CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	Charity Name SPIRIT IN SPORT		
On accounts for the year ended	31ST March 2026	**Charity no (if any)**	1161773
Set out on pages	(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 03 / 2025.

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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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:		**Date:**	20/09/2026
Name:	Helen Smith		

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	ACCA
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Section B	**Disclosure**
	Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).
Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.	No material matters of concern to disclose.

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	1ST	APRIL	2025	To	31ST	MARCH	2026

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	**SPIRIT IN SPORT**
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number (if any)	**1161773**
Charity's principal address	**72, CHELSEA ROAD, SOUTHSEA,**
	HAMPSHIRE,
	Postcode: PO5 1NJ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	JOSEPH McCABE	CHAIR		
2	DAVID PUGSLEY			
3	STEPHEN KERR			
4	ELAINE HALLATT			
5	MERVYN COWDREY			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Foundation Model Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Trustees are appointed for a period of three years and this is reviewed annually at the Annual General Meeting

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and received no remuneration or other benefits.

The Chair of the CIO meets monthly with the Spirit in Sport team leader to review progress and duty of care responsibilities.

At the January 2026 AGM, all trustees indicated that they would continue in post for the forthcoming year.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by providing community based services and activities for members of the community in accordance with Christian principles, in order to prevent or relieve social exclusion. To promote good health and wellbeing for the public benefit in particular by the provision of community sports activities for children and adults of all ages, particularly, but not exclusively in the Portsmouth area.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

In planning our activities for the year we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in line with our objects at our trustee meetings.

Between April 2025 through to March 2026

- Home Education Children's Sport - 4 x 3 hour weekly sessions averaging 15-20 participants per session. (2880/year)
- Sports Camp - 2-3 day camps averaging 30 participants per day. (270/year)
- Monday Night Pickleball – 20 players each evening. (720/year)
- Public events (other churches/community) - (326/year)
- Gosport churches summer retreat – 40 participates
- Weekly Table Tennis Cafe – 16 participates (640/year)
- St Judes Church Senior Citizens Event - 15 (30/year)
- Weekly Senior Citizens exercise class – 10 (400/year)
- Childrens boxing club, 45 participates per week (1800/year)

Total = 7,106 (compared with 1,968 in the previous year)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

GENERAL UPDATE

Spirit in Sport continues to be blessed with a secure premises for storing it's sports equipment and use of office space. As has been the case since Spirit in Sport started we have been blessed with great volunteers in the following areas of work of sport, Boxing, Home Education sport, pickleball and Table Tennis Cafe.

We have been very fortunate in obtaining a number of grants in this last 12 month period, which is, along with our regular supporters the life blood of Spirit in Sport.

The highlight has been the birth of our boxing club 'Gloves Up'. As well as 1:1 sparing and Home Education sports, we are also running after school clubs as well as visiting local senior school.

Volunteers: 18 in number

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The main achievements of Spirit in Sport in this year have included:

- Increasing the core sports activities in both number of participates and range of sports including
  - Sports Camp
  - Home Education Sports
  - Monday Night Pickleball Club
  - Boxing Club 'Gloves Up'
  - Table Tennis cafe

- With 7106 participant visits/engagements in total
- Increase in fundraising applications
- Continuing to receive grant funding to support the training of coaches

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	Spirit in Sport has a contingency fund of £20000 which is held in reserve to meet essential running costs and annual commitments, including; Salaries, insurance, administration, rent, and sport or community programmes that are currently running, for up to 6 months should no additional funding be made available.
Details of any funds materially in deficit	**NONE**

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about: • the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising); • how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity; • investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.	The main sources of funding in the year came from donations and fees for charity activities. The main outgoings included: Labour and coaching fees, buildings and sports hall hire, equipment and consumables, administration, insurance and marketing.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	**CHRIS COX**	
Full name(s)	**CHRISTOPHER COX**	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	**MANAGING DIRECTOR**	
Date	**29.10.2026**	