

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 01769840 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 514717

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025
for
Newburn Riverside Recreation Association
Limited

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

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**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The charity exists for the benefit of the public through the provision of its services to any member of the public, and the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

The charity's purpose as set out in the objects contained in the company's Articles of Association is to:

- * promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Tyne and Wear and the Neighbourhood (hereinafter called the "area of benefit" by the provision of the facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and other leisure time occupation with the object of improving the life for the beneficiaries; and
- * provide improvement and maintenance of the grounds and buildings at Newburn Leisure Centre for the purpose of recreation and other leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the beneficiaries.

Newburn Leisure Centre has developed a wide range of activities to meet these objectives based upon the following facilities available to the public:

- * Indoor sports hall
- * Fitness facilities
- * Sensory room
- * Indoor climbing wall
- * Outdoor sports field
- * Outdoor 5-a-side courts
- * Water based activities on adjacent River Tyne
- * Outdoor activities in adjacent Newburn Countryside Park

Newburn Leisure Centre became independent from an integrated venture with Newcastle City Council on 1 April 2015. The organisational structure, management and operations are well established and the centre is operating at a similar level prior to the changeover. The aim of the charity is to be self-financing and promote the long term security of the centre.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Budgets

The income for 2024/25 was mainly derived from grants, and rental income from its subsidiary.

The 2024/25 budget is based on 2023/24 performance including a £125,000 depreciation charge with respect to leasehold amortisation.

Targets

The primary target was to foresee and/or address the continuing implications of Newcastle City Council grant withdrawal and position the Centre finances and operation structure for the immediate, medium and long term future.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Activities

There is a wide range of activities related to the facilities available. Accurate records of users are kept as part of the review of ongoing operations. The future performance of the group will be influenced by the consolidation of core activities. Delivery of services operates via the wholly owned subsidiary company.

Future developments

Initial proposals for a range of future facility developments at the Centre remain in place and the group continues to seek grants for capital development, equipment and revenue activities.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

During the year ended 31st March 2025 the net assets of Newburn Riverside Recreational Association decreased by £81,501 (2024: £97,944). Total funds at the year-end were £1,313,980 (2024: £1,395,481)

The trading aspect, that is the activities undertaken at the Centre, remains broadly constant although there are a number of different "one off" events that occur each year. The number and variety of activities is extensive and usage/income fluctuates year on year between the activities. The Centre is run by the charity's trading subsidiary, Newburn Sports Services Limited.

Investment policy and objectives

The trustees consider the most appropriate policy of investing funds at the current time is to retain an increasing level of funds on deposit.

Reserves policy

The trustees believe it is prudent to maintain unrestricted funds at a level, which equates to approximately 6 months unrestricted expenditure being £75,000. At the year end these totalled £1,313,980 (2024: £1,395,481)

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

Newburn Riverside Recreation Association Limited is a company limited by guarantee, and a registered charity in England governed by its memorandum and articles of association dated 5th July 2011. Charity number 514717. Company number 01769840. The company has no share capital.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The Board of Trustees shall consist of not less than 3 and is not subject to a maximum. Trustees are appointed at during the year to fill a vacancy.

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**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Organisation

The Board of Trustees meet on a monthly basis to administer the charity and to review strategy and future operation requirements. The charity comprises of the provision of a recreation centre for all ages within Tyne & Wear through its subsidiary Newburn Sports Services Limited. The subsidiary company operates the sports centre.

Newburn Leisure Centre is open 7 days a week (excluding public holidays and a Christmas closure period). The day to day management of the Centre, site activities, staff, facility resources and operational aspects is the responsibility of the management staff comprising the Centre Manager and Duty Managers. The Centre management staff report to and consult the Company Secretary on discretionary spending etc. and issues arising at the Centre that require executive/authority. The Centre Manager and Company Secretary meet on a regular basis between the monthly management meetings.

Induction and training of new trustees

New Trustees receive copies of all relevant documentation, which are explained by the chair. This will include the constitution, organisation management information relating to their role, the scope and responsibility of the Board and the system of delegated authority and information about the cycle of meetings. Opportunities for meeting staff are also arranged.

