# WELCOME TO BADMINTON

# REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
## For the year ended 31 August 2026

**Charity Number 1209397**

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**NAME OF CHARITY: Welcome to Badminton 1209397**

**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**

For the year ended 31 August 2026

The trustees are pleased to present their annual trustees' report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2026.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2022, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)

## 1. Objectives and Activities

### Aims of the Charity

The object of the CIO, to be carried out for the public benefit in Gateshead, Newcastle Upon Tyne and the surrounding areas, is: The promotion of social inclusion for the public benefit among people who are refugees, asylum seekers British Nationals Overseas (BNOs) and migrants ('the beneficiaries') who are socially excluded on the grounds of their social and economic position, relieving their needs and assisting them to integrate into society, by providing:

a) facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation in the interests of social welfare with the object of improving the conditions of life of beneficiaries, in particular facilities to participate in the sports of badminton, and such other sports capable of promoting health and fitness as the trustees may from time to time decide;

b) opportunities for beneficiaries to build social and support networks to assist in integration;

c) opportunities for beneficiaries to develop English language skills through conversing with native and non-native English speakers;

d) opportunities for beneficiaries who have sufficient experience to qualify in Level 1 badminton coaching when funding is available; and

e) financial assistance to beneficiaries where financial hardship is an obstacle to participation and inclusion

### Objectives, strategies and activities for the year

## 2. Public Benefit Statement

The main activities of the charity are to:

1. offer sports sessions in badminton specifically, and other sports if available/requested to volunteers, asylum seekers and migrants free of charge.

2. Offer Level 1 coaching certifications to one volunteer/participant per year if funding is available.

3. Offer opportunities for refugees, asylum seekers and migrants to meet, socialize and get to know the local area and its facilities if funding is available.

## 3. Policy on Grant Making

**n.a.**

## 4. Policy on Social Investment

**n.a.**

## 5. Contribution by Volunteers

Volunteers have worked together too:

* manage sports sessions.
* meet and greet new participants
* keep registers of session attendance
* assist people to register
* collect data,
* manage travel tickets records and payments
* support people to learn sports skills
* support people to meet each other
* manage sports equipment
* contribute to meetings

## 6. Achievements and Performance

Welcome to Badminton, has worked in partnership with West End Refugee Service to deliver weekly sport sessions.

An average of 25 – 35 participants are welcomed every week. WERS volunteers contributed to the running of sessions.

We referred our players to other sports groups, clubs and facilities where they can have opportunities to improve health and develop other links and networks in their area.

## Evaluation and outputs

Participants increased their feelings of confidence and improved their mental health. Participants improved their Physical health and said they had made friends at the sessions. Many said they had developed their social networks. Many of the participants said that their English language level had improved since attending.

## 7.Fundraising

We collect donations from those who can afford to contribute. We ask for £1.00 or £2.00 per session. An average of 10 people make donations each week. Total donations were £459 and £258 of this was used to contribute to travel reimbursements for those who are refugees and/or asylum seekers.

## 8. Investments

**n.a.**

## 9. Financial review

**Review of the year**
The results for the year and the charity's financial position at the end of the year are shown in the attached financial statements.

During the year the Charity had income of £5,543 (2025: £17,711) of which £3,266 was restricted (2025: £15,702) and expenditure of £6,183 (2025: £16,355) of which £3,944 was restricted (2025: £14,346). There was an operating deficit of £640 (2025: £1,356) of which a deficit of £678 was restricted (2025: surplus of £1,356).

At 31 August 2026 the Charity had net assets of £716 (2025: £1,356) of which £666 was restricted (2025: £1,356).

**Reserves policy/No reserves reason/Going concern**
The Trustees consider the level of reserves, £50 (2025: £nil), require further attention to address. Our Reserves Policy is reviewed annually.

## 10. Risk Management

We carry our regular risk assessments and have a Health and Safety Policy. We are insured by Badminton England and follow their safeguarding policies. We also have our own safeguarding policies which are reviewed every day.

