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SAMWORTH BROTHERS COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY FUND

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For the Year Ended 31 March 2026

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Reference and Administrative Details of the Charity, its Trustees and Advisers For the Year Ended 31 March 2026

Trustees

R A Marris, Trustee (Chairman)
S E Topley, Trustee
J M Nickerson, Trustee
J Dave, Trustee
M A Ball, Trustee
K Holdsworth – Trustee
P Gagin – Trustee

Charity registered number

1155782

Principal office

Chetwode House, 1 Samworth Way, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire, LE13 1GA

Independent Examiner

Glen Bott FCA, Cooper Parry Group Limited, Sky View, Argosy Road, East Midlands Airport, Castle Donington, DE74 2SA

Bankers

HSBC plc, PO Box 68, 130 New Street, Birmingham, B2 4JU

Solicitors

Gateley Legal, Knightsbridge House, Lower Brown Street, Leicester, LE1 5NL

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SAMWORTH BROTHERS COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY FUND

Trustees' Report
For the Year Ended 31 March 2026

The Trustees present their Annual Report and the financial statements of Samworth Brothers Community Opportunity Fund (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2026. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the charity comply with the Charities Act 2011, the requirements of the charity's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities," applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

The charity is governed by a Trust Deed dated 12 August 2013, that was amended on 14 November 2023.
The principal objects of the charity are:

- The promotion of community participation in healthy physical recreation by providing grants for facilities, resources, equipment and coach/teacher education for playing particular sports;
- The promotion of community participation in the education of healthy nutrition by providing resources and financial support for the delivery of programmes showcasing healthy nutrition.
- The advancement of the physical and nutritional education of young people whether or not they are undergoing formal education;
- To improve the conditions of life of the classes of person set out below providing them with opportunities to participate in sporting and healthy nutritional activities and experiences:
    - people with a mental or physical disability;
    - people with any form of sensory impairment; and
    - persons in financial need and persons who are otherwise disadvantaged.

In addition to the Constitution, the Trustees apply the following criteria to assess any application to the Samworth Brothers Community Opportunity Fund for an award.

Are you in the right location?

We only support projects where a Samworth Brothers business is an integral part of the local community.

Are you about sport?

We support clubs and organisations where sport is the starting point and the main focus of activities. We require our award recipients to be a member of their relevant sports governing body or to have Clubmark or equivalent status.

Are you about Food and Nutrition?

We support clubs, associations and organisations where food, nutrition and cooking skills are the main focus of activities. This could include educating young people on where food comes from (plant to plate/field to fork), providing cooking and nutrition skills in the community, supporting the development of allotments or even organising farm or food production visits. We require our award recipients to have the correct safeguarding, welfare and insurance policies in place**.**

Are you about young people?

Our main target group is young people up to 18 years old. We only provide support to clubs and organisations working with young people in hard to reach and disadvantaged groups for our large grant awards.

Are you looking to expand what you do?

The main types of awards we make are to extend capacity. Examples of the activities we prefer to fund include projects to get more people qualified and supported with their coaching. Provision of club equipment. The ability to put on new club evenings or new sessions for different age groups/gender/ethnicity or plans to extend to new locations to reach more young people and other schemes to improve young people's experience of actively participating in sport. We will always look at the number of young people the club impacts and what extra capacity our grant will provide.

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Trustees' report (continued)
For the Year Ended 31 March 2026

Will you be able to sustain this activity once our funding is over?

You must have a plan for sustaining the activities we are funding beyond the funding period. We are keen that the projects we support are sustainable for the long term. We are happy to help a project get off the ground, but it then needs to be able to stand on its own two feet. Most of our awards are for one year, although we fund some multi-year projects but not usually for more than three years.

The charity will support revenue and Capital cost projects, although our focus is on smaller scale capital projects that help extend capacity.
We welcome proposals where our support can help release other funding, such as Sport England.

The charity will not support general fund-raising appeals, individuals, expeditions or fund-raising challenges, requests for retrospective funding projects that directly replace statutory funding or activities that are primarily the responsibility of the central or local government or sponsorship and marketing promotions.

b. Method of appointment or election of Trustees

The charity's management is the Trustees' responsibility appointed by the Board of Directors of Samworth Brothers Limited. The duration of a Trustee appointment is three years and a retiring Trustee may be reappointed.

Objectives

a. Policies and objectives

In setting aims and objectives in planning future activities and setting the grant-making policy for the year, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit.

b. Grant making policies

The Trustees consider any applications for grants based on the alignment of the proposed activity with the charity's objectives and the availability of uncommitted funds within the charity.

