REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: SC050958

Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 April 2022 for Glasgow Saints

Glasgow Saints

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For the Year Ended 30 April 2022

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 30 April 2022

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 April 2022. 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 2015).

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
Registered Charity number
SC050958

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Trustees
Chairperson: Emma Jones (Founding Member)
Secretary: Robert Simpson
Treasurer: Hanif Robinson (Founding Member)
HR Director: Liam Cairney (Founding Member)
Sporting Director: Kyle Burgess (Founding Member)
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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 30 April 2022

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governance:

Glasgow Saints is a registered SCIO and is governed by its Constitution. The Constitution is circulated (along with the Treasurers Report) to the full Glasgow Saints membership in advance of every Annual General Meeting, and is approved or edited by majority decision. This recorded process is carried out by way of secure online balloting.

Trustees:

Glasgow Saints operates under a two-tier structure. The Board is elected by, and accountable to a wider body of ordinary members. All six Trustees listed in this report have served the full 21/22 year since the last Annual General Meeting of 2021. Only one other member has served on the Glasgow Saints Board during this time - Mr Allan Baird, who was co-opted under clause 63 of the Constitution by the Trustees, to serve a period of two months as Financial Director. This term expired in advance of the Annual General Meeting of 2022. Appointment to The Board of Glasgow Saints lasts until the following Annual General Meeting when seated Trustees are required to be re-elected by the membership should they wish to remain in post. All members are given the opportunity to apply for all positions on the Glasgow Saints Board of Trustees for the upcoming year. Any member which is a corporate body may also nominate any individual for election to the Board, subject to clause 63.2 of the Constitution. This process commences six weeks prior to an Annual General Meeting when full Board role specifications are forwarded to the membership. Online applications are invited and Trustees are elected by majority decision. This recorded process is carried out by way of secure online balloting. New and remaining Trustees are confirmed at the Annual General Meeting.

Founding Members:

Unless in the case of voluntary retirement these members retain permanent Board rights**.**

Management:

The Glasgow Saints Board of Trustees convene once every 8 weeks and are responsible for the Charities governance, financial decision making and strategic direction. Follow-up meetings between Trustees are held as and when they are called. All Glasgow Saints Trustee meetings are minuted, with minutes stored securely and forwarded to members on request.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Our story

Football:

Glasgow Saints Football Club began in early 2020 as a passion project. A group of people brought together in the East End of Glasgow to create a football environment unlike any other. An environment free from hate, free from negativity. An attempt to free competitive football from the stigma that modern day football carries with it, and to prove to others that it can in fact be done.

Community:

The City of Glasgow is diverse and there remains to this day pockets of depravation and hardship. As a club we recognised this and made it a founding aim to work towards equality; not only within our own structure, but out in our community also. We have campaigned to raise awareness and have fundraised tirelessly towards helping to alleviate food poverty and isolation; two matters that greatly affect our local area. It was these founding ambitions that led us to register Glasgow Saints as a Charitable organisation (SCIO) in 2021.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES CONT.

Our Ethos

We are a club with a strong sense of self. We are socially conscious and pride ourselves on our identity. We are passionate about, and committed to our cause of anti-discrimination. We encourage inclusivity and positive social engagement. We provide opportunities for people of all backgrounds to play and support football in the right spirit of the game. We provide opportunities for people of all backgrounds to come together in the community. We are a safe, welcoming, progressive space. We are here to serve our community, and in doing so, hope to inspire and encourage others to do the same. We promote acceptance and fervently oppose any form of hate speech. It is this passion and commitment that has defined us from day one, and it is this passion and commitment that continues to propel our club forward.

Our Objectives

Constitutional Purpose:

The advancement of public participation in the sport of football.

▸ To provide a sporting environment free from negativity, hate and discrimination.

▸ To navigate social and economic disparity by providing unrestricted access to sport regardless of personal characteristics or circumstance.

▸ To encourage participation in sport in order to facilitate both physical and mental wellbeing. ▸ To embolden people from differing backgrounds to come together by fostering a welcoming space and promoting cross-cultural engagement.

▸ To promote professional talking therapy, empowering individuals to overcome hardships and accomplish wellness.

▸ To increase awareness of the plight of refugees and asylum seekers and to facilitate and encourage integration into communities through sport.

▸ To alleviate food poverty and isolation and to campaign for, and support, fellow charities and community groups in our area in order to achieve this end.

Our Activities

Football:

Glasgow Saints carries out structured football training sessions and football fitness sessions three nights a week (Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday) for over 120 male and female players. Competitive squads play match fixtures on Sundays. Players who can afford to contribute to pitch costs do so by way of monthly sub or donation into the Charities account. This model has been instrumental in Glasgow Saints becoming fully self-sufficient. Payments are however not mandated, they are voluntary, and any player on low or no income is not expected to contribute, either to these costs or that of other training outgoings - attire etc. Glasgow Saints subsidises any shortfall in football finances with external sponsorship payments and merchandise sales, allowing for the club to welcome players regardless of their financial standing. In the year that this report relates to, Glasgow Saints strip sponsorship belonged to Tennents Lager and training sponsorship to Commonwealth Dental, The Palais Bar and Milnbank Housing Association. Glasgow Saints are extremely grateful for their support.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES CONT.

Community:
Glasgow Saints in the Community is an extremely important faction of our organisation. Led by a Director on the Board of Trustees, Glasgow Saints in the Community regularly carries out community initiatives based around the clubs founding ambitions. Volunteers are recruited from both within and out-with the sporting side of the club.

Recent activities have included:
- Community Litter-Picking,
- Community Kitchen Events,
- Community Activity-Led Events,
- Community Fundraisers,
- Community Food and Clothing Donation Drives.

