THE ISLE OF WIGHT
SPORTS FOUNDATION

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period 14 May to 31 December 2025

Objectives and activities

The Isle of Wight Sports Foundation exists to promote, for the public benefit, the participation of people in healthy recreation on the Isle of Wight.

During this first reporting period following registration as a charity on 14 May 2025, the Trustees focused on establishing the Foundation within its new charitable structure, developing its grant-making activity and strengthening its role in supporting grassroots sport and physical activity across the Island.

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when considering the Foundation's activities and the allocation of grant funding.

Activities and achievements

During the period, the Foundation continued to support local sporting organisations and initiatives which encourage participation in sport and physical activity.

Grant activity included completing previously agreed support for Brighstone and considering the position of a grant for cricket equipment at Nettlestone Primary School. Following the transition to charitable status, Trustees reviewed the Nettlestone application against the objects of the new charity and the Foundation's grant-making principles. Trustees unanimously agreed that the grant met the charitable object and should be honoured once the charity's new banking arrangements were in place.

The Foundation also responded to approaches from community organisations seeking to develop sporting opportunities. Trustees visited St Helens Community Centre following a request for support and provided advice and guidance on the potential development of the premises for activities including badminton, pickleball, table tennis and carpet bowls.

Trustees began developing a more structured approach to future grant applications. This included considering whether two Trustees should meet applicants where appropriate in order to understand the organisation, proposed project and potential public benefit more fully before a funding decision is made.

Supporting sport across the Isle of Wight

The Foundation continued to contribute to wider discussions concerning the future development of sport on the Island.

Trustees were represented on the Isle of Wight Strategic Sports Group, which considered a range of issues including sports facilities, access to funding and the potential development of an Island-wide sports and physical activity strategy.

Projects and facilities discussed during the period included Camp Hill, Steyne Park, Newport Football Club and other opportunities for improving local sporting infrastructure. Trustees also considered how the sporting community might improve its ability to access external funding and learn from successful funding approaches used elsewhere on the Island.

The Foundation was also represented within the “We Can Be Active” partnership, involving Energise Me, Public Health and other organisations. The partnership provides an opportunity to share information, identify funding opportunities and develop a stronger collective voice around participation in physical activity.

Developing relationships with Island sport

Following the move to charitable status and the ending of the Foundation’s previous membership structure, Trustees recognised the importance of rebuilding direct relationships with sports clubs, schools and community organisations across the Isle of Wight.

During the period Trustees considered how the Foundation could improve communication with the Island’s sporting community, provide better signposting to funding and other support, and follow up with organisations receiving grants to understand the impact of the funding provided.

The Foundation also considered the skills and resources that may be required in future to support this work, including grant facilitation, bid writing, communications and promotion.

Governance and organisational development

A significant element of the Trustees’ work during the period was the transition to the new charitable structure.

Following registration of the Isle of Wight Sports Foundation as a charity, the organisation responsible for the Isle of Wight Sports Achievement Awards was established as an entirely separate organisation. The Isle of Wight Sports Achievement Awards has a different corporate structure and separate governance from the Isle of Wight Sports Foundation. The two organisations have separate identities, objectives and banking arrangements.

On 5 August 2025, the Isle of Wight Sports Achievement Awards informed the Trustees of the Foundation of its intention to make a donation of £20,000 to the Isle of Wight Sports Foundation once the charity’s new bank account had been established. This was communicated to Trustees by email and subsequently confirmed in the minutes of the Trustees’ meeting held on 15 September 2025.

The Foundation also understands that it is the current intention of the Isle of Wight Sports Achievement Awards to consider donating any annual surplus to the Foundation. Any such future donation will, however, be a matter for the Isle of Wight Sports Achievement Awards and its directors to determine on a year-by-year basis.

Trustees also began considering how individual Trustees might take greater responsibility for particular areas of the Foundation's work as the charity develops.

