Annual Report 2025 - 2026



Netball Development Trust

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Introduction

The *Netball Development Trust* (NDT) is a UK-registered charity, created in 2012 (previously registered charity under number 1145858, now CIO registered number 1210225) with a mission that is both simple and ambitious: to use the power of netball to transform the lives of girls through play, leadership, and health education.

For the last 13 years, we have been delivering grassroots netball and health programmes in underserved communities across Uganda, Kenya, and Ghana. We design every project with the communities we serve, using their local knowledge, culture, and data to guide our work.

What sets us apart is that our work extends beyond sport; we integrate locally relevant health education into every session creating a holistic approach to development.

Through our programmes, girls not only learn netball skills such as passing and shooting but also develop leadership, communication and confidence, as well as learning how to stay healthy. They learn about menstruation, consent, gender equality, and other topics that are often steeped in stigma or silence.

We currently have active community teams working in Uganda (Jinja area), Kenya (Bungoma county) and Ghana (Accra).

In September 2024, NDT transitioned its status to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). This report is our second annual report as a CIO and covers the period from September 2025 to May 2026.

Strategy

We developed our new Strategy (2026-2029) during this financial year and launched it in June 2026 (just outside this reporting year).
It highlights our continued mission to focus on girls, netball and creating safe spaces to learn about health education.

Our vision

A world where every girl is free to play netball, feels safe, and confidently creates the life she chooses.

Our mission

To use the power of netball to transform the lives of girls through play, leadership, and health education.

Pillar 1: Girls are free to play netball
Pillar 2: Girls feel safe
Pillar 3: Girls can confidently create the life they choose
Pillar 4: NDT is a strong, sustainable organisation

Our strapline is '***Making a difference through netball';*** we believe in this in all that we do.

Structural changes

Director – our first employee started in June 2025. Julie is our co-founder and former Trustee and knows the charity and our mission inside out. Her goal was to make NDT find-able and fund-able within the first year, by solidifying our governance (policies, leadership and strategy), our communications (website, socials, branding, presence at events) and our funding streams.

Trustees – Having helped us to navigate through the transition of becoming a CIO, Navjeet and Simone felt it was time to move on. We recruited 3 new Trustees, Dan, Sam and Katie, who began on 1 June 2026.

Financial summary

Our 2025-6 accounts are available on the Charity Commission website. Overall, this has been a financially stronger year for the charity, despite much of our focus being on organisational transition. Our 24-25 accounts only factored in a few weeks of income, given the timing of our transition to a CIO, hence weren't very useful in showing our position. This year shows a more 'normal' set of accounts, with £73,000 in the bank, once we'd transferred funds in from our previous bank account, and an overall breakeven year.

Given our greater capacity for raising our profile (having an employee), more individual donations have come in (a runner at the London marathon, more netball clubs fundraising for us) and we have new partnerships and opportunities in the pipeline ready for 26-27 (Netball Aid, KitRound/England Netball, World School Games).

We are pleased to continue our relationship with our core funder who committed to a 3-year deal incorporating a match funding promise until the end of 2028.
While we remain incredibly grateful for this support, we recognise that this model is not sufficient to sustain the charity. With the introduction of a paid employee this year, and our plans for growth, it is essential that we adopt a more structured and strategic approach to fundraising. This will include exploring corporate partnerships, increasing applications to grant-making bodies, and developing broader, more sustainable income generation methods.

In-country growth and workforce

To date, NDT has reached over 26,300 children across 60 regularly engaged schools and communities. In 25-26 we prioritised 3 countries (Uganda, Kenya, Ghana) and are proud of our volunteer teams there who all study or work around their commitment to NDT.

Feedback and case studies we receive from our projects indicate meaningful and sustained impact. We know we are keeping girls in school, we are reducing bullying around menstruation and gender-based violence, and we are increasing girls' school attendance due to having sanitary pads, better menstrual health hygiene and better understanding of teenage pregnancy. Engaging boys in our sessions has also played an important role in fostering understanding, reducing stigma, and encouraging positive support for their female peers.

Facts from 2025-26

- We have 48 Kenyan, 8 Ugandan and 30 Ghanaian girls in high school on scholarships due to their netball talent. They couldn't otherwise have afforded to go to high school.
- Our Kenya team ran a Christmas 2025 programme, with 700 children, from 7 schools, with 18 volunteers and 7 teachers giving up their time. Their report is on our website.
- NDT Kenya re-registered as a CBO (community-based organisation) in their county, giving them greater structure and reputation locally.
- Mwino, our Jinja-based Ugandan CBO, are coaching and letting the children play most weekends. They need more equipment (tshirts, balls, bibs) and training for their new volunteers.
- Mwino will re-register as a CBO in 26-27.
- Our partners in Ghana, *Akwaaba Volunteers*, continue to coach netball after school nearly every day. We have a shipment of kit and equipment on its way to them, thanks to a kind donor.
- We are looking to develop 12-month plans for both the Kenyan and Uganda team for 26-27.

