charity Trustee or Executive Committee member.
- At each AGM, all of the charity Trustees and Executive Committee members elected/appointed shall retire from office – but shall then be eligible for re-election.

The Executive Committee keeps a register of Trustees and Executive Committee members and is available to members of the public upon request.

Achievements, Awards and Performance

The Club has continued to grow and develop over this period, particularly in the girls and community / recreational areas with over 700 participating members in club activity and many hundreds more in recreational activity.

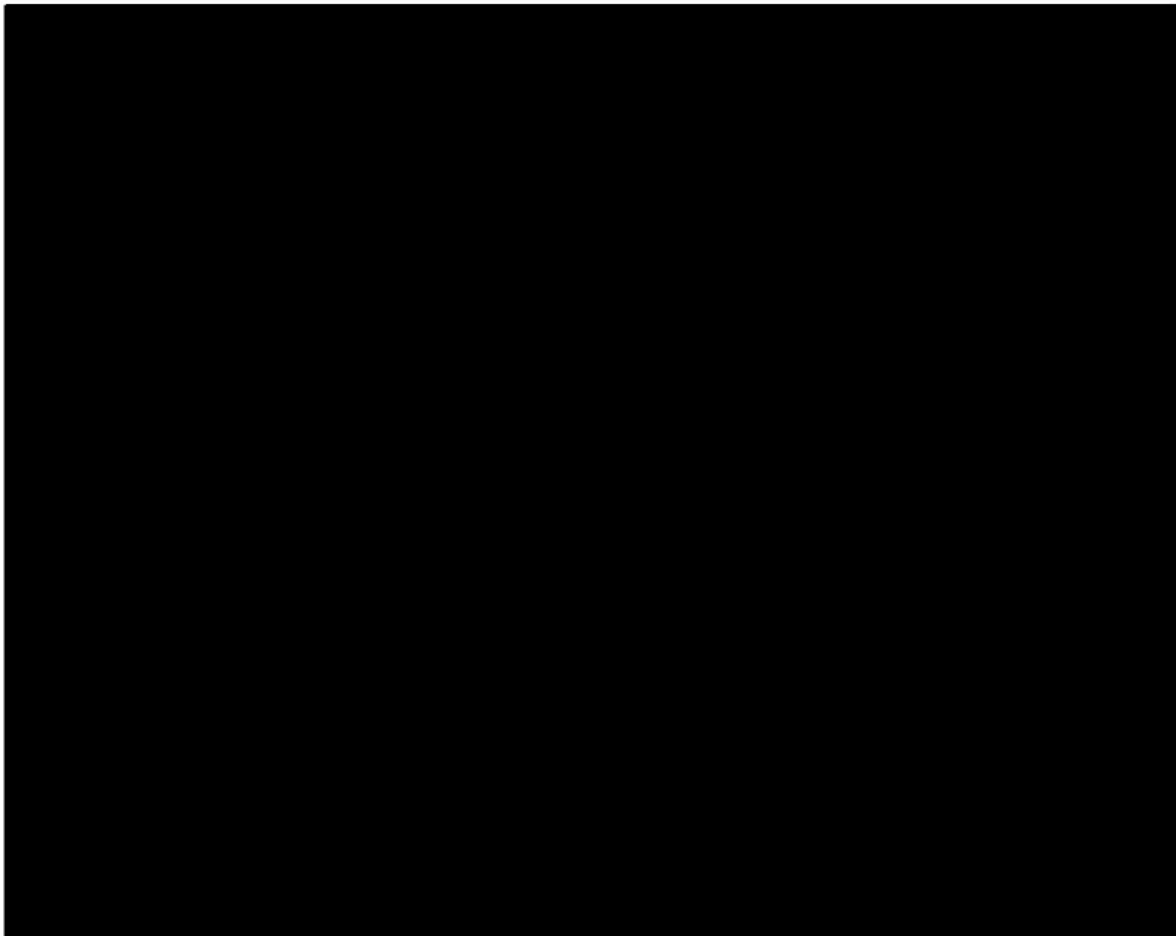
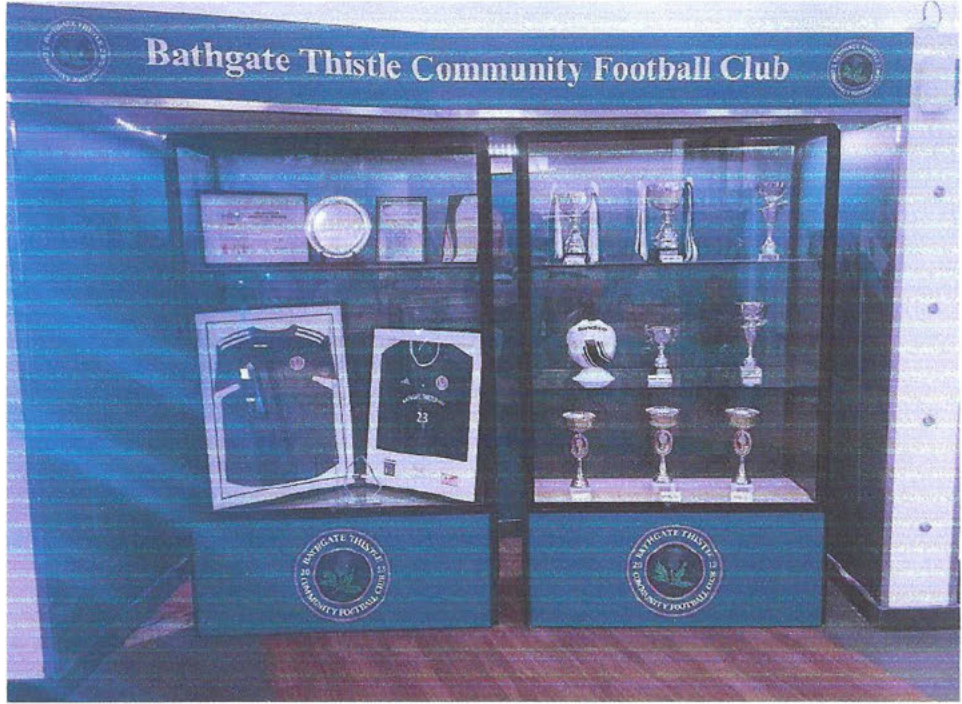
We successfully retained our Active Assured Plus (West Lothian Council) and were delighted to be awarded the top Quality Mark accreditation possible from our national governing body.

