

**Charity number: 306002**

**ENGLISH SCHOOLS' CRICKET ASSOCIATION**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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ENGLISH SCHOOLS' CRICKET ASSOCIATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR  
THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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**Trustees**

G E L Ashman

S Aston

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P R Evans

D Houghton

K S Lake MBE

W Sillett

R J Somerford (died September 2024)

C J Twort

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**Charity registered number**

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**ENGLISH SCHOOLS' CRICKET ASSOCIATION**

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Tom Lowry ACA

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## ENGLISH SCHOOLS' CRICKET ASSOCIATION

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### TRUSTEES' REPORT

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The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for English Schools' Cricket Association (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2025. As the charity's annual income is less than the threshold for which an audit of the financial statements is required, the Trustees have prepared a receipts and payments account together with a statement of assets and liabilities which have been subject to an independent examination.

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#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The charity also carries out activities under the name ESCA.

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### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

#### CONSTITUTION

English Schools' Cricket Association is an unincorporated association registered as a charity, number 306002. The Association is governed by its Officers and a Council in accordance with its constitution which has been approved by the Charity Commissioners.

The Council consists of two members per affiliated Association, being properly constituted Schools' County Cricket Associations or County Cricket Boards where no County Association exists. The day to day management of the Association is vested in an Executive Committee.

#### METHOD OF APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

All the Trustees are re-elected annually. The Vice-Chair is also elected annually. New Trustees will be introduced to their Roles and Responsibilities by the General Secretary, the Treasurer and the Chairman of Finance. The following documents will be provided for the Trustee: a) Trustees: Model Job Description b) Personal Liability of Charity Trustees

c) Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees:

- (i) Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner (ii) Trustees' Responsibilities.

#### RISK MANAGEMENT

The Trustees have continued to review the major risks that the Charity faces and are considering various ways to mitigate these. Certain steps and procedures are being undertaken to reduce these risks. These procedures include actively seeking donations and sponsorship and attempting to increase the number of new volunteers.

ESCA has continued to actively seek new sponsors. It has not been easy but, by registering for Gift Aid, ESCA has found other channels of income.

These policies should ensure the continued existence of the Charity in normal circumstances.

#### AIMS AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT

Objectives are set to reflect the educational aims for the development of pupils and the ethos of the Association. In setting out the objectives and planning specific activities of the Charity, the Trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

The main Aims of the Association are the mental, moral and physical development of pupils through the medium of cricket, and the improvement of the standard of all pupils involved in cricket throughout the country.

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## ENGLISH SCHOOLS' CRICKET ASSOCIATION

The Association is committed to safeguarding and promoting the moral and physical welfare of pupils and expects all its volunteers, who are principally, but not wholly, qualified or retired teachers in both the state and the private sectors, to share this commitment. The Association welcomes pupils from all backgrounds, the main criteria for selection being an interest in cricket and potential which can be developed.

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### ACTIVITIES FOR ACHIEVING THE AIMS

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ESCA's strategy includes the promotion and organization of National Schools Competitions at Under 11, Under 12, Under 13, Under 14 and Under 15 age groups. The Trustees intend that this should always be part of our Aims. Our flexible monetary policy has ensured this. In 2024, the final of the Under 15 Cup was contested between Scarborough College and Millfield School at Oakham School. Scarborough College won by 68 runs. The David English Under 13 Cup final featured King's School Taunton vs Epsom College. Epsom College won a closely contested match by three wickets. The Under 11 hardball final was contested between Twyford School and Feltonfleet School with Feltonfleet winning by 6 runs. The finals of the ESCA/ECB T20 competition were held at Arundel in September 2024. The semi-finals were contested between Scarborough College and Shrewsbury School and between Harrow School and King's College Taunton. In the final, Harrow School defeated Scarborough College by 59 runs.

### ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The agreed services are:

- A) To continue to provide the organisation, expertise and personnel to deliver Inter Schools competitions at Town, District, County, Regional and National levels.
- B) To endeavour to provide the organisation, expertise and personnel to deliver the National Under 15 Twenty/20 Competition working with the ECB, sponsors and other relevant agencies.

The agreed performance indicators are:

- 1) The successful delivery, on time, of every competition or final organised by ESCA on behalf of or in conjunction with the ECB.
- 2) The services provided are delivered within agreed budgets.
- 3) The competitions maintain their current levels of entry, with agreed strategies in place to increase participation.
- 4) That all competitions continue to be fit for purpose and follow the principles within the ECB competition framework.

