



Chairman's Report – for the year ending 31 May 2024

Our Purpose

- To develop their individual and team football skills, and to develop their self-awareness, confidence, fitness and general social skills.
- We want to ensure that football remains inclusive and accessible to all children in Lauder.
- Furthermore, the health and well-being of our children is the club's paramount consideration.

Our Objectives

- To provide a structured and safe environment for children and young people to learn and develop football skills.
- Promote personal, professional, and social well-being through football experiences, regardless of an individual's socio-economic status, age, gender, race ethnicity, national origin, religion, disability, or sexual orientation.
- To make football more accessible to girls and boys.
- To help children and young people learn skills and values for later life.
- To support our local community by taking part in events and making use of the resources and skills that we have available.

Priorities for 2024

1. Resolve the legacy challenges
2. Secure the financial viability and future of the club
3. Grow the number of players and coaches
4. Create a sense of the pride in the club
5. Have good governance and controls in place

These priorities created a Club Improvement Plan prepared in April 2024, which is being updated for 2025.

Key Highlights and Challenges in 2024

HIGHLIGHTS

- Club has secured significant funding for projects
- Subscriptions are consistent and payments regular
- Regular income from solar panels
- Gift Aid has been registered
- Cash management is effective and bills paid on time
- Successful taster sessions for new players
- New U18 team established
- Weekly pitch plan operating effectively
- Pavilion open every weekend
- New coaches have joined the club
- Leadership of the club has been simplified
- Winter training plan is in place
- Better social media awareness
- Successful Cash 4 Kids fundraising
- Funding has been secured for new equipment
- Supported Lauder local initiatives

CHALLENGES

- We lost some teams and created gaps in the pathways
- Training pitch upgrade did not meet expectations
- Still some legacy property challenges (electricity, pumps)
- We need more people interested in coaching and helping
- Reliance on a small number of people for leadership
- We need more players in some groups
- There is no consistency in the team coaching approach
- Funding opportunities are harder to find


Financial Highlights

During the financial period of this report, the accounts have been managed effectively and maintained in credit.

- Total receipts for the year were £30,391 and payments of £23,220.
- Membership subscriptions accounted for £12,295 collected through the monthly 'My Club Hub' system.
- Notable receipts included income from Grants of £9,994, sponsorship of £3,438 and backdated solar panel income of £3,431.
- Pitch hire was the largest payment from the club at £5,532 with utilities at £3,938.
- The Bank account is with Bank of Scotland with Border Accounting Services appointed as our accountants.

The Chairman is proposing these priorities for the new year.

Proposed Priorities for 2025

1. Grow the number of players, helpers and coaches
 2. Create a sense of the pride in the club
 3. Continue to manage the financial viability of the club
 4. Resolve the remaining legacy challenges
 5. Have good governance and controls in place
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Lauderdale Football Club

A Charity registered in Scotland

Scottish Charity Number **SC048349**

Receipts and Payments Account Year ended 31 May 2024

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<u>Receipts</u>			
Fundraising	1	18,096	20,930
Charity Other	2	12,295	6,070
Total Receipts		30,391	27,000

Payments

Charity Other	3	23,220	20,467
<u>Total payments</u>		23,220	20,467

Surplus/-Deficit	7,171	6,533
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Statement of Funds as at 31st May 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Opening Bank	9,579	3,041
Surplus(-Deficit)	7,171	6,533
Money lost on rounding up/down	(4)	
Closing Bank at 31st May	16,745	9,574

APPENDIX 3



		Independent examiner's report on the accounts v2					
Report to the trustees/members of	Charity name	LAUDERDALE FOOTBALL CLUB					
Registered charity number	Registered charity number	SC048349					
On the accounts of the charity for the period	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	JUNE	2023	to	31	MAY	2024
Set out on pages							(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 (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.						
Basis of independent examiner's statement	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.						
Independent examiner's statement	<p>During my examination, no matter has come to my attention [other than that disclosed on the attached page*]</p> <p>1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:</p> <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>						
Signed							drawn in order to enable a proper
Name							
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any)							
Address							
							24/02/2025

*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.

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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