In addition, we were delighted to be invited to Hampden where we were named as the best community club in Scotland at the end of the 2023 season. Testament to the work and effort by the club investing in community-based activities and programmes.

We now deliver a full pathway of recreational / community sessions for girls football ranging from UEFA Disney Playmakers, to Claire Emslie Soccer Schools through to Teenage and Women's recreational sessions. We have introduced a Free Friday Football session, providing opportunities for individuals without teams.

We continue to offer free holiday camps (backed by Scottish Gas and West Lothian Council) providing opportunities for a broad range of individuals to socialise and keep active and

connected over the holiday periods. All participants have access to healthy meals, driks and snacks at these sessions,



After thorough review, the club retained the services of Football Nation as their official kit supplier, providing best value and service to all members of the community club.

We continue to review and expand our range to meet the growing diversity and demands of the community club.



Financial Review

	Year Ending	30-Jun-24	30-Jun-23
Income		£	£
Pitch Hire		49,946	45,104
Donations / Grants		39,293	28,306
Fees and other income		4,655	4,186
Total Income		<u>93,894</u>	<u>77,596</u>
Expenditure			
Pitch Hire		60,169	45,529
Team Clothing		-	1,486
Web site & systems		2,825	1,502
Advertising / Engagement		1,501	697
Renewals and Equipment		14,130	14,143
Container		-	5,953
Maintenance and other costs		4,349	1,267
Coaching costs		13,200	2,690
Summer Football		-	5,050
Total Expenditure		<u>96,174</u>	<u>78,317</u>
Surplus for the year		<u>- 2,280</u>	<u>- 721</u>
Surplus Brought Forward		37,147	37,867
Total Club Funds to Carry Forward		<u>34,867</u>	<u>37,147</u>
Summary of Club Assets and Liabilities			
Cash Held on behalf of BTCFC		32,842	35,122
Other net current assets		2,025	2,025
Net Assets of the Club		<u>34,867</u>	<u>37,147</u>

As can be seen from the information above, the main source of income to the Club is from its teams to pay for training lets. Conversely, the main reason for expenditure is to pay for the training lets on behalf of the whole club. The Club is now running normally after the impact of the pandemic and the 2023 and 2024 years represent a period of almost normal team operation in terms of income and costs.

Statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Any grant funding is ringfenced and used for the purpose intended. All other funding is mostly from teams with expenditure being the cost of training lets. The club aims to have a reserve of at least £10k at all times in order to ensure the running costs for any 6 month period can be met.

Future plans

We remain committed to developing our players, coaching teams and quality of facilities available.

Short Term Goals

- Retaining access to training facilities to support planned growth
- Continue to improve quality of equipment available to teams and to work with them to identify areas where further financial support is required
- Growth of girl's section by working with current group and adding more players and coaches
- Further development of regular community activity & engagement in new and existing areas

Medium Term Goals

- Continue to investigate how we can enhance player pathways (Youth to Adult)
- Implement the use of Gift aid which will provide more opportunity for the club to grow and open doors for further funding

It should be noted that there are many other ongoing initiatives, but this provides an overview of our main club goals

Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:



Designation

TRUSTEE

Date

30th APRIL 2025

APPENDIX 3



Independent examiner's report on the accounts		v2																				
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Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner	<p>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 (as amended). 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.</p>																					
Basis of independent examiner's statement	<p>My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts 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.</p>																					
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"> 1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations <p>have not been met, or</p> 2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached 																					
Signed:	12 th May 2025																					
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
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examiner wishes to
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