## 11. Plans for future periods

We plan to continue offering weekly sports sessions to disadvantaged communities. We would like to move the session to a more central location if we can find availability so that we can be more easily accessible to refugees and asylum seekers who live in the city Centre.

## 12. Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

| | |
|---|---|
| **Registered charity name** | Welcome to Badminton |
| **Charity number** | 1209397 |
| **Registered office** | 34 Reasby Gardens<br>Ryton<br>Gateshead<br>NE40 3AR |
| T**rustees and Members of the Board** | Arly Mai Geanga<br>Sabina Phamova<br>Annabel Hayward<br>Judith Dawson<br>Vira Levkivska |
| **Chief Executive and Senior staff members** | **Ruth Ashford**<br>(operations Lead) |
| **Bankers** | Lloyds |

## 13. Fund held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

**n.a.**

## 14. Exemptions from disclosures

**n.a.**

## 15. Structure, governance and management

### Governing Document

Constitution

### Recruitment and Appointment of the Board

### Board Induction and Training

New Board Members are introduced to the work of the organisation and informed of their legal roles and responsibilities at an induction meeting. The induction and training programme for new Board Members includes:

- A briefing by the Chair or Chief Executive
- An explanation of roles and responsibilities as a Board Member
- Copies of the main charity documents including the Memorandum and Articles of Association and the Financial Statements

- Copy of the business plan and most recent evaluation report
- Copies of recent board papers including budgets and management accounts
- A copy of the Charity Commission publication "How to be an Effective Trustee"
- A copy of the governance structure.

## 17. Statement of Trustee Responsibilities

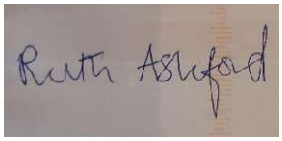
The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Charity SORP requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of incoming resources and application of resources, including the receipts and payments of the charity for that year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that 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.

Approved by the Trustees on 10/09/2026 and signed on their behalf by:




Ruth Ashford
Operations Lead

## WELCOME TO BADMINTON

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31 August 2026

| | Notes | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | **Total 2026 £** | Total 2025 £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Income from:** | | | | | |
| Donations and legacies | 5 | 261 | 766 | **1,027** | 511 |
| Charitable activities | | | | | |
| Grants and contracts | 6 | 2,000 | 2,500 | **4,500** | 17,200 |
| Other trading activities | 7 | 16 | - | **16** | - |
| ***Total income*** | | 2,277 | 3,266 | **5,543** | 17,711 |
| **Expenditure on:** | | | | | |
| Charitable activities | | | | | |
| Operation of the charity | 8 | 2,239 | 3,944 | **6,183** | 16,355 |
| ***Total expenditure*** | | 2,239 | 3,944 | **6,183** | 16,355 |
| ***Net income/(expenditure)*** | | 38 | ( 678 ) | **( 640 )** | 1,356 |
| Transfers between funds | | 12 | ( 12 ) | **-** | - |
| ***Net movement of funds*** | | 50 | ( 690 ) | **( 640 )** | 1,356 |
| **Reconciliation of funds** | | | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | | - | 1,356 | **1,356** | - |
| ***Total funds carried forward*** | | 50 | 666 | **716** | 1,356 |

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities

The notes form an integral part of these accounts.

**WELCOME TO BADMINTON** Charity Number 1209397

## BALANCE SHEET

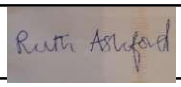
As at 31 August 2026

| | Notes | £ | Total 2026 £ | £ | Total 2025 £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Current assets** | | | | | |
| Cash at bank and in hand | 13 | 716 | | 2,316 | |
| ***Total current assets*** | | **716** | | **2,316** | |
| **Creditors:** amounts falling due within one year | 14 | **-** | | **( 960 )** | |
| ***Net current assets*** | | | **716** | | **1,356** |
| ***Total net assets or liabilities*** | | | **716** | | **1,356** |
| **Funds of the charity** | | | | | |
| Unrestricted income funds | | | 50 | | - |
| Restricted income funds | | | 666 | | 1,356 |
| ***Total funds*** | | | **716** | | **1,356** |

The notes form an integral part of these accounts.

