Chairman's Report – for the year ending 31 May 2026

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 2026

1. Grow the number of players and coaches
2. Create a sense of the pride in the club
3. Have good governance and controls in place

Key Highlights and Challenges in 2026

HIGHLIGHTS	CHALLENGES
• Subscriptions are consistent and payments regular • Regular income from solar panels • Pumps replaced at significant expense • Cash management is effective and bills paid on time • Successful taster sessions for new players • Winter training plan is in place • Better social media awareness • Successful Cash 4 Kids fundraising	• We lost some teams and created gaps in the pathways • 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 £29,044 and payments of £30,757.

- 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 2027

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. Have good governance and controls in place



Dave Higgins, Chairman and signed on behalf of the Trustees (13 October 2026)