

The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland Registration No. **NIC101500**

**ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT FOOTBALL CLUB**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**CHARITY NAME**

St. Oliver Plunkett Football Club

**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER**

Charity Commission NI

NIC101500

Approved 02 February 2015

**CHAIRPERSON**

Martin McLaughlin

**CHARITY TRUSTEE'S**

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## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

### **Structure**

Trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

### **Reference and Administrative Information**

The name of the charity's trustees at the date this report was approved are listed on page 1, together with the address of the principal office of the charity and the charity's registration numbers.

### **Objectives and Activities**

The Charity's objects ('The Objects') are the promotion of community participation in healthy recreation in particular by the provision of facilities for the playing of football.

When preparing our annual programme we fully considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustee meetings. The focus of our activities continues to be the provision of age specific and development specific training and a games programme that is inclusive for all our members. In addition, we build in social issue awareness education that provides our members with workshops focusing on alcohol, drugs, mental health, nutrition and wider issues. We aspire to develop and build upon the capacity of our coaches to maximise the effectiveness of the service provided to members. Our membership is open to people from all backgrounds, irrespective of faith, gender, or personal circumstances. The trustees are all fully aware and respect the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

### **Achievements and Performance**

Over the past year the charity catered directly for the needs of circa 800 beneficiaries overall. This year in an attempt to diversify membership we reached out former players and coaches and successfully built up interest in forming an over 35 team which incorporated a coaching team of people in the over 60 age group. We have also seen a growth in participation in our the 3-day Summer Camp (now in it's 3rd year) that is affordable for the young families in the area delivered by a mix of experienced volunteer club coaches and young club members starting on their coaching journey. We again returned to our annual residential project taking 180 children and coaches to the Foyle Cup over 6 days in July. The residential is a blend of football related activities along with a social educational programme which is six months in the planning and preparation. We again invested considerable time in recruiting and supporting new and existing volunteer coaches and committee members. We worked closely with the Northern Ireland Youth Football Association, Irish Football Association, Belfast City Council, and other statutory agencies to improve volunteer capabilities. We have provided access to Designated Child Protection training, Child Safeguarding, Sports Specific First Aid, and IFA Coach Education at National Coaching Certificate (NCC) Level and UEFA C Coaching licenses. We continue to provide a 50 week a year programme, free of charge, of introductory sessions for 4-6-year-olds inclusive to children irrespective of their ability and gender. This allows a pathway for boys and girls at a 'development level' to play competitive games with other clubs who like ourselves who are not yet ready to take part in the IFA Games Development Programme. The charity has this year again increased participation of members (coaches and players) from multiple national backgrounds to reflect the diversity of people in the community.

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (CONTINUED)**

### **Achievements and Performance continued**

This year we have 3 children who hold 'refugee status' and the club have been working with their families and governing bodies to provide an environment where they can engage and take part short of playing regulation games while awaiting 'International Clearance'.

This year we seen a boost in the profile of the Charity through successes in the senior ladies' section which has expanded into a group of 8 teams from 6 the year previous and our senior girls played their first season as an Intermediate graded side. Our senior men's team continues to provide a pathway for life long participation with 3 senior teams competing in the Belfast & District League BDFL and the National Amateur Football League (NAFL). Exposure via News and social media outlets we hope will raise our reputational standing within the community and beyond and attract membership and support in the year ahead.

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Fundraising activities this year have been restricted compared to previous years with less sponsorship available and the impacts of cost of living pressures from within our membership community.

### **Impacts, Benefits and Outcomes**

Our annual net receipts tally was in line with the objectives set at the beginning of the year. This year we again raised funds at Christmas for the local St. Vincent De Paul to help local families.

We continued to face the challenge of declining facility hire availability from some of our long-standing partners (particularly at local council level) and a modest funding stream. This year we have been forced to acquire additional facility hire from private providers (local schools) which on average are triple the costs of council fees. However, we have again managed to sustain services to our membership. Our Winter training sessions for all our young people remains amenable for families and the children to meet and participate in training sessions.

