

SHAFTESBURY YOUTH CLUB

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**ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY NINTH
ANNUAL REPORT**

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STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

TO BE PRESENTED TO THE ANNUAL MEETING

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SHAFTESBURY YOUTH CLUB

OFFICERS

Sporting President

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Council Members

A P Morris (from 1st April 2025) (Chairman)

K Penny (Treasurer)

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J A Barnes

B Eaton

M J Fairclough

Chief Executive Officer

A Mellor (from 1st April 2025)

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**Shaftesbury Youth Club
Chair's Report
for The Year Ended 5th April 2025**

The AGM was held on 14th October 2024 with the Mayor acting as Chair. Annual reports from the Treasurer, CEO and Chair were presented and approved. The independently examined accounts were sent to the Charities Commission.



This year has been one of changes, with Adam Mellor taking over as CEO from Janice Monty, and me taking over the chair role. Both Adam and I would like to thank Janice for her time as CEO and leaving Shaftes in such rude health! Janice has agreed to continue as a trustee.

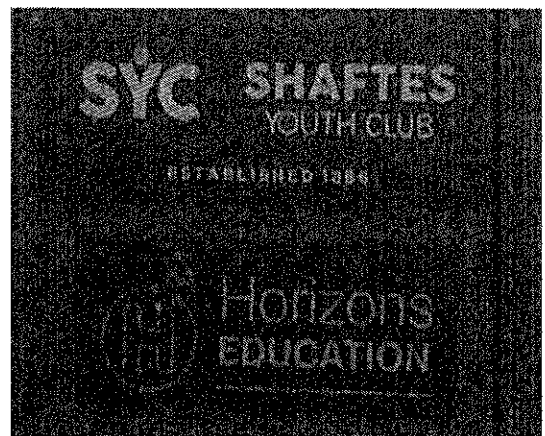
Winning the Kings Award is a great achievement for the club, and to celebrate this, Barry Eaton and his wife attended a garden party at Buckingham Palace, which is some thanks to Barry for all his efforts with Shaftes over the years.

With the Pavilion restoration complete, work is ongoing on the main building to upgrade to make access better for HORIZONS school, as they now have Independent school status, plus there are other renovations necessary to meet fire and electrical regulations. The relationship between HORIZONS and Shaftes continues to grow, which is a significant financial input to the running of charity. I am sure you will have noticed the new signage.

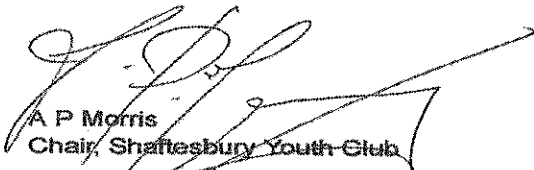
The website has been given a facelift and revamped, giving Shaftes more of a prominent position online. Again, thanks goes to Janice for getting this organised.

In May 2024, Shaftes participated in the Oxton Secret Gardens event by organising the car parking and providing the min-bus for transportation, which allowed us share in some of the funds raised by the event.

The club continues to look to gain more volunteers to assist with the Social Supermarket, football teams, and youth clubs. Adam and his staff continue to strive to improve these elements of the club.



Shaftes' focus must always be on the young people in our community and placing them at the centre of everything we do as an organisation. This can be challenging at times, with the continuing uncertainty in the national economy putting even more stress on family life in our local community. This puts pressure on the availability of funds for charities and Shaftes is not immune from this pressure. Adam and his team, with special mention to Sue Hughes, are continually looking for new funding opportunities for the club. To this end, the ethos of Shaftes is to provide a vibrant interconnected community for every child so they can thrive and grow with the efforts of the Shaftes team.



A P Morris
Chair, Shaftesbury Youth Club

11th November 2025

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

It is my pleasure to present this year's CEO Report, reflecting on a period of continued development, consolidation, and renewed strategic focus. The year between April 2024 and March 2025 represents our first full year of operation with the 3G football pitch and pavilion, marking a transformative step in our ability to support local young people, families, community groups, and partner organisations.

