

**Knightswood Football Club**  
**Trustees' Report and Financial Statements**  
**For the Year Ended 30 September 2025**



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**Reference and Administration Details**

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**Charity Name** Knightswood Football Club

**Charity Number** SC047710

**Principal Address** 156 Golf Drive  
Old Drumchapel  
Glasgow  
G15 6SU

**Trustees** Gary Soave - *Chair*  
Angela Bitters  
William Edgar (*Resigned 6 January 2025*)  
Denise Mullen

**Bankers** Bank of Scotland  
836 Crow Road  
Glasgow  
G13 1ET

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Brett Nicholls Associates  
Herbert House  
24 Herbert Street  
Glasgow  
G20 6NB

## **Trustees' Annual Report**

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The trustees present their report and annual accounts for the year ended 30 September 2025.

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

#### *Governing Document*

The Charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) that is governed by its Club Constitution. The charity was granted charitable status on the 7 September 2017.

#### *Trustee Recruitment and appointment*

The charity's trustees are responsible for managing the club to run effectively and are fully committed and to make good decisions in the best interest of Knightswood FC. All of the charity's Trustees are appointed or reappointed by the members at the annual general meeting.

#### *Key Management Remuneration*

The management of the charity is undertaken by the trustees, who do so on a voluntary basis and so there was no remuneration paid to key management personnel in the year to 30 September 2025.

### **Objectives and Activities**

#### *Charitable purposes*

Knightswood Football Club is a community-based organisation committed to advancing participation in sport and improving the wellbeing of young people and adults through football. The club provides inclusive football training, coaching and playing opportunities for people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds. Through participation in sport, Knightswood FC promotes physical health, mental wellbeing, personal development, teamwork, confidence and life skills.

Our aim is to provide a safe, positive and welcoming environment where individuals can develop their potential, build social connections and improve their overall wellbeing. The club also works to raise awareness of mental health, encourage positive lifestyles and support community engagement through a range of sporting and educational activities. By removing barriers to participation and providing opportunities that are accessible to all, Knightswood Football Club seeks to advance amateur sport and deliver lasting benefits to the local community.

#### *Main Activities*

- Deliver structured football training and development programmes for boys, girls, young people and adults, designed to develop fundamental skills and help participants achieve their full potential both on and off the pitch.
- Foster teamwork, confidence, respect and inclusion by reinforcing the value of each individual's contribution through engaging, supportive and accessible training sessions.
- Promote and enhance physical health, mental wellbeing and social development as integral components of personal growth and participation in sport.
- Provide equal opportunities for participation regardless of age, gender, ability, background or circumstance, with a commitment to increasing opportunities for girls and women in football.
- Champion equality, diversity and inclusion by actively challenging discrimination and promoting positive attitudes through education, learning and community engagement initiatives.
- Support the development of life skills, leadership, volunteering and community involvement, helping individuals build confidence and reach their full potential both within football and in everyday life.

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### **Achievements and Performance**

#### Financial Inclusion and Affordability

Knightswood Football Club continued to support players and families experiencing financial hardship, ensuring that no child or participant was excluded from football due to financial barriers. Despite increasing facility hire charges, membership fees and operating costs, the club made the decision not to increase player fees during the year. Fundraising activities, sponsorship and community support were vital in enabling the club to continue delivering football opportunities and supporting player development across all age groups.

#### Growth and Participation

Participation increased significantly during the year, with the introduction of three additional age groups, continuing the club's commitment to expanding opportunities for both boys and girls. One of the club's most significant achievements was the launch of its first Ladies Team, creating an important pathway for girls and young women to progress from grassroots football into the senior game.

#### Player Development and Sporting Achievement

The Academy teams enjoyed a successful year both on and off the pitch, with several teams reaching semi-finals, finals and participating in tournaments across Scotland. While competitive success is celebrated, the club remains focused on player development, confidence building, teamwork and creating positive experiences that support the personal growth of all participants.

#### Community Partnerships and Facility Development

The club continued to strengthen relationships with local partners, community organisations and stakeholders, including ongoing collaboration with PMGC and other organisations. Significant progress was made in relation to the proposed redevelopment of football facilities within the Yoker area. Throughout the year, the club maintained a positive and proactive approach, working through the necessary planning, consultation and partnership processes to move towards securing the permissions required to improve and develop the grounds for the benefit of current and future generations.

#### Coach Development and Safeguarding

Knightswood Football Club continued to invest in coach development and governance. Coaches were supported to progress through coaching qualifications, maintain up-to-date PVG memberships and complete First Aid and Child Wellbeing and Protection training. Regular reviews and one-to-one support meetings were introduced to ensure high standards of coaching, safeguarding and welfare throughout the club. The club reviewed and updated its policies, procedures and governance arrangements to ensure compliance with Scottish Youth Football Association (SYFA) and Scottish Football Association (SFA) requirements. This work strengthened safeguarding, equality, inclusion and operational practices across the organisation.

#### Health, Wellbeing and Community Impact

The club remains committed to using football as a vehicle to improve physical health, mental wellbeing, confidence, life skills and community engagement. Through the dedication of its volunteers, coaches, players, parents and supporters, Knightswood Football Club has continued to provide a safe, welcoming and supportive environment where individuals of all ages and backgrounds can participate, develop and reach their full potential.

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**Achievements and Performance (Continued)**

Donated Facilities and Services

Knightswood Football Club continued to make a positive contribution to the wider community through a range of charitable and community-focused initiatives. The club operated a football boot and kit recycling scheme, collecting donated football boots and kit from members and redistributing them to individuals and organisations in need, including donations to the Kit for Africa initiative. This helped reduce barriers to participation in sport while promoting sustainability and reducing waste. The club also donated footballs to local youth organisations and provided football strips to support the establishment of a new walking football team at a local sports facility, helping to increase participation opportunities for older adults within the community.