### **Financial review**

The results for the year are set out on page 6 & 7. The charity returned net receipts/payments for the year of (£23,035) (2024: net receipts/payments (£17,175)). At 31 March 2025 the total funds the charity held amounted to £69,227 (2024: £92,261) of which restricted funds were £NIL (2024:£12,874) and £69,227 (2024: £92,261) were unrestricted.

### **Reserves policy and going concern**

Of the total funds reported above, £35,588 is made up of cash at the bank. The trustees are confident that the cash reserves, together with expected future incomes, will be sufficient to meet the working capital requirements for the forthcoming year. The trustees have also considered the extent to which existing activities and expenditure could be curtailed, should the need arise.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (CONTINUED)**

**Plan for the future**

To maintain the same level of services in the area.

**Structure, governance and management**

St. Oliver Plunkett Football Club is a registered charity, number NIC101500 and is governed by its constitution.

New trustees are appointed when appropriate. Suitable candidates are considered on the basis of their skills, experience and sympathy with the aims of the charity. New trustees will be agreed at a trustees meeting before being invited to join.

**Responsibilities of Trustees**

As the charity's trustees we are aware of our responsibilities for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is also our responsibility to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are responsible and prudent
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with CCNI guidelines. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence to take reasonable steps to prevent and detect fraud and other

**Disclosures of Information to Independent Examiners**

To the knowledge and belief of the Trustees there is no relevant information of which the organisation's independent examiners are not aware. The Trustees have taken all the necessary steps of which they are aware, provided relevant information and established that the organisation's independent examiners are aware of the information.

Signed on behalf of the board of the Trustees



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Martin McLaughlin  
Chairperson

30/01/2026

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Date

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT FOOTBALL CLUB  
ON THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

I report on the accounts of St. Oliver Plunkett Football Club for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 6 and 7.

**Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and the examiner**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of Independent Examiner's report**

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It was also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

- 1 That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
- 2 That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
- 3 That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
- 4 That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



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Tony Clarke  
53 Andersonstown Road  
Belfast  
BT11 9AG

30/01/2026

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Date:

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**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds	Year to Mar-25 TOTAL £	Year to Mar-24 £
<b>Receipts</b>						
<b>Voluntary Receipts</b>						
Grants & Interest	1	17	2,010	-	2,027	7,966
Activities for generating funds	2	182,223	-	-	182,223	181,861
<b>From Charitable Activities</b>						
Charitable Activities		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>182,240</b>	<b>2,010</b>	-	<b>184,250</b>	<b>189,828</b>
<b>Payments:</b>						
Costs of Fundraising		-	-	-	-	-
Charitable Activities	3	204,944	2,010	-	206,954	206,777
Grants & Donations		-	-	-	-	-
Governance Costs	4	331	-	-	331	227
<b>Asset and investment purchase</b>						
Purchase of Equipment		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Payments:</b>		<b>205,275</b>	<b>2,010</b>	-	<b>207,285</b>	<b>207,003</b>
<b>Net Receipts/(payments)</b>		<b>(23,035)</b>	-	-	<b>(23,035)</b>	<b>(17,175)</b>
<b>Transfers to/(from) funds</b>		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Surplus/(deficit) for the year</b>		<b>(23,035)</b>	-	-	<b>(23,035)</b>	<b>(17,175)</b>
<b><u>Reconciliation 31.03.25</u></b>						
Cash at bank & in hand 31.03.24		92,261	-	-	92,261	109,437
Surplus/(deficit) for this year end		(23,035)	-	-	(23,035)	(17,175)
Cash at bank & in hand 31.03.25		<b>69,227</b>	-	-	<b>69,227</b>	<b>92,261</b>

The statement of Receipts and payments includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

<b>Funds Reconciliation</b>	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	<b>Total 2025 £</b>	Total 2024 £
Cash at bank & in hand 31.03.24	92,261	-	<b>92,261</b>	109,437
Surplus/(deficit) for this year end	(23,035)	-	<b>(23,035)</b>	(17,175)
<b>Cash at bank &amp; in hand 31.03.25</b>	<b>69,227</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>69,227</b>	<b>92,261</b>