Numbers alone simply do not show this progress. Please see our impact report and social media updates to read the qualitative and sustainable benefits.

Challenges

Funding has been and will be a key priority in the coming financial year. Having the added risk of an employee, which we know to be the right approach to grow the charity, adds to the importance of securing funding and diversifying our income. We will develop an income-generation plan for 26-27, to investigate corporate donors, trusts and foundations as well as greater individual giving.

A longer-term ambition is to establish funded roles within each country of operation, enabling greater independence and local ownership of programmes. Our in-country teams bring critical expertise and contextual understanding, and we are committed to progressively devolving decision-making to them. **Upskilling** the teams will be a priority for the next few years, as well as finding funding opportunities in-country.

Understanding **monitoring and evaluation** is an area we want to improve on. Our teams are volunteers and are passionate deliverers with limited technology; we must find a smarter way of collecting insight that adds to the overall process but doesn't add excessive workload, or unrealistic expectations. A MEL plan will be developed in 2026-67.

The **Ebola virus outbreak** has limited our travel plans this year. We had developed workshops to run with our teams, face-to-face, to develop our strategic thinking, future planning and fundraising abilities. Now that we cannot travel to our Ugandan and Kenyan teams, due to the risks of Ebola, we must transition these plans to online, which adds complexity. Visiting our teams

has always been a crucial part of their development, whether with a big tour group or a small group of trainers, as well as a really fun few weeks together (very important to us). This is a risk we will need to understand better in 26-27. We have held online sessions with each leadership team, to understand their dreams and plans for the next 12 months and will further develop the workshop content with them.

Our in-country teams are all **volunteers** and have limited capacity. They have not managed to run as many programmes this year due to this. We will develop 12-month programmes with them, so they have greater certainty of funding and assurance that programmes can run. Funding is usually the obstacle, so to know there is subsistence and funds to pay the minimal costs they need (transport, airtime and food), will be reassuring and motivating.

Our partners and supporters

We would like to thank all our partners, supporters and donors who provide logistical support, technical expertise, equipment, donations and inspiring advice.

Thank you to: Big Yellow Self Storage, Paypal Giving Fund, Tag Rugby Trust, Freedom 4 Girls, X-SUBA, Mwino, Akwaaba Volunteers and to all the individual donors and netball clubs who have donated kit and fundraised for us.



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CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Netball Development Trust		
On accounts for the year ended	31 May 2026	**Charity no (if any)**	1210225
Set out on pages	3-4		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 May 2026.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:	Signed by: PDoorly 1061C7600476428...	**Date:**	10/12/2026
Name:	Patrick Doorly		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	ACA		
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Section B	Disclosure
	Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.	

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(Charity Registration No. 1210225)

Income and Expenditure Statement for the Year Ending 31 May 2026

	Note	*Year Ending* 31 May 26	*Period Ending* 31 May 25
Income:		**£**	**£**
Offline Donations		8,665.00	50.00
People's Fundraising online donations and GiftAid		4,471.73	-
Grants and other event income		20,013.00	-
Total Income		**33,149.73**	**50.00**
Expenditure:			
Storage		136.24	136.24
Uganda Projects		-	157.07
Kenya Project		1,475.53	485.89
Meetings and administration		1,674.02	257.79
Staff Costs		29,418.56	-
Equipment		760.99	-
Total Expenditure		**33,465.34**	**1,036.99**
Excess income/(loss) for the period		(315.61)	(986.99)
Excess income/(loss) brought forward from prior period		73,626.93	-
Other movement in reserves	**1**	-	74,613.92
Excess income carried forward		**73,311.32**	**73,626.93**
Represented by:			
Bank as at 31 May		73,266.32	73,594.93
Cash as at 31 May		45.00	32.00
Total		**73,311.32**	**73,626.93**

Please note that the Trust is exempt from Audit under Section 475 of the Companies Act 2006

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Notes to the Accounts
for the Year Ending 31 May 2026

1 Reporting Period

In September 2024, Netball Development Trust (charity number 1145858) merged with Netball Development Trust (charity number 1210225), a newly formed Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

The first set of financial statements prepared by Netball Development Trust (charity registration 1210225) as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation were for the period 26 September 2024 to 31 May 2025, and the accumulated income of £74,614 from the previous charity was transferred to the new Charitable Incorporated Organisation during that period.

The current set of financial statements are for a full year ending 31 May 2026.

2 Basis of Preparation

These financial statements are prepared on a receipts and payments basis.