Pay policy for key management personnel

The trustees consider key management comprise the charity's trustees who are in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the charity on a day to day basis. Details of trustee's remuneration and expenses are disclosed in the notes to the accounts.

The pay of the trustees is reviewed annually.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

01769840 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

514717

Registered office

Newburn Leisure Centre
Grange Road, Newburn
Newcastle Upon Tyne
Tyne & Wear
NE15 8ND

Trustees

W Shaw Quantity Surveyor
J F Lambert Quantity Surveyor
M Hogarth Postal Worker
M H Townson Retired Engineer
L A Allen (appointed 23/7/2024)

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Company Secretary

J F Lambert

Independent Examiner

Thornton Accountancy Ltd

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 25 November 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "W. A. Shaw". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'W' and 'S'.

W Shaw - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Newburn Riverside Recreation Association
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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Newburn Riverside Recreation Association Limited ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.



Thornton Accountancy Ltd.

Craig Thornton

Thornton Accountancy Ltd
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25 November 2025

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**Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

	Notes	2025 Unrestricted funds £	2024 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	2	149,933	16,690
Other trading activities	3	31,659	31,659
Investment income	4	4,562	2,983
Total		186,154	51,332
 EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds		262,070	143,173
Other		5,585	6,103
Total		267,655	149,276
 NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		 (81,501)	 (97,944)
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		1,395,481	1,493,425
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		 1,313,980	 1,395,481

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**Balance Sheet
31 March 2025**

	Notes	2025 Unrestricted funds £	2024 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	8	861,285	990,713
Investments	9	2	2
		861,287	990,715
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	10	416,544	402,571
Cash at bank		155,927	163,092
		572,471	565,663
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(11,294)	(27,346)
		561,177	538,317
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		1,422,464	1,529,032
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due after more than one year	12	(108,484)	(133,551)
NET ASSETS		1,313,980	1,395,481
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds	14	1,313,980	1,395,481
TOTAL FUNDS		1,313,980	1,395,481

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**Balance Sheet - continued
31 March 2025**

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 25 November 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



J F Lambert - Trustee



W Shaw - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies

Income from donations and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature are recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amounts can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Governance costs

Include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the group and include accountancy fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the group.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Long leasehold	- 25-50 years straight line
Plant and machinery	- 20% on reducing balance per annum
Fixtures and fittings	- 15% on reducing balance per annum

Individual assets costing £50 or more are capitalised at cost.

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

Subsequent costs, including replacement parts, are capitalised only when it is probable that such costs will generate future economic benefits. Any replaced parts or remaining carrying amounts are then derecognised. All other costs of repairs and maintenance are charges to the Statement of Financial Activities.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Grant release	14,900	14,900	14,900
NCC Covid-19 grant	0	0	3,778
	14,900	14,900	18,678
	14,900	14,900	18,678

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2025 £	2024 £
Operation of Sports Centre	31,659	31,659
	31,659	31,659

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4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2025	2024
	£	£
Deposit account interest	4,562	2,983
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5. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2025	2024
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	129,990	130,957
Surplus on disposal of fixed assets	(125)	-
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6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds
	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	16,690
Other trading activities	31,659
Investment income	2,983
Total	<u>51,332</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON	
Raising funds	143,173
Other	6,103
Total	<u>149,276</u>

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7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted funds £
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(97,944)
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	1,493,425
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>1,395,481</u></u>

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Long leasehold £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 April 2024	3,626,209	320,300	61,270	4,007,779
Additions	-	562	-	562
	<u>3,626,209</u>	<u>320,862</u>	<u>61,270</u>	<u>4,008,341</u>
At 31 March 2025	3,626,209	320,862	61,270	4,008,341
 DEPRECIATION				
At 1 April 2024	2,666,721	300,372	49,973	3,017,066
Charge for year	125,114	3,845	1,031	129,990
	<u>2,791,835</u>	<u>304,217</u>	<u>51,004</u>	<u>3,147,056</u>
At 31 March 2025	2,791,835	304,217	51,004	3,147,056
 NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 March 2025	<u>834,374</u>	<u>16,645</u>	<u>10,266</u>	<u>861,285</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>959,488</u>	<u>19,928</u>	<u>11,297</u>	<u>990,713</u>