The agreed services were all successfully achieved and the agreed performance indicators were successfully met in 2024/5.

### RESERVES POLICY

The Trustees recognise that reserves need to be monitored in order for the Association to maintain its financial stability and be able to conduct its day-to-day affairs and cricket programmes successfully.

It is incumbent on the Association that every endeavour is made to retain the current level of sponsorship and increase it where possible.

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## ENGLISH SCHOOLS' CRICKET ASSOCIATION

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### TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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#### FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

ESCA's plans for the future include the planning and delivery of a full programme for summer 2025. This will include a national Under 15 T20 Cup supported by the ECB, the Under 15 National Cup, the David English Under 12 and Under 13 National competitions and the Under 11 Hardball competition.

#### FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charity received a grant from the ECB to enable it to run the U15 T20 County Competition in 2024/2025 however, it did not receive any other grants or sponsorship in the year so the U11 hardball competition, the David English U13 National Cup competition and the U15 One Day Cup competition were funded out of restricted funds of the charity and this contributed to a reduction in the restricted funds amounting to £12,070.10 during the year.

The charity also paid out governance, administration and other support costs totalling £20,676.26 in the year. Affiliation fees paid by the County Cricket Boards or Schools Cricket Associations together with donations received and bank interest, helped reduce the deficit on the unrestricted funds for the year to £1869.87.

For many years, the Trustees have implemented a policy of funding existing programmes, especially where no external sponsorship or funding is available, and set up various Designated Funds to support these activities financially. As a result, the deficit in unrestricted funds outlined above were met from these designated funds.

The total funds of the charity at 31 March 2025 were £197071.15, of which funds that were restricted amounted to £4986.14.

In the continuing difficult economic climate, the Trustees will continue to review all the reserves of the charity and to monitor administration and support costs on an annual basis. The Trustees believe that the available assets of the Association are adequate to fulfil the programme planned for 2026.

The Trustees have recognised during their risk review that sufficient reserves need to be maintained in order for the Association to guard against any further fall of funding in the future, particularly in the present difficult economic climate. They will continue to seek further sponsorship to fund cricket activities along with identifying all possible ways of cutting cost without diminishing the value of the competitions to the schoolchildren taking part.

The Trustees are extremely grateful to the many supporters and indebted to them for their continuing support. The accounts do not reflect the valuable indirect support from the MCC and Gray-Nicolls.

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This report along with the draft financial statement was approved by the Trustees on 26 October 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

**J Weitzel, Vice-Chairman**

The independently assessed Financial Statement which follows has no changes from the draft and shows a deficit of (£13,939.97) which is made up of (£12,070.10) in restricted funds and (£1869.87) in unrestricted funds.

# INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ENGLISH SCHOOLS' CRICKET ASSOCIATION

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I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of English Schools' Cricket Association ("the charity") for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 7 to 12.

## **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 charities 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 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.

**T D Lowry ACA**

Crown Chambers  
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18 December 2025  
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**THE ENGLISH SCHOOLS' CRICKET ASSOCIATION**  
REGISTERED CHARITY NO: 306002

PRESIDENT: J R T BARCLAY CHAIRMAN: G E L ASHMAN GENERAL  
SECRETARY: K S LAKE MBE  
TREASURER: M A BLACKBURN



# English Schools Cricket Association Financial Statement

**SPONSORS OF ESCA:**



[www.escaonline.co.uk](http://www.escaonline.co.uk)

ENGLISH SCHOOLS' CRICKET ASSOCIATION

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
<b>Receipts:</b>					
Affiliation Fees		£9,450.00	£0.00	£9,450.00	£10,580.00
Grants		£0.00	£25,000.00	£25,000.00	£31,000.00
Donations and Bequests		£94.67	£0.00	£94.67	£5,500.00
Bank Interest		£222.34	£0.00	£222.34	£88.20
Investment interest		£8,388.38	£0.00	£8,388.38	£5,863.22
Accrued investment interest		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,521.48
Other Income		£651.00	£0.00	£651.00	£160.00
		£18,806.39	£25,000.00	£43,806.39	£55,712.90
<b>Total Receipts</b>					
<b>Payments:</b>					
Cricknet Activities		£41.00	£37,070.10	£37,111.10	£44,597.76
Handbooks and Directory		£2,300.00	£0.00	£2,300.00	£2,245.00
Cost of Maintaining Website		£778.98	£0.00	£778.98	£925.00
Other Support Costs		£12,825.98	£0.00	£12,825.98	£4,135.99
Governance Expenses		£4,730.30	£0.00	£4,730.30	£7,242.55
Total Payments		£20,676.26	£37,070.10	£57,746.36	£59,146.30