These financial statements were approved by the Board on: 10/09/2026

and are signed on its behalf by: Ruth Ashford
Operations Lead



## 1 Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

## 2 Basis of accounting

### 2.1 Basis of preparation

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

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) – Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2022.

Welcome to Badminton meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

### 2.2 Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The charity reported total unrestricted funds at the year end of £50 and has already secured a significant amount of funding for the current year. The trustees are of the view that the immediate future of the charity for the next 12 to 18 months is secure and that on this basis the charity is a going concern.

## 3 Income

### 3.1 Recognition of income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the resources, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is more likely than not that the resources will be received and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

### 3.2 Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by FRS102 SORP or FRS102.

### 3.3 Grants and donations

Income from government and other grants, whether ‘capital’ grants or ‘revenue’ grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Income received in advance of the provision of a specified service is deferred until the criteria of income recognition are met.

### 3.4 Volunteer help

The value of volunteer help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

### 3.5 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

### 3.6 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the

## 4 Expenditure and liabilities

### 4.1 Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised when it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

### 4.2 Charitable activities

Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of work and other activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.

### 4.3 Governance and support costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance cost and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

### 4.4 Irrecoverable VAT

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

### 4.5 Creditors

The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.

### 4.6 Provisions for liabilities

A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date.

**Analysis of income**

| | | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | **Total 2026 £** | Total 2025 £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | **Donations and legacies** | | | | |
| | Donations and gifts | 215 | - | **215** | 511 |
| | Other | 46 | 766 | **812** | - |
| | | 261 | 766 | **1,027** | 511 |
| 6 | **Charitable activities** | | | | |
| | Income from grants | | | | |
| | ESC Lottery Fund | - | - | **-** | 3,737 |
| | Sported P+G | - | 1,500 | **1,500** | 1,000 |
| | Sport Newcastle | - | - | **-** | 500 |
| | J Knott | - | - | **-** | 1,000 |
| | Mayors Opp | - | - | **-** | 7,500 |
| | Community Foundation | - | - | **-** | 1,065 |
| | The Joicey Trust | - | - | **-** | 900 |
| | Barbour Foundation | 2,000 | - | **2,000** | - |
| | Social Action Project - Volunteerin Matters | - | 1,000 | **1,000** | - |
| | Other grants | - | - | **-** | 1,498 |
| | | 2,000 | 2,500 | **4,500** | 17,200 |
| 7 | **Other trading activities** | | | | |
| | Fundraising events | 16 | - | **16** | - |
| | | 16 | - | **16** | - |

Income was £5,543 (2025: £17,711) of which £2,277 was unrestricted or designated (2025: £2,009) and £3,266 was restricted (2025: £15,702)

**Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities**

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | **Total 2026 £** | Total 2025 £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8 ***Charitable activities*** | | | | |
| Admin fees | 1,131 | - | **1,131** | 2,408 |
| Training | - | - | **-** | 635 |
| Volunteer expenses | - | 360 | **360** | 740 |
| Travel and subsistence | - | 1,055 | **1,055** | 5,467 |
| Equipment | 26 | - | **26** | 313 |
| Publications and subscriptions | 150 | - | **150** | - |
| Court hire | - | 1,656 | **1,656** | - |
| Social Action Project - Volunteerin Matters | - | 695 | **695** | - |
| Bank charges | 65 | - | **65** | - |
| Legal and professional fees | - | - | **-** | 5,071 |
| Accountancy and bookkeeping | - | - | **-** | 561 |
| Other expenditure | 867 | 178 | **1,045** | 200 |
| Governance costs | | | | |
| Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts | - | - | **-** | 960 |
| | 2,239 | 3,944 | **6,183** | 16,355 |

Expenditure on charitable activities was £6,183 (2025: £16,355) of which £2,239 was unrestricted or designated (2025: £2,009) and £3,944 was restricted (2025: £14,346)

9 **Fees for examination of the accounts**

| | **2026 £** | 2025 £ |
|---|---|---|
| Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts | **-** | 960 |
| Other accountancy services paid to the examiner | **-** | 561 |
| | **-** | 1,521 |

There were no other fees paid to the examiner (2025: £nil)

10 **Analysis of staff costs and the cost of key management personnel**

The charity currently does not employ staff.