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9. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

Cost or valuation	Shares in group undertakings £
As at 1 April 2022 & 31 March 2023	2
Carrying amount	
As at 31 March 2022	2
As at 31 March 2021	2

The charity has a wholly owned subsidiary, Newburn Sports Services Limited, a company incorporated and registered in England and Wales (company number 02684100). Its registered office is Newburn Leisure Centre, Grange Road, Newburn, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 8BD. The company operates the sports centre Newburn Leisure Centre on behalf of the charity and pays it some of its profits to the charity by gift aid. Newburn Sports Services Limited is exempt from audit by virtue of s479A of the Charities Act 2006.

10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Amounts owed by group undertakings	410,829	400,727
Other debtors	5,542	1,671
Prepayments	173	173
	416,544	402,571

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11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 13)	8,920	8,920
Trade creditors	287	5,587
Other creditors	921	921
Accruals and deferred income	-	10,752
Accrued expenses	1,166	1,166
	<u>11,294</u>	<u>27,346</u>

12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Bank loans (see note 13)	4,154	14,321
Grant reserve	104,330	119,230
	<u>108,484</u>	<u>133,551</u>

13. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank loans	<u>8,920</u>	<u>8,920</u>
Amounts falling due between two and five years:		
Bank loans - 2-5 years	<u>4,154</u>	<u>14,321</u>

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/25 £
Unrestricted funds			
Unrestricted fund	1,395,481	(81,501)	1,313,980
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,395,481</u>	<u>(81,501)</u>	<u>1,313,980</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
Unrestricted fund	186,154	(267,655)	(81,501)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>186,154</u>	<u>(267,655)</u>	<u>(81,501)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/4/23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/24 £
Unrestricted funds			
Unrestricted fund	1,493,425	(97,944)	1,395,481
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,493,425</u>	<u>(97,944)</u>	<u>1,395,481</u>

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
Unrestricted fund	51,332	(149,276)	(97,944)
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>51,332</u>	<u>(149,276)</u>	<u>(97,944)</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1/4/23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/25 £
Unrestricted funds			
Unrestricted fund	1,493,425	(179,445)	1,313,980
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,493,425</u>	<u>(179,445)</u>	<u>1,313,980</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
Unrestricted fund	237,486	(416,931)	(179,445)
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>237,486</u>	<u>(416,931)</u>	<u>(179,445)</u>

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15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Included within debtors is an amount of £400,727 (2023: £379,593) owed by Newburn Sports Services Limited, a subsidiary of Newburn Riverside Recreation Limited. Rent of £31,659 (2023: £31,659) was paid to Newburn Riverside Recreation Association Limited during the year.

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**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

	2025 £	2024 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations and gifts	674	-
Gift aid	800	-
Grants	148,459	16,690
	149,933	16,690
Other trading activities		
Operation of Sports Centre	31,659	31,659
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	4,562	2,983
	186,154	51,332
EXPENDITURE		
Other trading activities		
Operation of the sports centre	32	25
Support costs		
Finance		
Bank charges	110	124
Information technology		
Loss on sale of tangible fixed assets	(125)	-
Other		
Premises costs	135,066	14,883
Freehold property	125,114	125,114
Plant and machinery	3,845	4,630
Fixtures and fittings	1,031	1,213
	265,056	145,840

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**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other		
Governance costs		
Accountancy fees	2,100	2,000
Legal fees	-	490
Bank loan interest	482	797
	<u>2,582</u>	<u>3,287</u>
Total resources expended	<u>267,655</u>	<u>149,276</u>
Net expenditure	<u><u>(81,501)</u></u>	<u><u>(97,944)</u></u>

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