<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b>	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	<b>Total 2025 £</b>	Total 2024 £
Bank Current Account 1	22,070	-	<b>22,070</b>	40,879
Bank Current Account 2	12,479	-	<b>12,479</b>	16,721
Development ACC	1,040	-	<b>1,040</b>	1,023
	<b>35,588</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35,588</b>	<b>58,623</b>

<b>Other Assets</b>	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	<b>Total 2025 £</b>	Total 2024 £
Fixtures and Fittings	33,638	-	<b>33,638</b>	33,638
Loan to CIC	-	-	-	-
	<b>33,638</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>33,638</b>	<b>33,638</b>

<b>Liabilities</b>	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	<b>Total 2025 £</b>	Total 2024 £
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-

The financial statements were approved by the board Trustees on 30/01/2026 and were signed on their behalf by:



Martin McLaughlin  
Chairperson

30/01/2026

Date

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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**1 Generated Funds**

	2025			2024
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL	TOTAL
	£	£	£	£
Bank Interest & Bus Investment	17	-	17	15
NIWFA	-	1,010	1,010	1,465
Irish FA	-	-	-	5,986
Spoted Grant	-	1,000	1,000	500
<b>Totals 2025</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>2,010</b>	<b>2,027</b>	<b>7,966</b>
<b>Totals 2024</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>7,951</b>	<b>7,966</b>	

**2 Activities for generating funds**

	2025			2024
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL	TOTAL
	£	£	£	£
Sponsorship	950	-	950	7,615
Memberships	181,273	-	181,273	174,246
Leisure Wear	-	-	-	-
<b>Totals 2025</b>	<b>182,223</b>	-	<b>182,223</b>	<b>181,861</b>
<b>Totals 2024</b>	<b>181,861</b>	-	<b>181,861</b>	

**3 Payments on charitable activities**

	2025			2024
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL	TOTAL
	£	£	£	£
Equipment	2,628	-	2,628	2,265
Travel and Transport	-	-	-	-
Affiliation fees and Competitions	105,965	2,010	107,975	85,292
Leisurewear	31,086	-	31,086	38,620
Pitch Fees(inc training)	47,964	-	47,964	60,819
Sundry & Misc	1,800	-	1,800	1,630
Professional Fees	2,430	-	2,430	2,160
Running costs & Courses	13,072	-	13,072	15,991
IT Software	-	-	-	-
<b>Totals 2025</b>	<b>204,944</b>	<b>2,010</b>	<b>206,954</b>	<b>206,776</b>
<b>Totals 2024</b>	<b>198,825</b>	<b>12,834</b>	<b>211,659</b>	

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<b>4 Governance Costs</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
Accountancy	-	-	-	-
Bank Fees	331	-	331	227
<b>Totals 2025</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>227</b>
<b>Totals 2024</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>40</b>	

<b>5 Funds</b>	Balance at 1 April 24	Movement in Incoming	Resources Outgoing	Transfer of Funds	Balance at 31-Mar-25
	£	£	£	£	£
<b><u>Restricted funds</u></b>					
NIWFA	-	1,010	(1,010)	-	-
Sported Grant		1,000	(1,000)		
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,010</b>	<b>(2,010)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b><u>Unrestricted funds</u></b>					
General	92,261	182,240	(205,275)	-	69,227
	<b>92,261</b>	<b>182,240</b>	<b>(205,275)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>69,227</b>
<b>Total net asset funds</b>	<b>92,261</b>	<b>184,250</b>	<b>(207,285)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>69,227</b>

**6 Independent examiner's remuneration**

The independent Examiner's remuneration amounts to an Independent Examination fee of £180 (2023 - £180)

**7 Post-Balance Sheet Events**

None.

**8 Related Parties**

The Charity does not have any related parties.

**9 Trustees remuneration & expenses**

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration (2024 - £NIL).

During the year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind (2024 - £NIL).

During the year, no Trustees received any reimbursement of expenses (2024 - £NIL).