Strengthening Our Community Facilities

The 3G pitch and pavilion have been fully embedded. Their utilisation has grown month on month, with strong interest from youth football teams, grassroots clubs, schools, and community groups. This development builds upon the previous year's significant investment to create a FIFA standard pitch, supported by a range of valued funders. The ongoing success of this space stands as a testament to the collaborative fundraising efforts, local advocacy, and generous donor support that enabled us to reach completion.

Growing Community Support & Participation

Our Community Supermarket and Community Hub continue to play a critical role supporting those experiencing food insecurity, social isolation, or challenges with emotional wellbeing. The renewed pavilion space has strengthened our ability to provide warm, safe, welcoming environments for residents. With the help of a dedicated volunteer team, we continue to distribute food hampers to households in need and offer a wide range of activities that foster connection, support, and dignity. In partnership with Edsential funding, we again delivered Holiday Activity Clubs during Summer, Christmas and Easter, welcoming more than 100 children each day. These programmes provided nutritious meals and varied enrichment activity including sports, arts and crafts, dance, and more — helping families to keep children active, safe, engaged, and supported throughout school holiday periods. Our Future is Bright Club continues to flourish, offering space for participants to build confidence, make friends, learn new skills, and participate in inclusive football and engaging weekly challenges. This programme remains a vital pathway for some of the most vulnerable young people, helping to remove barriers to participation while promoting positive wellbeing.

Football & Sporting Success

Our grassroots football programme remains a proud and defining strength. We have continued to build on the successes reported last year, fostering inclusive access to football, enabling skill development, and celebrating excellence both on and off the pitch. We continue to recognise the unwavering dedication of our volunteer coaches, whose time, passion, and commitment ensure young players are encouraged, supported, and given opportunities to thrive. Our club retains its FA Accredited status, demonstrating our sustained commitment to safe, high-quality sport provision. Football activity across all age groups has been immensely successful, with teams continuing to represent the club strongly throughout league and cup competitions. These successes reinforce the valuable role of sport in building confidence, belonging, and community pride.

People and Leadership

This year brought significant change within our management and staffing structure. At Christmas 2024, our leadership team underwent re-organisation to ensure we remained responsive to operational delivery needs and financial priorities. Further staffing developments at the end of the reporting year continued this process, helping us strengthen systems, clarify responsibilities, and build a foundation that will support long-term growth.

I want to take this opportunity to recognise the resilience and dedication shown by the team during this period. Change can be challenging, but staff have worked with professionalism, compassion, and a shared commitment to our vision. Their flexibility, creativity, and energy continue to drive our organisation forward.

With Gratitude – Acknowledging Janice Monty

This year marks the retirement of our long-standing leader and colleague, Janice Monty. Janice's dedication over many years has shaped who we are, her commitment, compassion and vision have helped us grow from strength to strength. Her role in stewarding the development of the 3G pitch and pavilion, strengthening partnerships, and championing our mission cannot be overstated. We owe Janice a huge debt of thanks for her exceptional service.

We are truly grateful that, although stepping back from day-to-day responsibilities, Janice has remained involved as a trustee, continuing to share her experience, wisdom, and unwavering advocacy for the organisation and the people we serve.

Programmes and Impact

Across all strands of our work, demand for support has remained high. We have welcomed increased participation from young people and community members, and we have continued to deliver meaningful outcomes across wellbeing, inclusion, access to services, and personal development. Our partnerships with schools, statutory agencies, grassroots organisations and volunteers remain central. These collaborations allow us to deliver wide-ranging programmes that address inequality, strengthen resilience, and support people to take positive steps in their lives.

Looking Ahead

As we move into the next year, our focus is on:

- Strengthening operational and financial sustainability
- Increasing community access and participation across our facilities
- Further developing youth voice and co-production
- Continuing to embed high-quality safeguarding and governance
- Expanding opportunities for sport, skills development, and leadership

We do so with confidence that we have the right foundations, facilities, and people to continue to make a meaningful difference.