The key management personnel of the charity, comprise the trustees. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £0.

11 **Transactions with trustees**

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with their charity or a related entity.

**Trustees' expenses**

No trustee expenses have been incurred in the year.

**Transaction(s) with related parties**

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period.

12 **Corporation Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objectives.

13 **Cash at bank and in hand**

| | **2026** | 2025 |
|---|---|---|
| | **£** | £ |
| Cash at bank | **716** | 2,201 |
| Cash in hand | **-** | 115 |
| | **716** | 2,316 |

14 **Creditors and accruals (payable within 1 year)**

| | **2026** | 2025 |
|---|---|---|
| | **£** | £ |
| Accruals | | |
| Independent examination of accounts | **-** | 960 |
| | **-** | 960 |

15 **Events after the end of the repo Unrestricted Funds**

No events (not requiring adjustment to the accounts) have occurred after the end of the reporting period but before the accounts are authorised which relate to conditions that arose after the end of the reporting period.

16 **Analysis of charitable funds**

**Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds**

| **Unrestricted funds** | **Fund balances brought forward** £ | **Incoming resources** £ | **Resources expended** £ | **Transfers** £ | **Fund balances carried forward** **£** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| General unrestricted fund | - | 2,277 | ( 2,239 ) | 12 | **50** |
| ***Totals*** | - | 2,277 | ( 2,239 ) | 12 | **50** |

**Purpose of unrestricted funds**

| | |
|---|---|
| General unrestricted fund | The 'free reserves' of the charity |

**Analysis of movement in restricted funds**

| Restricted funds | Fund balances brought forward £ | Incoming resources £ | Resources expended £ | Transfers £ | Fund balances carried forward £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mayors Opp | 1,344 | - | ( 1,344 ) | - | **-** |
| The Joicey Trust | 12 | - | - | ( 12 ) | **-** |
| Social Action Project - Volunteerin Matters | - | 1,766 | ( 1,100 ) | - | **666** |
| Sported/Great North Run | - | 1,500 | ( 1,500 ) | - | **-** |
| ***Totals*** | 1,356 | 3,266 | ( 3,944 ) | ( 12 ) | **666** |

**Purpose of restricted funds**

Restricted funds represent income resources used for a specific purpose within the charity as identified by the donor.

| | |
|---|---|
| Mayors Opp | Sport as a bridge to belonging. |
| The Joicey Trust | Travel costs. |
| Social Action Project - Volunteerin Matters | Social action and integration. |
| Sported/Great North run | Health and integration for minoritized communities. |

**Transfers between funds**

| | Reason for transfer | Amount £ |
|---|---|---|
| Between unrestricted and restricted funds | The Joicey Trust fund now closed. | **12** |

17 **Capital commitments**

As at 31 August 2026, the charity had no capital commitments (2025 -£nil)

18 **Analysis of net assets between funds**

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | **Total 2026 £** | Total 2025 £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cash at bank and in hand | 50 | 666 | **716** | 2,316 |
| Long term assets/(liabilities) | - | - | **-** | - |
| | 50 | 666 | **716** | 2,316 |

19 **Guarantee**

There have been no guarantees given by the charity at 31 August 2026.

20 **Debt**

There is no debt outstanding which is owed by the charity and which is secured by an excess charge on any of the assets of the charity at 31 August 2026.

21 **Governing document**

The organisation is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation - Foundation registered on 01 August 2024 as a body corporate under part 11 of the Charities Act 2022.