Bradford Disability Football Club

Charity number 1158017

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the year ended 31 March 2026

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Trustees' report for the year ended 31 March 2026

Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

The trustees during the financial year and up to and including the date the report was approved were:

Name	Position	Dates
Paul Squires	President	
Steven Parr	Chair	
Andrew Clayton	Secretary	
Kenneth Knights	Treasurer	
Jayne Winn	Fundraising Officer	
Sandra Stead		
Tracy Cliffe		
Deborah Parnaby		resigned 17/05/2026
Steve Parnaby		resigned 17/05/2026
Gillian Whittle		
Mark Lightowler		
Katrina Butler		resigned 30/11/2025
Allan Watt		
Jonathan Gibson		

Charity number 1158017 Registered in England and Wales

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Structure, governance and management
The charity is governed by a constitution adopted on 1 January 2001 and as amended 23 May 2014.

Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees
The trustees of the charity are appointed by the members at the AGM.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 March 2026

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects

To relieve the charitable needs of disabled people in particular but not exclusively by the provision of facilities for playing football.

The charity's main activities

The current activities of Bradford Disability Football Club (BDFC) are to pursue, promote and implement opportunities for disabled people in football by:

Actively increasing the number of disabled people playing football.

Actively promote awareness of equality.

Link with current local and national initiatives.

Provide advice and assistance to other potential partners.

Raise the profile of disabled football.

Public benefit statement

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our Trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and performance

It gives me great pleasure to present this year's Chairman's Report on behalf of the Trustees of Bradford Disability Football Club.

The past year has been one of significant progress, growth and achievement for our club. Throughout the year we have remained committed to our core purpose of providing inclusive, high-quality football opportunities and social experiences for people with disabilities across Bradford and the surrounding area. Despite the challenges that all voluntary organisations continue to face, our club has continued to thrive thanks to the dedication of our coaches, volunteers, trustees, members, families and supporters.

Football Development and Participation

Football remains at the heart of everything we do and this year has seen continued success both on and off the pitch.

Our coaching programme has gone from strength to strength under the leadership of our coaching team. We have received consistently positive feedback from players and families regarding training sessions, player development and the welcoming environment that exists across all groups

Competitive football continues to flourish. Our adult teams have competed successfully across the West Riding Ability Counts League structure, with our players continuing to demonstrate excellent ability, sportsmanship and commitment. So strong has the standard of some of our teams become that league organisers have explored new structures and competition formats to ensure balanced and meaningful competition for all participants.

One of the highlights of the year was our Level 1 team winning their league title, a fantastic achievement that reflects the hard work and dedication of players and coaches alike. Across all league levels, our players continued to enjoy regular competitive opportunities whilst representing the club with pride.

Our junior section has also experienced success, with the Under-14 team securing their league title and progressing to tournament football. Throughout the year we have reviewed and strengthened the structure of our junior programme to ensure that all players can develop safely, confidently and at a pace that meets their individual needs.

The introduction of coach rotation, increased mentoring support and additional parental involvement has enhanced the overall player experience and strengthened our coaching provision.

Achievements and performance continued

Safeguarding, Welfare and Governance

The wellbeing of our members remains our highest priority.

During the year the club undertook significant work to strengthen safeguarding and welfare processes. We reviewed policies, updated procedures, improved reporting systems and expanded safeguarding training opportunities for volunteers and parent helpers

I would like to thank all those who have contributed to this work, particularly those who have taken on additional responsibilities to ensure that our welfare systems remain robust, accessible and responsive.

The Trustees have also undertaken a wider review of governance arrangements, trustee responsibilities and operational structures to ensure the club remains sustainable as it continues to grow. New volunteer roles have been introduced, responsibilities have been shared more effectively and succession planning has become a key focus for the future.

Social Activities and Community Engagement

While football is our primary focus, the social opportunities we provide remain equally important in helping members build friendships, confidence and independence.

The year has seen a packed calendar of social activities including club meals, games events, Christmas celebrations, theatre trips, fundraising activities and family-focused events. Our annual Fun Day once again provided an excellent opportunity for members, families and volunteers to come together away from the football pitch

Planning has also progressed for a number of exciting future events, including our sponsored walk, community fundraising activities and social outings designed to ensure that every member has the opportunity to participate regardless of ability or circumstance.

The Members' Committee continues to develop and gives our players a genuine voice in shaping club activities and future plans. This remains an important part of our commitment to member-led decision making.

Fundraising and Financial Sustainability

Like many charities and voluntary organisations, fundraising continues to be an important priority.

Throughout the year our fundraising team submitted numerous grant applications and explored a wide range of funding opportunities. While not every application was successful, the Trustees have remained proactive and persistent in seeking new income streams to support the club's long-term sustainability.

We are particularly grateful for the support received through community fundraising initiatives, donations and partnerships that have enabled us to continue delivering football and social activities at an affordable cost to our members

The club has also invested significant effort into strengthening its external profile through the development of a new website, improved communications and the creation of an impact document that better demonstrates the difference our club makes within the community.

Looking Ahead

As we move into the coming year, we do so with optimism and ambition.