Thank You

My sincere thanks go to our staff, volunteers, partners, and funders for their continued support. To our trustees, thank you for your guidance, oversight, and commitment.

Together, we look forward to a year of growth, stability, and opportunity.



Adam Mellor
Chief Executive Officer
Shaftesbury Youth Club

Dated: 11th November 2025

SHAFTESBURY YOUTH CLUB

TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

To operate a Youth Club and, in particular but without prejudicing to the generality of the foregoing, to help and educate young people of both sexes through their leisure time activities so as to develop their physical, mental and spiritual capacities as they grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society and that their conditions of life be improved.

Provided it does not affect or impair the primary use of the Club's premises as a Youth Club, to make its premises and facilities available for community purposes, whether or not for reward.

The Trustees consider these objectives have been carried out with due regard to the public interest.

There was a loss for the year of £48,533, £18,000 of which was due to starting to build up a reserve to re-surface the 3G in about 10/12 years time. However, the earmarked reserve at March 2024 can be released as we received a grant to repair the roof. This results in our useable reserves finishing at £52,956 of which £5,493 is unrealised at the year end.

Restricted funds of £328,450 were received and £370,841 spent leaving £34,746 received by the year end but to be spent in 2025/26.

The Balance Sheet shows assets less current liabilities at £1,802,540 with The Football Foundation grant of £1,012,720 shown as a long term liability to reflect their charge on the area of the 3G, Pavilion and back car park. We have also reserved £18,000 to build up a fund of circa £250,000 to enable us to resurface the 3G in about 12 years time.

A special mention for Janice, it was a pleasure working with you and I am glad you are continuing your involvement as a Trustee. Welcome to Adam as our CEO, who takes over with us asset rich but with less cash reserves than I would like.

Keith Penny
Treasurer

Dated: 11th November 2025

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
SHAFTESBURY YOUTH CLUB**

A report to the Trustees on my examination of the Accounts of Shaftesbury Youth Club for the year ended 5th April 2025 which are set out on pages 7 to 11.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Charity, 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 Charity's 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 can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a Chartered Certified Accountant, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

- 1 the accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2 the Accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3 The Accounts do 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.

Signed: *M. Forshaw*

11/11/2025

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SHAFTESBURY YOUTH CLUB
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources				
Donations	-	11,166	11,166	9,868
Revenue Grants	328,450	-	328,450	325,452
Members Subscriptions	-	3,957	3,957	2,135
Sport	-	79,862	79,862	55,629
Teaching	-	15,614	15,614	22,585
Rent and Room Hire	-	70,657	70,657	52,997
Canteen	-	17,354	17,354	17,086
Investment Income	-	2,588	2,588	3,636
NI Rebate	-	4,947	4,947	5,000
Social Supermarket & Hampers	-	<u>17,501</u>	<u>17,501</u>	<u>8,645</u>
	<u>328,450</u>	<u>223,646</u>	<u>552,096</u>	<u>503,033</u>
Expenditure				
Reserve for 3G	-	18,000	18,000	-
Depreciation	20,233	-	20,233	19,781
Staffing Costs (Including volunteers' expenses)	161,573	108,315	269,888	234,661
Activities	11,444	15,229	26,673	18,707
Insurance	8,000	9,318	17,318	15,067
Utilities	18,000	9,781	27,781	31,220
Repairs, Maintenance & Cleaning	84,071	20,498	104,569	49,368
Sport	12,142	29,082	41,224	20,088
Vehicle & Travel Expenses	3,000	3,920	6,920	5,614
Canteen	6,000	12,766	18,766	20,729
Post, Stationery, Telephone & Computer	9,860	273	10,133	6,641
Consultancy & Professional	-	24,759	24,759	30,702
Investment Management Costs	-	624	624	610
Social Supermarket & Hampers	<u>36,518</u>	<u>19,614</u>	<u>56,132</u>	<u>43,266</u>
	<u>370,841</u>	<u>272,179</u>	<u>643,020</u>	<u>496,454</u>
Surplus/(Loss) on Ordinary Activities	<u>(42,391)</u>	<u>(48,533)</u>	(90,924)	6,579
Realised Profit (Loss) on Investments			-	7
Unrealised Gain/(Loss) on Investments			<u>(1,835)</u>	<u>1,721</u>
(Deficit)/Surplus for the Year			<u>(92,759)</u>	<u>8,307</u>