Net Payments for the Year      **-£1,869.87**      **-£12,070.10**      **-£13,939.97**      **-£3,433.40**

ENGLISH SCHOOLS' CRICKET ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Unrestricted Funds 2025	Restricted Funds 2025	Total Funds 2025
	£	£	£
<b>Reconciliation of Cash Funds</b>			
Cash funds at 31 March 2024	£193,954.88	£17,056.24	£211,011.12
<b>Net payments for the year</b>	<b>-£1,869.87</b>	<b>-£12,070.10</b>	<b>-£13,939.97</b>
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>£192,085.01</b>	<b>£4,986.14</b>	<b>£197,071.15</b>
<b>Creditors</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>
<b>Accrued interest</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>
<b>Cash funds at 31 March 2025</b>	<b>£192,085.01</b>	<b>£4,986.14</b>	<b>£197,071.15</b>

Fixed Term Deposits	£153,568.08	£4,986.14	£158,554.22
Bank Deposit Account	£38,500.46	£0.00	£38,500.46
Current Account	£16.47	£0.00	£16.47
<b>Total Grants</b>	<b>£192,085.01</b>	<b>£4,986.14</b>	<b>£197,071.15</b>

ECB grant of £25k for 2024 ECB competitions received in February 2024.

ENGLISH SCHOOLS' CRICKET ASSOCIATION

1. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT – UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

Year Ended 31 March 2025 Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Receipts £	Payments £	Net £	Receipts £	Payments £
<b>Cricket Activities</b>					
Gray Nichols Presentation		£41.00	-£41.00		£300.00
<b>Administration, support and governance</b>					
Affiliation Fees	£9,450.00		£9,450.00	£10,580.00	
Bank Interest	£222.34		£222.34	£88.20	
Donations and Gift Aid	£94.67		£94.67	£5,500.00	
ESCA administration fees	£0.00		£0.00	£100.00	
ESCA directory 2024-25		£1,000.00	-£1,000.00		£1,045.00
ESCA handbook 2022-23		£1,300.00	-£1,300.00		£1,200.00
ESCA website / webmaster		£778.98	-£778.98		£925.00
Investment interest	£8,388.38			£5,863.22	
Accrued investment interest	£0.00			£2,521.48	
<b>Other Support Costs</b>					£4,135.99
General expenses	£475.00	£11,102.59	-£10,627.59		
<b>Governance Expenses</b>					
AGM	£176.00	£1,930.15	-£1,754.15	£60.00	£1,586.83
Executive Expenses					£3,556.75
GDPR Indemnity, cyber liability and trustees		£2,800.15	-£2,800.15		

insurance	£1,723.39	-£1,723.39	£1,848.97
Independent Examination Fee	£0.00	£0.00	£250.00
<b>Total Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>£18,806.39</b>	<b>£20,676.26</b>	<b>-£1,869.87</b>

£24,712.90 £14,848.54



ENGLISH SCHOOLS' CRICKET ASSOCIATION

3. SUMMARY OF FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	2025	2025	2025	2024
Cash Funds	<u>£192,085.01</u>	<u>£4,986.14</u>	<u>£197,071.15</u>	£236,011.12

ENGLISH SCHOOLS' CRICKET ASSOCIATION

4. UNRESTRICTED AND DESIGNATED FUNDS

The unrestricted funds of the charity include designated funds which have been set aside by the Trustees of the charity for the following specific purposes.

	Brought Forward	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Carried Forward
<b>Designated Funds</b>					
Administration	£11,729.36	£18,806.39	£20,676.26	£0.00	£9,859.49
Contingency fund for cricket activities	£17,650.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£17,650.00
Cricket support fund	£1,750.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,750.00
Regional contingency fund	£2,489.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,489.00
Total designated funds	£33,618.36	£18,806.39	£20,676.26	£0.00	£31,748.49
General unrestricted funds	£160,336.52	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£160,336.52
Total unrestricted funds	£193,954.88	£18,806.39	£20,676.26	£0.00	£192,085.01

**Administration**

This fund is held for any general administration expenditure that the charity requires.

**Contingency Fund for Cricket Activities**

This fund is held in reserve for additional expenditure on charitable cricket activities which are not grant aided by either the ECB or David English.

**Cricket Support Fund**

This fund is held for potential cricket support costs.

**Regional Contingency Fund**

This fund is held to support regional meetings.

