



Fauldhouse United FC Trust

**Trustees' Annual Report
29 July 2024 – 30 June 2025 (Season 2024–2025)**

Registered Charity Number: SC053542



Chair's Statement

I am extremely proud of the continued growth of Fauldhouse United FC Trust and the positive impact it is having within our community. Throughout the year, the Trust has expanded both its reach and its activities, ensuring that football remains a vehicle for inclusion, health, wellbeing and social connection. The commitment shown by our volunteers, trustees, coaches, and community partners has been exceptional. Their dedication ensures that the Trust continues to be a welcoming, inclusive and positive force at the heart of Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley.

Derek Sharp
Chair, Fauldhouse United FC Trust

1. Reference & Administration Details

Charity Name: Fauldhouse United FC Trust

Registered Charity Number: SC053542

Principal Address: Park View Arena, Park View, Fauldhouse, West Lothian, EH47 9JT

Principal Activity: Delivering community benefit activities and operating a football club

2. Charity Trustees

- Fiona Flanagan (29 July 2024 – 30 June 2025)
- Derek Sharp (29 July 2024 – 30 June 2025)
- Gary Greenhorn (29 July 2024 – 30 June 2025)

The Trust may appoint new Trustees where a majority of the appointed Trustees agree.

3. Trustees Who Resigned During the Period

There were no Trustee resignations during the reporting period.

4a. Objectives of the Trust

- Advance public participation in sport by providing opportunities regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, disability or religious persuasion.
- Provide recreational football facilities enabling adults and young people within the Fauldhouse and Breich Valley Ward to train and participate.

4b. Community Impact

Fauldhouse experiences significant socio-economic challenges, including higher than average levels of deprivation, unemployment and child poverty. Within this context, the work of Fauldhouse United FC Trust is vital. The Trust delivers accessible, structured and positive activities that promote physical health, mental wellbeing, social inclusion and community cohesion. By removing financial barriers, offering safe and

welcoming environments, and supporting individuals across all age groups, the Trust helps reduce isolation, build confidence and strengthen resilience within the local community.

5. Community-Focused Activities & Achievements

- Maintained strong links with both local primary schools through regular engagement, free season tickets for senior pupils, school visits, activity programmes and Easter gifts.
- Provided both local primary schools with brand new footballs to promote physical activity, health and wellbeing and encourage participation in sport.
- Delivered fun and inclusive football taster sessions for a local nursery, introducing young children to structured physical activity.
- Delivered a summer activity programme, ensuring all children attending also received a free breakfast on days when the camp was not running, with support from Asda.
- Supported a local Christmas Food Appeal by coordinating several donation campaigns to support and assist families experiencing hardship.
- Established and operated a Football Boot Bank, giving pre-owned boots a new home and reducing financial barriers to participation in football.
- Ensured volunteers undertook Naloxone training to support community safety, awareness and harm-reduction efforts.
- Engaged regularly with residents of local care homes and sheltered housing facilities, helping reduce isolation and promote social interaction.
- Organised weekly bingo sessions at Fauldhouse Miners Welfare Club, providing vital social contact for elderly and isolated residents.
- Took part in the local Gala Day, with extensive community involvement in designing, decorating and entering a club float.
- Supported the establishment and ongoing development of Fauldhouse United Sundays, assisting individuals affected by mental health, drug and alcohol challenges.
- Worked closely with local clubs, pubs and community groups to promote events, encourage participation and support wellbeing.

6. Football Activities & Achievements

- Operated a Senior Team competing in the East of Scotland Football League Division 3 within the Scottish football pyramid structure.
- Operated an Under 20 Development Team competing in the East of Scotland Football Development League.
- Successfully fulfilled all scheduled fixtures for both teams during the 2024–25 season.
- Senior Team achieved promotion from Division 3 (Tier 9) to Division 2 (Tier 8) during season 2024-25.
- Fauldhouse United Sundays attracted significant national and local media interest because of their focus on supporting individuals who had experienced mental-health, addiction and low confidence/self esteem challenges in their lives.
- The Sunday's team coach was awarded the Scottish FA "Best Volunteer in Adult Football". (App 1-4)
- Fauldhouse United FC were awarded the Scottish Football Association's "Silver Quality Mark". (App 1-11)

7. Facilities & Park View Arena Improvements

- Established a highly effective partnership with the local Greenburn Golf Club to provide and support pitch maintenance.
- Undertook professional verti-draining and maintenance works during periods of severe weather which improved pitch resilience and reduced the risk of match postponements.

8a. Financial Review – Reserve Policy

- The Trust aims to maintain reserves equivalent to two months of operating costs to mitigate unforeseen risks such as reduced income during severe weather. Where this has not been achievable, long-standing benefactors have provided financial support, a model that has sustained the club for over 40 years.

8b. Financial Review – Financial Position at Year End

- For the period 29 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 the financial position can be summarized as:
 - Overall turnover £ 54,268
 - Other income £ 20,000
 - Total Income £ 74,268
 - Expenditure (£75,694)
 - Loss for Period (£ 1,426)
- At 30 June 2025 the Trust held:
 - Cash in hand/floats £ 773
 - Cash at Bank £ 2,689
 - Total £ 3,462

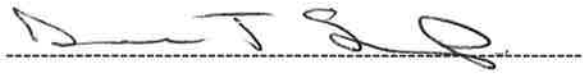
8b. Financial Review – Donated Facilities and Services

- Park View Arena is leased from West Lothian Council under a long-term lease arrangement.
- Fauldhouse United FC Trust acknowledges the generosity of our many volunteers and donors that provide their time in a variety of ways that help, support and sustain the ongoing running and services provided by the Trust.

9. Local Context & Socio-Economic Factors

- Fauldhouse is a rural former mining village within the Fauldhouse and Breich Valley Ward, with a population of approximately 5,000.
- The village is located equidistant between Edinburgh and Glasgow and lies close to the M8 and A71 transport routes.
- Thirty percent of local data zones are among the 20% most deprived, nationally.
- Unemployment and child poverty rates are above the West Lothian average, reinforcing the importance of the Trust's work.

10. Approved by the Trustees of Fauldhouse United FC Trust

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Derek Sharp', is written over a horizontal dashed line.

Derek Sharp, Chair, Fauldhouse United FC Trust

14 March 2026

Appendix 1 - Some of Our Achievements in Photos



1. Asda supporting free breakfast provision for the children who participated in our activity sessions.



2. Local children who participated in our activity sessions enjoying their free breakfast.



3. The highly decorated Fauldhouse United FC Trust float that took part in the local Gala Day parade and celebrations.



4. Local man John McKnight, Coach of Fauldhouse United Sundays FC, receiving the SFA's "Best Volunteer in Adult Football" award.



5. Participants in the highly successful activity sessions.



6. Some of the local Nursery children enjoying a visit to Park View.



7. Local MP Gregor Poynton visiting Park View to show support for our Football Boot Bank initiative.



8. Members of the Trust visit local schools to encourage participation in sport and to give pupils free footballs.



9. Members of the Trust visit the residents of a local sheltered housing complex.



10. Angela Constance MSP visiting Park View

**QUALITY MARK AWARD
SILVER**

This is to certify that

Fauldhouse United FC Trust

Has attained the Scottish Football Association Quality Mark Award for players, coaches and officials and has satisfied the association in achieving the required standard.

Date awarded

02/05/2025

Andrew Gould

Andrew Gould Head of Football Development



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the national agency for sport

11. Fauldhouse United FC Trust Awarded SFA Silver Quality Mark.