In addition, the club supported local schools by offering coaching assistance, football activities and opportunities for teachers to engage in football development sessions, helping to encourage participation and physical activity among young people. During the Christmas period, the club organised a food bank collection campaign and raised awareness across all age groups regarding the importance of supporting local families experiencing hardship. The response from players, parents, coaches and volunteers was outstanding, resulting in a significant donation being delivered to the local food bank. Due to its success, this initiative will become an ongoing annual event within the club. These activities demonstrate the club's commitment to community development, social responsibility and supporting individuals both within and beyond football.

**Financial Review**

*Reserves Policy*

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted, free reserves at a level equivalent to three months running costs. Based on the year ended 30 September 2025, three month's ordinary expenditure amounts to £15,246 (2024: £19,477). At 30 September 2025, the charity held unrestricted reserves of £13,587 (2024: £6,916). The trustees are aware that this policy is not being met and aim to build unrestricted reserves through income generation.

*Financial Review*

The charity generated a net surplus of £6,671 for the year ended 30 September 2025 (2024: deficit of £6,500). Reserves stood at £13,587 as at 30 September 2025 (2024: £6,916) with all of these being unrestricted (2024: £6,916).

The trustees declare that they have approved the report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:



Gary Soave

Date: 19/06/2026

**Independent Examiner's Report**

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<b>Report to the trustees/members of</b>	Knightswood Football Club
<b>Registered charity number</b>	SC047710
<b>Accounts of the charity for the period</b>	1 October 2024 to 30 September 2025
<b>Set out on pages</b>	8-11

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner:**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of Independent Examiner's statement:**

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

**Independent Examiner's statement:**

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to:

- keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
- prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or

2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

  
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Date: 22 June 2026

**David Nicholls FCCA**

Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

Brett Nicholls Associates

Herbert House, 24 Herbert Street, Glasgow, G20 6NB

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**Receipts and Payments Account**

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		2025 <i>Total</i> £	2024 <i>Total</i> £
<b>Receipts</b>	<i>Notes</i>		
Fundraising Activities	3	1,270	4,430
Trading Income	4	40,430	39,620
Other	5	<u>25,955</u>	<u>27,358</u>
		<u>67,655</u>	<u>71,408</u>
<b>Payments</b>			
Charitable Activities Costs	6	7,974	7,089
Trading Costs	7	<u>53,010</u>	<u>70,819</u>
		<u>60,984</u>	<u>77,908</u>
<b>Net Receipts/-Payments</b>		<u><b>6,671</b></u>	<u><b>(6,500)</b></u>
<i>Funds Brought Forward</i>		6,916	13,416
<b>Funds Carried Forward</b>	9	<u><b>£13,587</b></u>	<u><b>£6,916</b></u>

All income and expenditure during the current and prior year arose in the General fund which is unrestricted.

The notes on pages 10 to 11 form an integral part of these accounts.

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Statement of Balances

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	<i>2025</i>	<i>2024</i>
	<i>Total</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>
Opening Cash and Bank Balances	6,916	13,416
<i>Surplus/-Deficit for the year</i>	<u>6,671</u>	<u>(6,500)</u>
Closing Cash and Bank Balances	<u>13,587</u>	<u>6,916</u>

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

  
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Angela Bitters

Date: 19/06/2026

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**Notes to the Accounts**

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**1. Basis of Preparation**

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

**2. General Information**

Knightswood Football Club ("the charity") is Scottish charitable incorporated organisation governed by its constitution dated 7 September 2017. It was registered as a charity in Scotland (registered number SC047710) on 7 September 2017. Its registered address is 156 Golf Drive, Old Drumchapel, Glasgow, G15 6SU.

**3. Fundraising**

	2025 <i>Total</i> £	2024 <i>Total</i> £
Events	1,270	4,430

**4. Trading Income**

	2025 <i>Total</i> £	2024 <i>Total</i> £
Football Cards	680	-
Training Fees	39,750	39,620
	40,430	39,620

**5. Other Income**

	2025 <i>Total</i> £	2024 <i>Total</i> £
Sponsorship	25,955	27,358

**6. Charitable Activities Costs**

	2025 <i>Total</i> £	2024 <i>Total</i> £
Accounts Preparation & Independent Examination	720	660
Advertising	247	202
Equipment	1,264	547
First Aid	160	260
Insurance	125	125
Software	-	2,616
Sponsorship	1,442	1,885
Printing, Postage & Stationery	79	22
Catering	51	167
Travel	850	-
Team Outing/Presentation	3,036	605
	7,974	7,089

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7. Trading Costs	2025	2024
	Total	Total
	£	£
Coaching	110	500
League Fees	822	950
Referee	335	600
Strips and merchandise	12,238	25,194
Tournaments	150	677
Training pitches and lets	39,355	42,898
	<u>53,010</u>	<u>70,819</u>

**8. Related Party Transactions**

There were no trustees' expenses, remuneration or other benefits paid for the year ended 30 September 2025 (2024: nil).

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 30 September 2025 (2024: nil).

9. Funds Analysis	Opening Balance			Closing Balance	
	01 Oct 24	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	30 Sep 25
<b>General Funds</b>	<u>£6,916</u>	<u>£67,655</u>	<u>£60,984</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£13,587</u>

**Purposes of Funds**

General Fund - there is only one unrestricted fund, the General fund for day-to-day running of the charity.