THE BOOTROOM

Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Accounts
Registered charity 1209806 | Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Reporting period: 2 April 2025 to 1 April 2026

1. Structure, governance and management

The Bootroom is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), governed by its constitution and managed by its board of charity trustees. The board oversees charitable strategy, finance, safeguarding, compliance and risk management.

Trustees serving during the reporting period were Rhys Jack Brown, Tracey King, Karl Bradley and Nanette Radford. Karl Bradley resigned following the reporting period. Trustee appointments and decisions are governed by the charity's constitution.

The charity maintains policies addressing internal financial controls, safeguarding, serious incident reporting, conflicts of interest, complaints, risk management, bullying and harassment, and social media. DBS checks are undertaken for eligible roles.

2. Charitable objectives and public benefit

The charity aims to reduce financial barriers to participation in sport, particularly grassroots football, by facilitating access to football boots, sports clothing and essential equipment for children and young people. The intended public benefits include greater inclusion, participation, confidence and wellbeing. The trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance.

3. Activities and achievements

During the year, The Bootroom developed its arrangements for collecting, assessing, storing and redistributing sports equipment. It engaged community supporters and grassroots football contacts to make equipment accessible to families facing financial barriers. Work also continued on volunteer involvement, partnerships and practical arrangements for delivering the charity's objectives.

4. Financial review

The charity received £19,608.20 in grant funding and other receipts during the period covered by the financial schedule. The categorised financial summary records £15,080.07 of operating payments and an operating surplus of £4,528.13. The principal expenditure group was facility-related payments, alongside other charitable and operational costs.

5. Reserves policy

The trustees seek to maintain a reasonable balance between deploying funds for current charitable needs and retaining unrestricted funds to meet ongoing commitments and unexpected costs. Reserve requirements are considered in the light of future income, expenditure obligations and funding restrictions.

6. Risk management and safeguarding

Principal risks include safeguarding, the suitability of donated equipment, funding dependency, financial controls, volunteer capacity and reputation. The trustees manage these risks through written procedures, oversight of finances, appropriate checks, and escalation arrangements for safeguarding and other concerns.

7. Plans for the next period

Priorities include expanding the collection and redistribution of sports equipment, strengthening relationships with schools and grassroots clubs, developing community support, improving the recording of charitable outcomes, and maintaining effective governance and safeguarding.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

Receipts and payments summary | 2 April 2025 to 1 April 2026

Receipts

Income category	Amount (£)
Grant funding	18,800.00
Donations, fundraising and other receipts	808.20
TOTAL RECEIPTS	**19,608.20**

Payments

Expenditure category	Amount (£)
Facility-related payments	9,600.00
Other charitable and operational payments	5,480.07
TOTAL OPERATING PAYMENTS	**15,080.07**

Operating result

Description	Amount (£)
Total receipts	19,608.20
Less operating payments	(15,080.07)
OPERATING SURPLUS	**4,528.13**

Cash movement schedule

Description	Amount (£)
Opening balance	833.24
Add operating surplus	4,528.13
CALCULATED CLOSING BALANCE	**5,361.37**

Trustee approval

Approved on behalf of the board of trustees on 9 November 2026.

Rhys Brown
Trustee and Vice Chair