

## **Trustee's Annual report**

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2023. The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 2. The accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis.

### **Structure**

The organisation is an unincorporated association registered as a charity by the NI Charities Commission in March 2021 (registration number NIC 107675). Our governing document is our Constitution.

### **Objectives and Activities**

The objectives of the charity is to promote and encourage;

- The advancement of amateur football in the Cregagh area and surrounding communities within East Belfast
- The use of football to enhance the social development of young people in the Cregagh area and surrounding communities within East Belfast
- The use of football to promote community safety and good relations in the Cregagh area and surrounding communities within East Belfast

The direct benefits flowing from the organisation's purposes include:

- Increased physical activity levels, improved health, a more connected community and enhanced participation in amateur football
- Increased community connectivity, development of local partnerships and reduced social exclusion through a greater awareness of local opportunities available
- The provision of volunteer opportunities and skills development for local individuals. This in turn will ensure we can continue to provide health-promoting activities for the community
- Child welfare, safeguarding and the health and safety of our users.
- The promotion of inclusivity, equality and fairness, which will result in enhanced good relations and respect for diversity in our community.

### **Financial Review**

The organisations total income is up by £4,909 from last year. The main changes in income to last year include;

- Our income from grants increased by £843, a variance of almost 9%.
- We increased our sponsorship and fundraising income by £3,420 in comparison with the year previous, a 56% increase.

Our total expenditure for the year ending 31 August 2023 decreased by £4,823 from the year previous. The main changes in expenditure include;

- A decrease in kits and equipment expenses of £4,499 in comparison to the previous year, decreasing by nearly 37%
- Our pitch hire costs increased by £975, mainly from increased activity from the previous year.
- Expenditure on general costs fell by £1,121
- Coaching costs fell by 77%, £1,660, to reach a total of £500

This year's accounts show a total excess in expenditure over income of £2,663. The club used previously retained reserves from past years including the £7,069 surplus from 2022's annual financial accounts.

**Trustees' Statement of Compliance**

When designing our yearly objectives and targets and creating our plan of activities our trustees carefully and thoroughly considered the Charity Commission's advice and guidance on public benefit. This ensured that the activities and services we organised, managed and ran throughout the year were in line with the objectives of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland and guaranteed our charity's purposes were met.

This report was approved by the Trustees and is signed on its behalf by:

JULIE SMYTH

Club Treasurer