Achievements and performance

a. Review of activities

During the year, the charity has made grants totalling £723,069 (2025: £255,220) to local sports groups and food education groups whose activities are aligned with the charity's objectives. There has been a significant increase in grant awards year on year. The charity has the resources and aim to use them wisely and have expanded our reach into food based activities. There has also been an increase in higher awards to meet the needs of the charities we support in today’s challenging environment.

b. Investment policy and performance

In accordance with the Trust Deed, funds that are not required for immediate use (including those which will be required for use at a future date) must be placed on deposit or invested based on the advice of a financial expert.

Financial review

At 31 March 2026, the charity had total unrestricted funds of £344,982 (2025: £480,058).

a. Reserves policy

The Trustees aim to maintain reserves at a level sufficient to support the operational expenditure and any commitments of the charity for a period of 12 months.

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Plans for the future

a. Future developments

In the coming year, it is intended that additional funds will be made available to the charity to enable it to make future grants to local organisations.

Public benefit

The Trustees continue to keep the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit under review when considering its future activities.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 14 October 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

Signed by:
Sarah Topley
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S E Topley, Trustee

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SAMWORTH BROTHERS COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY FUND

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SAMWORTH BROTHERS COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY FUND

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2026 which are set out on pages 6 to 12.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW).

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed by:
Glen Bott
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Glen Bott FCA

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Date: 19 October 2026

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SAMWORTH BROTHERS COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY FUND

Statement of Financial Activities
For the Year Ended 31 March 2026

	Note	**Year ended 31 March 2026** £	Year ended 31 March 2025 £
INCOME FROM			
Donations	2	**598,095**	325,000
Investment income-bank interest received		**15,333**	18,133
TOTAL INCOME		**613,428**	343,133
EXPENDITURE ON			
Grants	3	**723,069**	255,220
Charitable activities	4	**25,435**	17,458
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		**748,504**	272,678
NET INCOME/(LOSS) THE YEAR		**(135,076)**	70,455
Total unrestricted funds at 1 April 2025		**480,058**	409,603
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS AT 31 MARCH 2026		**344,982**	480,058

The notes on pages 9 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

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SAMWORTH BROTHERS COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY FUND

Balance Sheet
As at 31 March 2026

	Note	2026	2025
		£	£
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank		**519,038**	508,113
		519,038	508,113
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors	6	**(88,306)**	(28,055)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		**430,732**	480,058
Creditors due after more than one year	6	**(85,750)**	-
NET ASSETS		**344,982**	480,058
CHARITY FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds	7	**344,982**	480,058
TOTAL FUNDS		**344,982**	480,058

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 14 October 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

Signed by:
Sarah Topley
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S E Topley, Trustee

The notes on pages 9 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Cash Flows
For the year ended 31 March 2026

	Note	**2026**	2025
		£	£
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net cash from/(used in) operating activities		**(4,408)**	51,989
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest from investments		**15,333**	18,133
Net cash provided by investing activities		**15,333**	18,133
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		**10,925**	70,122
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		**508,113**	437,991
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		**519,038**	508,113
Reconciliation of net income			
Net income/(expenditure) for the year		**(135,076)**	70,455
Interest		**(15,333)**	(18,133)
Decrease in debtors		**-**	-
Increase/(decrease) in creditors		**146,001**	(333)
		(4,408)	51,989

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Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 31 March 2026

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities," applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and applicable regulations.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised as cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to the accounts.

1.2 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the charity's general objectives and which have not been designated for other purposes.

1.3 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity has an entitlement to the funds after any performance conditions have been met. Therefore, the amount can be measured reliably, and the income will probably be received.

1.4 Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities, where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activities they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

Grants payable to third parties are within the charitable objectives. Where unconditional grants are offered, these are accrued as soon as the recipient is notified of the grant, as this gives rise to a reasonable expectation that the recipient will receive the grant. Where grants are conditional, the grant is only accrued where any unfulfilled conditions are outside the charity's control.

1.5 Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements.

1.6 Financial Instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

2. DONATIONS

The Samworth Brothers Community Opportunity Fund received a donation of £598,095 (2025: £325,000) from Samworth Brothers Limited.

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3. GRANTS TO INSTITUTIONS – SPORTS GRANTS