Plans are well underway for our annual tournament, which continues to grow in reputation and importance within disability football. We are also preparing to celebrate the club's forthcoming 25th Anniversary, a remarkable milestone that provides an opportunity to reflect on everything that has been achieved since the club was founded.

Achievements and performance continued

Looking forward, our priorities remain clear:

- Continue providing high-quality football opportunities for all members.
- Strengthen our junior development pathway.
- Enhance safeguarding and welfare provision.
- Increase fundraising and sponsorship income.
- Expand community engagement and partnerships.
- Ensure the long-term sustainability of the club through strong governance and volunteer development.

Thanks

On behalf of the Trustees, I would like to express my sincere thanks to every coach, volunteer, trustee, parent, carer, supporter and sponsor who has contributed to the success of Bradford Disability Football Club during the past year.

Most importantly, thank you to our members. Your enthusiasm, commitment and love of football are the reason this club exists. Every achievement we celebrate belongs to you.

Together we continue to build a club that not only develops footballers, but also creates friendships, confidence, opportunity and a genuine sense of belonging.

Financial review

The net payments for the year were £15,055, including net payments of £2,724 on unrestricted funds and net payment of £12,331 on restricted funds.

Reserves policy

The trustees review the reserves level in conjunction with the annual events and expected income and expenditure for the year to ascertain that there are sufficient funds to ensure continuity of service to the members, six months running costs are retained in reserve as a minimum.The charity's free reserves, at the year end were £44,973.

Approved by the board of trustees on ……..……..…….

Signed: ……..……. (Trustee)

Name: ……..……..…….

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Bradford Disability Football Club

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 7 to 10.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity 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 as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. 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
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 Charities Act;
2 the accounts do not accord with those records.

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: …… Name: Michelle Westmoreland CGMA

Date: …….

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Receipts and payments account

for the year ended 31 March 2026

	Notes	2026 Unrestricted funds £	2026 Restricted funds £	2026 Total funds £	2025 Total funds £
Receipts					
Grants and donations	(2)	447	5,000	5,447	39,617
Fundraising and sponsorship		1,580	-	1,580	3,892
Memberships and subscriptions		12,694	-	12,694	17,652
Clothing and kit sales		1,361	-	1,361	2,398
Trips and events		12,787	-	12,787	9,982
Bank interest		23	-	23	120
Total receipts		28,892	5,000	33,892	73,661
Payments					
Clothing and kit costs		3,234	-	3,234	6,746
Coaching costs		2,419	10,484	12,903	10,733
Equipment		-	-	-	55
Marketing		275	-	275	425
Match fees		1,630	-	1,630	1,175
Independent examination		660	-	660	660
Social events		2,921	-	2,921	5,228
Administration and office costs		818	441	1,259	332
Trip costs		15,497	-	15,497	17,630
Training		37	-	37	10
Venue hire		1,469	6,406	7,875	7,120
Tournament costs		1,721	-	1,721	2,731
Volunteer expenses		360	-	360	-
Bank charges		-	-	-	27
Fundraising costs		247	-	247	107
Insurance		328	-	328	364
Total payments		31,616	17,331	48,947	53,343
Net receipts / (payments)		(2,724)	(12,331)	(15,055)	20,318
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(2,724)	(12,331)	(15,055)	20,318
Fund balances brought forward		47,697	13,106	60,803	40,485
Fund balances carried forward	(3)	44,973	775	45,748	60,803

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Statement of assets and liabilities

as at 31 March 2026

	2026 Unrestricted £	2026 Restricted £	2026 Total £	2025 Total £
Cash funds				
Cash at bank	44,973	775	45,748	60,803
Cash in hand	-	-	-	-
Total cash funds	44,973	775	45,748	60,803

Liabilities	2026 £
Accruals	660
	660

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on ……..……..…….

Signed: ……..…….. (Trustee)

Name: ……..…..…….

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Notes to the accounts
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1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting
The trustees have taken advantage of section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and have prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.
There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.
No changes have been made to the accounts for previous years.

Taxation
As a charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

2 Grants and donations

	2026 Unrestricted funds £	2026 Restricted funds £	2026 Total funds £	2025 Total funds £
The Wharfedale Foundation	-	5,000	5,000	5,000
The National Lottery	-	-	-	19,800
Postcode Neighbourhood Trust	-	-	-	10,000
Sovereign Healthcare	-	-	-	2,500
Co-op Foundation	-			-
Other donations	447	-	447	2,317
	447	5,000	5,447	39,617

3 Restricted funds

	Balance b/f £	Incoming £	Outgoing £	Transfers £	Balance c/f £
The National Lottery (deleted)	10,672	-	10,672	-	-
The Wharfedale Foundation	2,434	5,000	6,659	-	775
	13,106	5,000	17,331	-	775

Fund name	Purpose of restriction
The National Lottery (deleted)	Towards venue hire and sessional workers.
The Wharfedale Foundation	Towards venue hire and sessional workers.

4 Related party transactions

Trustee expenses

During the year 5 trustees waived their expense claims in respect of travel. The total claims would have amounted to £2,880 (previous year £nil).

Trustee remuneration and benefits

No trustee received any remuneration or benefit during this or the previous year.