ENGLISH SCHOOLS' CRICKET ASSOCIATION

5. RESTRICTED FUNDS

The restricted funds of the Charity comprise the following unexpended balances on donations and grants given for specific purposes.

	Brought Forward	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Carried Forward
Primary and secondary cricket activities	£7,609.24	£0.00	£5,070.93	£0.00	£2,538.31
ECB	£16,373.16	£25,000.00	£18,106.50	£0.00	£23,266.66
David English	£6,926.16	£0.00	£13,892.67	£0.00	£20,818.83
Total restricted funds	£17,056.24	£25,000.00	£37,070.10	£0.00	£4,986.14

Primary and Secondary Cricket Activities

This fund represents amounts to be applied to funding primary and secondary cricket activities which is not otherwise funded.

ECB

This fund is to be applied to any ECB activity run by ESCA each year.

David English

This fund is to be applied to the David English U13 national cup competition and the U11 hardball area and national cup competition.

**ENGLISH SCHOOLS' CRICKET ASSOCIATION**  
**DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**  
Year Ending 31st March 2025      Year Ending 31st March 2024

**UNRESTRICTED FUNDS**

**Administration**

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Surplus (Deficit)</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Surplus (Deficit)</u>
Affiliations	£9,450.00	£0.00	£9,450.00	£10,580.00	£0.00	£10,580.00
Administration	£0.00	£5,237.00	-£5,237.00	£100.00	£3,451.59	-£3,351.59
Annual General Meetings	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
ESCA AGM	£176.00	£1,930.15	-£1,754.15	£60.00	£1,586.83	-£1,526.83
South & West Region AGM	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Bank Interest	£222.34	£0.00	£222.34	£88.20	£0.00	£88.20
Investment interest	£8,388.38	£0.00	£8,388.38	£8,384.70	£0.00	£8,384.70
Donations and Gift Aid	£94.67	£0.00	£94.67	£5,500.00	£0.00	£5,500.00
ESCA Administration Fees	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£684.40	-£684.40
ESCA Directory 2023 / 2024	£0.00	£1,000.00	-£1,000.00	£0.00	£1,045.00	-£1,045.00
ESCA Handbook 2023 / 2024	£0.00	£1,300.00	-£1,300.00	£0.00	£1,200.00	-£1,200.00
ESCA GDPR, Indemnity	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Trustees' Insurance	£0.00	£586.92	-£586.92	£0.00	£680.20	-£680.20
ESCA Combined Liability Insurance 202	£0.00	£1,136.47	-£1,136.47	£0.00	£1,168.77	-£1,168.77
ESCA Website/Webmaster	£0.00	£778.98	-£778.98	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Executive	£0.00	£2,800.15	-£2,800.15	£0.00	£3,556.75	-£3,556.75
General Expenses	£475.00	£5,865.59	-£5,390.59	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Independent Examination	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£250.00	-£250.00
Website	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£925.00	-£925.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£10,418.01</b>	<b>£20,635.26</b>	<b>-£10,217.25</b>	<b>£24,712.90</b>	<b>£14,548.54</b>	<b>£10,164.36</b>

**Cricket Activities 2023 / 24**

Gray-Nicolls Presentation	£0.00	£41.00	-£41.00	£0.00	£300.00	-£300.00
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	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£300.00	-£300.00
TOTAL	£0.00	£41.00	-£41.00	£0.00	£0.00	£300.00	-£300.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>£10,418.01</b>	<b>£20,676.26</b>	<b>-£10,258.25</b>	<b>£24,712.90</b>	<b>£14,848.54</b>	<b>£9,864.36</b>	



Donation / County Grants	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£25,000.00
	£0.00	£25,000.00			
Competition Payments	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	£0.00	£0.00			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£25,000.00</b>	<b>£18,106.50</b>	<b>£6,893.50</b>	<b>£25,000.00</b>	<b>£25,000.00</b>
<b>£21,719.84</b>	<b>£3,280.16</b>				

**David English**

U11 Hardball National Competition Payments	£0.00	£9,088.73	-£9,088.73	£0.00
	£8,891.64	-£8,891.64		
DE Cup U14 Competition Payments	£0.00	£4,803.94	-£4,803.94	£0.00
	£5,609.52	-£5,609.52		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£13,892.67</b>	<b>-£13,892.67</b>	<b>£0.00</b>
<b>£14,501.16</b>	<b>-£14,501.16</b>			
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>£25,000.00</b>	<b>£37,070.10</b>	<b>-£12,070.10</b>	<b>£31,000.00</b>
<b>£44,297.76</b>	<b>-£13,297.76</b>			