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Trustees Report 2025-26

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY 2025 - 30 JUNE 2026

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE PERIOD - ALL ACCOUNTS

INCOME	*2024/25* £	2025/26 £	EXPENDITURE	*2024/25* £	2025/26 £
Subscriptions	*58761.00*	54789.00	Insurances	*1095.94*	1118.17
Raffles	*1633.00*	1535.00	League Fees	*2212.00*	2177.00
Sponsorship	*13210.00*	15914.15	Referees	*5178.00*	4060.00
Miscellaneous	*1095.00*	0.00	Miscellaneous	*518.77*	990.50
Presentation Day	*390.05*	0.00	Presentation Day	*3282.14*	2593.29
Refreshments	*15525.20*	11887.68	Refreshments	*5638.36*	4876.63
Fine Refunds	*491.00*	12.00	Drainage Project	*0.00*	0.00
Xmas Raffle	*2773.00*	1855.00	Fines	*1368.00*	306.00
Facility Hire	*1575.00*	2713.00	Xmas Raffle	*290.32*	280.00
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Car Boot Sales	*1768.72*	3542.24	Queens Drive / Clubhouse	*5762.59*	5623.88
Football Foundation Grants	*8768.00*	2924.00	Pitch Maintenance - Monthly	*12000.00*	13950.00
			Pitch Renovation	*20800.00*	10000.00
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TOTAL INCOME	***114904.44***	**102507.83**	**TOTAL EXPENDITURE**	***110280.62***	**93794.76**
BALANCE BFWD 1 JULY 2025	***30032.14***	34655.96			
SUB TOTAL	*144936.58*	137163.79			
LESS EXPENDITURE THIS PERIOD	*110280.62*	93794.76			
BALANCE AS AT 30 JUNE 2026	***34655.96***	**43369.03**	**BALANCE MADE UP OF AS FOLLOWS:**		
			BANK ACCOUNT - MAIN	*38202.68*	23116.23
			BANK ACCOUNT - OTHERS	*6.36*	6.36
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			RESERVE ACCOUNT	*6181.07*	20081.44
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