SHAFTESBURY YOUTH CLUB

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 5 APRIL 2025

	Notes	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Fixed Assets					
Freehold Land & Buildings	2	1,621,481	-	1,621,481	1,618,309
Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment	2	<u>75,357</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>75,357</u>	<u>92,332</u>
		1,696,838	-	1,696,838	1,710,641
Investments					
Shares at Valuation	3	<u>34,746</u>	<u>18,934</u>	<u>53,680</u>	<u>55,515</u>
		<u>1,731,584</u>	<u>18,934</u>	<u>1,750,518</u>	<u>1,766,156</u>
Current Assets					
Trade Debtors		-	77,445	77,445	87,725
Prepaid & Stock		-	4,471	4,471	14,300
VAT		-	7,477	7,477	-
Cash at Bank and in Hand		<u>-</u>	<u>27,100</u>	<u>27,100</u>	<u>115,113</u>
		<u>-</u>	<u>116,493</u>	<u>116,493</u>	<u>217,138</u>
Current Liabilities					
Trade Creditors		-	26,128	26,128	76,536
Accruals & Deferred Income		-	38,343	38,343	28,613
VAT		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>847</u>
			<u>64,471</u>	<u>64,471</u>	<u>105,996</u>
Net Current Assets			<u>52,022</u>	<u>52,022</u>	<u>111,143</u>
Falling due after 1 year	6	<u>(1,012,720)</u>	<u>(18,000)</u>	<u>(1,030,720)</u>	<u>(1,012,720)</u>
Net Assets		<u>718,864</u>	<u>52,956</u>	<u>771,820</u>	<u>864,579</u>
Funds	4	<u>718,864</u>	<u>52,956</u>	<u>771,820</u>	<u>864,579</u>

The Financial Statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees

Keith Penny

Date

**SHAFTESBURY YOUTH CLUB
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025**

1 Accounting Policies

The Charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 1st January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard application in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

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.

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.

Freehold Property

Freehold property is held at an historic valuation plus subsequent cost. The Trustees consider its value is no less than £1,621,481 and do not consider the cost of a formal valuation is justified.

Tangible fixed assets

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

Fixtures, fittings and equipment – 10/15% on cost

Investments

Investments are included in the balance sheet at valuation.

2 Fixed Assets	Freehold Land & Buildings	Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment
At cost brought forward 6 th April 2024	1,376,309	216,617
Valuation brought forward	242,000	-
Additions in Year	<u>3,172</u>	<u>3,258</u>
Cost/Valuation at 5 th April 2025	1,621,481	219,875
Depreciation brought forward		(124,285)
Depreciation in the year		<u>(20,233)</u>
Depreciation at 5 April 2025		<u>(144,518)</u>
Net Book Value at 5 April 2025	<u>1,621,481</u>	<u>75,357</u>

**SHAFTESBURY YOUTH CLUB
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025**

Continued

3 Investments

	2025	2024
Value brought forward	55,515	53,743
Additions at Cost	-	3,652
Less Disposals at carrying value	-	(3,601)
Net Profit/(Loss) on revaluation	<u>(1,835)</u>	<u>1,721</u>
Valuation at 5 th April 2025	<u>53,680</u>	<u>55,515</u>

