OXFORD SPORTS COUNCIL CIO

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The trustees present their report for the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Charitable Status

Oxford Sports Council CIO was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 14 May 2014, number 1157037.

Trustees

The Trustees who have held office at any point during the year ended 31 December 2025 and to the date of this report are as follows:

David Whittingham	(Chair)
Rupert Evans	(Vice Chair)
Graham Jones	
Nick Pinhol	(appointed 30 September 2026)
Jack Pooler	(appointed 30 September 2026)
Jim Ruddick	(appointed 30 September 2026)

Councillors Louise Upton and Simon Ottino were appointed by Oxford City Council as their representatives to Oxford Sports Council on 8th July 2026. Amy O'Hanlon is the Oxford University rep and David Steer is the Oxford Brookes University rep.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is governed by a Constitution registered at its incorporation on 14 May 2014.

All new Trustees are recruited on the recommendation of organisations and people with whom the charity works, or by existing Trustees; they are given an induction pack and offered appropriate training in order to fulfil their role.

The charity is the successor body to Oxford Sporting Facilities Trust and Oxford Sports Council, and took over all the assets and liabilities of both bodies following its incorporation.

Objectives and activities

The objects of Oxford Sports Council CIO are to promote community participation in amateur sport and healthy recreation for the benefit of the inhabitants of Oxford and the surrounding area. It makes grants to appropriate bodies in furtherance of its objective.

Achievements and performance

During the year the charity made grants totalling £2,283 (2024 £2,400), and the secretarial services were put on a voluntary basis. A new website was set up in the year to attract more applications; information about the availability of grants was circulated to the local community via the leisure centres, and via the Oxford City Council Sports and Recreation Team. It is the intention of the trustees to keep reinvigorating their grant giving activities through the second half of 2026.

Public Benefit

The Trustees of the charity have had due regard both to the objectives of the charity, as set out above, and also to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission, in exercising their powers and duties.

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Risk management

The principal risks the charity faces are perceived to be a failure to attract suitable bids for funding and a reduction in its income due to the single source nature of that income. To mitigate this risk, the charity continues to try various ways of raising its profile to broaden its appeal, as described above, and has modelled several scenarios for managing its future operations**.** The charity is in regular contact with Oxford City Council to ensure continuity of funding from its sports rental income for the medium term.

Financial Review

The charity made a surplus before tax of £27,623 in 2025 (2024: £53,438, when the charity collected two years' worth of sports rental income); the resulting reserves of £127,429 will be applied to grant making and other charitable activities.

None of the trustees received any remuneration (2024 £NIL) from the charity, which is supported through the voluntary assistance of a number of individuals. There were no paid employees (2024: 0).

Reserves

The trustees believe that the charity's assets are available and adequate to fulfil the obligations of the charity as a whole, and that it is appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis.

Even if no sports rental income were generated in future years, the remaining reserves balance would fund several years of current grant and other expenditure. The trustees are therefore satisfied that the charity remains a going concern for at least 12 months from the date of signing this report.

Independent examination

The independent examination of the charity's accounts has been undertaken by Peter Stevenson, Independent Examiner.

Approved by the Trustees on 12th October 2026

And signed by order of the board



D Whittingham
Chairman

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2025

GENERAL FUND

	2025 £	2024 £
INCOME		
Voluntary income	0	0
Activities for generating funds		
Sports rental income (2024: 2 years)	30,221	56,870
Other income		
Deposit interest	157	91
TOTAL INCOME	**£30,378**	**£56,961**
EXPENDITURE		
Costs of generating funds	0	0
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Sportsperson awards & expenses	2,283	2,400
Secretarial services	312	936

Computer fees	0	27
Bank charges	60	60
Accountancy fees	100	100
	2,755	3,523
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	**£2,755**	**£3,523**
Net surplus before tax	27,623	53,438
Corporation Tax	0	0
NET SURPLUS AFTER TAX	**27,623**	**53,438**
Add General Fund, balance b/f 1.1.25	99,806	46,368
GENERAL FUND balance c/f, 31.12.25	**£127,429**	**£99,806**

All funds of the charity were unrestricted.

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Charity No 1157037

Balance Sheet 31 December 2025

	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS				
Tangible assets		0		0
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors	30,221		56,974	
Cash at bank	97,308		42,932	
	127,529		99,906	
CURRENT LIABILITIES (see note 4)				
Creditors	100		100	
NET CURRENT ASSETS		127,429		99,806
NET ASSETS		**£127,429**		**£99,806**
FINANCED BY				
General Fund - unrestricted		**£127,429**		**£99,806**

Trustees' responsibilities

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the results for that period. In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to select suitable accounting policies and to apply them consistently; make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity, and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

These accounts were approved by the Board on 12th October 2026

Signed on behalf of the Board by:



David Whittingham - Chairman

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

1. Basis of accounting

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

The trustees have reviewed their current operations, and are satisfied that the charity has an adequate level of reserves to continue operating normally for at least 12 months from the date of signing their report.

2. Accounting policies

(a) **Income is** included in the SofA when:
the entity becomes entitled to the resources
it is probable that the income will be received
the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

(b) **Liabilities** are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the entity to pay out resources.

3. Expenditure

Expenditure includes the Independent Examiner's fee £100 (2024: £100). No remuneration was paid to trustees or committee expenses reimbursed (2024: NIL); the average number of employees was 0 (2024: 0).

4. Creditors

	2025 £	2024 £
Grants payable	0	0

Independent examiner's fee	100	100
	£100	**£100**

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF OXFORD SPORTS COUNCIL CIO

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are set out on pages 4 to 6.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. You consider that the audit requirement of section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply, and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to state on the basis of Procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145 of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 seeking explanation from you as 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

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Peter J. Stevenson

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Date: 19th October 2026