Financial review

The Foundation had no income or expenditure during the accounting period from 14 May to 31 December 2025.

The period coincided with the establishment of the Isle of Wight Sports Foundation as a newly registered charity and the separation of its financial arrangements from the organisation responsible for the Isle of Wight Sports Achievement Awards.

During the period, Trustees worked to establish a new bank account for the charity. The planned £20,000 donation from the Isle of Wight Sports Achievement Awards had not been received by 31 December 2025 and therefore does not form part of the accounts for this reporting period.

For clarity, the IWSF bank account was established in April 2026.

The Trustees nevertheless continued to undertake the Foundation's charitable work during this transitional period, including considering grant applications, providing advice and support to local sporting organisations and contributing to strategic discussions concerning sport and physical activity across the Isle of Wight.

Subsequent developments and current priorities

Since the end of the reporting period, the Trustees have continued to develop the Foundation's work and governance.

Grant-making has remained an important part of the Foundation's activity, with further applications considered from local clubs and organisations. Trustees have continued to place emphasis on understanding applicants' needs, the likely public benefit and the sustainability of the proposed activity before making funding decisions.

The Foundation has also continued its involvement in wider Island-wide discussions about the development of sport and sporting facilities, including the Sporting Island initiative and work connected with future facilities and funding opportunities.

Governance has remained a priority. Trustees have reviewed banking arrangements and financial controls, considered the Treasurer role, and begun reviewing the policies required to support the Foundation's work effectively.

Safeguarding has also become an area of increased focus. Trustees have discussed how safeguarding requirements should be reflected within the Foundation's grant-making processes and how applicants can be encouraged to demonstrate appropriate policies and practice.

The Foundation is also considering how to improve its communications and visibility, including the development of a new website, stronger links with clubs and community organisations and improved sharing of grant outcomes and success stories.

The Trustees' current priorities include:

- continuing to develop and promote the Foundation's grant-making programme;
- development of a fund-raising strategy

- strengthening relationships with sports clubs, schools and community organisations across the Isle of Wight;
- ensuring appropriate governance, financial controls and safeguarding arrangements are in place;
- contributing to strategic work aimed at improving sporting facilities and participation across the Island;
- improving communications and the visibility of the Foundation's work; and
- identifying opportunities to attract additional funding to support Island sport.

The Trustees remain committed to ensuring that the Isle of Wight Sports Foundation provides practical and effective support to organisations and individuals working to increase opportunities for participation in sport and healthy recreation across the Isle of Wight.

Receipts and Payments Account for the period [registration date] to 31 December 2025

	£
Receipts	
Donations and grants	0
Other income	0
Total receipts	**0**
Payments	
Grants awarded/paid	0
Administration and governance	0
Other expenditure	0
Total payments	**0**
Net receipts/(payments)	**0**

Assets and Liabilities Statement:

	£
Bank and cash balances	0
Other monetary assets	0
Total funds on 31 December 2025	**0**

Notes to the Accounts

1. Basis of preparation

These accounts cover the Isle of Wight Sports Foundation's first accounting period as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, from 14 May to 31 December 2025.

2. Financial activity during the period

The charity received no income and incurred no expenditure during the accounting period.

During the period, the Trustees were establishing the operational and banking arrangements for the newly registered charity. Funds associated with the previous organisational structure had not transferred to the new charity by 31 December 2025.

The Trustees had agreed that £20,000 would subsequently be transferred to the Isle of Wight Sports Foundation from the separately constituted Isle of Wight Sports Achievement Awards organisation once the charity's banking arrangements were established. This transfer took place after the end of the reporting period and is therefore not included in these accounts.

3. Grants

The Trustees considered and approved charitable grants during the period. Where payments had not been made by 31 December 2025 because the charity's banking arrangements were still being established, no payment is included in these receipts and payments accounts.

4. Approval

These accounts were approved by the Trustees of the Isle of Wight Sports Foundation on

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Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

Chair

Trustee / Treasurer