Reserves Year ended 5 April 2024	Brought Forward 6th April 2023	Surplus (Deficit) in year	Transfers	Carried Forward 5th April 2024
A. Rydal	32,454	-	(32,454)	-
B. Fixed Assets	630,782	(19,781)	86,920	697,921
C. Revenue	31,164	25,740	-	56,904
D. Capital	<u>14,675</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(14,675)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>709,075</u>	<u>5,959</u>	<u>39,791</u>	<u>754,825</u>
Unrestricted				
Realised Reserves	60,006	627	11,584	72,217
Unrealised Reserves	17,191	1,721	(11,584)	7,328
Earmarked	<u>70,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(39,791)</u>	<u>30,209</u>
	<u>147,197</u>	<u>2,348</u>	<u>(39,791)</u>	<u>109,754</u>
Total	<u>856,272</u>	<u>8,307</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>864,579</u>

Reserves Year ended 5 April 2025	Brought Forward 6th April 2024	Surplus (Deficit) in year	Transfers	Carried Forward 5th April 2025
Restricted				
A. Fixed Assets	697,921	(20,233)	6,430	684,118
B. Revenue	<u>56,904</u>	<u>(22,158)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>34,746</u>
	<u>754,825</u>	<u>(42,391)</u>	<u>6,430</u>	<u>718,864</u>
Unrestricted				
Reserves – Realised	72,217	(48,533)	23,779	47,463
Reserves – Unrealised	7,328	(1,835)	-	5,493
Earmarked	<u>30,209</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(30,209)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>109,754</u>	<u>(50,368)</u>	<u>(6,430)</u>	<u>52,956</u>
Total	<u>864,579</u>	<u>(92,759)</u>		<u>771,820</u>

A All Fixed Assets are used in the carrying out of the Club's charitable activities and are not surplus to requirements.

B These are various specific revenue grants not spent by the year end.

The remaining reserves held are to cover future running costs.

5 Trustees Remuneration and Expenses

No remuneration or expenses have been paid to the Trustees

6 Long Term Liability

The Football Foundation have registered a Charge over the land containing the 3G Pitch created using funding provided by them.

In the event that Shaftesbury Youth Club cease to use the land and pitch funded by the Football Foundation for the specific purpose of football activities, Shaftesbury Youth Club are required to return those funds to the Football Foundation. There are other circumstances which would entail the repayment.

In the event of a funding clawback by the Football Foundation, the maximum liability would be £1,012,720.

We are also committed to replacing the 3G in about 12 years time, at a cost of circa £250,000, so a provision has been made of £18,000 which, with an increase of 3% p.a., will build the Fund needed.

7 Employees Emoluments

	2025	2024
Salaries and Volunteer Expenses	250,686	216,883
National Insurance	16,301	15,216
Pension Costs – Defined Contributions	<u>2,901</u>	<u>2,562</u>
	<u>269,888</u>	<u>234,661</u>

There are no employees with remuneration in excess of £60,000

The average number of employees during the period was 16 (2024 – 16)

8 Independent Examiner's Fees and Cost of Investment Management Costs

	2025	2024
Examination Fees	<u>800</u>	<u>650</u>

SHAFTESBURY YOUTH CLUB
CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2025

Net cash flows from operating activities	2025	2024
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	(92,759)	8,307
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	20,233	19,781
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	12,633	(33,341)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(41,525)	66,233
Increase in +1 year creditors	18,000	909,285
Share revaluation	<u>1,835</u>	<u>(1,772)</u>
	(81,583)	968,493
 Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	<u>(6,430)</u>	<u>(1,099,640)</u>
Net cash used in investing activities	(88,013)	(131,147)
 Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	<u>115,113</u>	<u>246,260</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	<u>27,100</u>	<u>115,113</u>

SHAFTESBURY YOUTH CLUB

Patrons

M J Fairclough
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D. Price
Sharp
R R Stewart

Other Donors

Revenue

Arete Foundation
Awards for All
Bauer Radio
Cash for Kids
Community Foundation
CRH Charitable Trust
Duchy of Lancaster
Edsentrail Community Fund
Edward Bilton
Garfield Weston
Ground Works
Koala
Lloyds Foundation

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