	Unrestricted funds 2026	Unrestricted funds 2025
	£	£
Active Communities CIC	**6,800**	-
Active Together	**10,000**	-
Adsurf	**-**	10,000
Allexton & New Parks Junior FC	**2,000**	-
Asfordby Amateurs Ladies, Girls & Inclusive FC	**2,950**	-
Aylestone Park FC	**920**	-
Bedford Blues RFC	**-**	1,052
Belvoir Education & Sports Trust	**925**	-
Bottesford FC	**25,000**	-
Brighton Table Tennis Club	**17,114**	-
Callington Colts FC	**-**	18,500
Callington Skate Park	**20,000**	-
Caradon Gig Rowing Club	**16,959**	6,360
CKI School of Martial Arts	**4,000**	-
Communities Food & Wellbeing Hub	**75,000**	-
Cotgrave FC	**1,000**	-
East Goscote United FC	**4,200**	-
Egerton Park CC	**34,500**	-
Elm United FC	**22,980**	-
Eyres Monsell Club for Young People	**3,931**	-
Featherstone Rovers FC	**-**	1,048
First Kick Foundation	**10,000**	-
Football & Fitness - Sharks	**-**	3,715
Gilmorton Junior Cricket club	**-**	1,000
GNG FC	**-**	889
Greenfields Cricket Club	**-**	24,600
Hucknall Sports Youth Club	**975**	-
Inter Plymouth Youth FC	**11,464**	-
Ivanhoe Robins Athletic Club	**-**	3,102
Joola Plymouth Table Tennis Club	**-**	7,528
Kelliwick FC	**-**	1,480
Ketton Blackstones FC	**-**	1,125
Keymer & Hassocks CC	**9,941**	-
Kings Olympic Wrestling Club	**-**	4,640
LCH Charity	**10,000**	-
Leicester Athena Volleyball Club	**-**	1,112
Leicester Community Sports Trust CIO	**17,500**	-
Leicester Forest Cycling Club	**4,310**	-
Leicester Hockey Club	**-**	10,000
Leicester Tigers Wheelchair Rugby Club	**24,000**	-
Leicester Warriors Basketball Club	**79,000**	-
Linslade Galaxy Girls FC	**1,060**	-
Loughborough Acrobatics Gymnastics Club	**18,911**	-
Loughborough Rugby Club	**2,500**	-
Luckett CC	**8,500**	-
Melton Foxes Junior FC	**-**	11,580
Melton Town FC – U8 Mohawks	**1,036**	778
Melton Mowbray Tennis Club	**13,000**	-
Menheniot Tennis Club	**10,556**	-
MOVE	**60,000**	15,130
No Fuss Meals for Busy Parents CIC	**5,000**	-
North Cornwall Dragons Swimming Club	**3,533**	-
Parable Dance CIC	**10,000**	-
Pathways Provision CIC	**5,000**	-
OPM Rugby		20,105
Plymouth Argyle Community Trust	**-**	24,000
Plymouth Parkway FC	**-**	2,500
Plymouth Stars Netball Club	**-**	1,322
Plymouth YMCA	**-**	10,152

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Portland College	**-**	21,000
Raising Health	**3,266**	-
Richard Moore Sports CIC	**1,000**	-
Rockinghorse Charity	**-**	12,550
Ronin Kyokushin	**-**	942
Rothley Imps JFC	**955**	-
Sailing Tectona CIC	**6,000**	-
Saltash Cricket Club	**9,300**	11,415
Saltash RFC	**15,000**	-
Shepshed Cricket Club		1,500
Shoreham Rowing Club	**14,446**	-
Southgate Colts	**1,052**	-
STEPS conductive education centre	**5,000**	-
Syston Town Juniors – Girls U9s	**250**	-
Tavistock Boxing Club	**10,197**	-
Tavistock Meadows Junior Park Run	**-**	2,400
Tavistock Mini Junior RC	**-**	9,805
Tavistock Swimming Club	**1,500**	-
The Cook E-learning Foundation	**10,000**	-
The Penninsula Trust	**27,981**	-
The What Cabin	**4,695**	-
Thorpe Arnold Cricket Club	**-**	1,890
Trevonne Stage School	**-**	7,500
Waterfront SEA	**29,994**	-
The Wave Project	**-**	2,000
Weir Quay Sailing Club	**9,088**	-
Werrington Cricket Club	**12,500**	2,500
Young Heroes Basketball Club	**6,280**	-
	723,069	255,220

4. OTHER CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2026	2025
	£	£
Independent examination fee	**5,040**	4,800
Other	**20,395**	12,658
	25,435	17,218

5. NET INCOMING RESOURCES

During the year, 1 Trustee received £10,000 remuneration (2025:£6,500).
During the year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind (2025: nil).
During the year, 1 Trustee received £709.21 reimbursement of expenses (2025:£300.13).

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6. CREDITORS

	2026	2025
	£	£
Accruals less than one year	**88,306**	28,055
Accruals more than one year	**85,750**	-
Total accruals	**174,056**	28,055

7. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

Unrestricted funds

	Brought Forward	**Incoming resources**	**Resources Expended**	**Carried Forward**
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**
General funds	**480,058**	**613,428**	**(748,504)**	**344,982**

STATEMENT OF FUNDS – PRIOR YEAR

	Brought Forward	**Incoming resources**	**Resources Expended**	**Carried Forward**
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**
Unrestricted funds				
General funds	409,603	343,133	(272,678)	480,058

8. RELATED PARTIES

The Samworth Brothers Community Opportunity Fund received a donation of £598,095 from Samworth Brothers Limited (2025: 325,000).