Glasgow Saints has also teamed up and supported many community groups, charities and organisations within our local area and beyond, in order to provide direct, targeted assistance to those especially in need. This has proved an extremely successful model and is something we will continue to participate in.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

G.S.F.C were formed with the promise that we would be committed to playing football in the true spirit of the game, ensuring our competitive approach would always be underpinned by the true values of sport; respect, equality and fairness. We upheld this promise and as a result we were inundated with players from varying backgrounds and cultures, players tired of previous clubs where discrimination and verbal abuse seemed commonplace, players keen to be involved in a new club with a welcoming attitude and a refreshing outlook. Our exponential growth, allowing for hundreds of players to gain access to sport, is something we view as one of the club's greatest achievements to date.

Dennistoun Saints 2021
Based on our growth, and in order to continue providing access to as many players as possible, it became apparent very quickly that Glasgow Saints would need to create a second competitive mens squad. Dennistoun Saints was thus formed and have been competing along side Glasgow Saints in the GCCL Sunday league ever since. Both teams regularly train together in order to ensure club cohesion, although a friendly rivalry can be witnessed on derby days.

Glasgow Saints Women 2022
A founding ambition of the club was always to introduce a competitive women's team and Glasgow Saints Women have gone from strength to strength following their inception. The squad's enthusiasm is sky high, and their ability follows suit. Unfortunately, opportunities within the women's amateur game aren't currently as readily available as those within the men's, and this is an ongoing challenge the club faces. We hope to be able to report on further achievements in bringing equality to the women's game in next year's Treasurer's Report.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE CONT.

Community Football Sessions
Glasgow Saints have been running community drop-in football sessions free of charge or by donation for both male and female players, in order to encourage participation and wellbeing. Sessions are coached by experienced volunteers and this is often how players are introduced to our club, with many progressing on to one of the three competitive squads. Feedback from these sessions has been entirely positive and funds permitting, our plan is to continue with this model of sporting engagement.

Community Engagement
Through club encouragement, many of the Glasgow Saints player members have committed to 1 hour of voluntary work per month. This can be achieved by participating in any of the club's community engagement programmes or by carrying out their own community initiatives. The increase in voluntary hours since this was introduced has been ten-fold and the initiative is viewed by the club as being hugely beneficial to both participant and benefactor.

Counselling sessions
Glasgow Saints regularly harnesses our enthusiasm and love for sport to create positive change by bringing people together, encouraging positive relationships and promoting physical and mental wellbeing. So it was a natural progression when we introduced access to talking therapy sessions, with a fully qualified Glasgow based counsellor, for player members who felt they would benefit from the service. Sessions are fully funded by the club, can be anonymous and full membership rollout will be complete by year end 2022.

Litter-Picking
Glasgow Saints have organised both squad and community litter picks on numerous occasions over the last year. Volunteers have managed to remove an incredible 270 bags of rubbish from the streets within our local area.

Food and Clothing Donations
To the end of the financial year this report relates to, Glasgow Saints have donated approximately 96 full crates of food and clothing to our friends at The Everlasting Foodbank and Kindness Homeless Street Team. These services provide a real lifeline to many people in our area, and we are committed to continuing this practice for as long as we're able to.

Crowdfunding
The squad have carried out multiple crowdfunding campaigns since formation in 2020. £1,090.68 was raised through sponsored runs totalling the distance between all of Scotland's SPL grounds, for local charity Nil by Mouth, helping them to provide free education in schools in what is their ongoing effort to eradicate bigotry in Scotland. £5,000 was raised for The Everlasting Foodbank's free kids meals campaign after their Easter Holiday budget was cut at short notice. Added to the £1,360 previously transferred in monthly donations, an incredible £6,360 was sent by Glasgow Saints up to the financial year ending 30.4.22.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE CONT.

Merchandise Sales
Online merchandise sales of our 'anti-hate' t-shirts allowed Glasgow Saints to contribute £740.80 to The Glasgow Night Shelter - a shelter for destitute asylum seekers. Proceeds from merchandise also allowed us to transfer £740 (topped up to £1,000 thanks to £260 from team sponsor 'The Gate') to Kindness Homeless Street Team in order for them to provide hot food from their nightly stand at George Square. All of these organisations do fantastic work for Glasgow's most vulnerable and we're proud to have been able to support them in their efforts.

Community Activity Campaigns
GSFC teamed up with local crafting group and team sponsors 'Dennistoun Makers' and 'Fearless Space' to fund, create and distribute 204 free 'craft bags' to residents within the local area. The idea was to create a welcome distraction to the Covid-19 Pandemic; using the bags as positive mental stimulus. The campaign was extended after receiving additional funding from The Dennistoun Community Council, Parent Network Scotland and Main Street Medical. It was so well received that it formed the basis for one of Glasgow Saints' upcoming community kitchen events.

Community Kitchen Events
On the 13th of June 2021, GSFC hosted its first of three community kitchen events at the Reidvale Community Centre, Dennistoun. This had been an ambition since day one, however, owing to lockdowns we faced delays in being able to roll out the service. Having received £750.00 in funding from 'The Wee G' Community Grant, we focused the first event on providing hot food and warm company to those in need of it. Although the event was openly advertised by way of posters and flyers distributed around the community and online, we gave special promotion and specific targeting to people we believed would benefit most from the services we were providing. Our local foodbanks distributed flyers within their food parcels, local housing associations directly communicated with their vulnerable users and fellow charities supporting minority groups signposted people to us through their own community engagement. Due to government restrictions on inside gathering in place at the time, our first community kitchen event was a slight compromise on how we had originally planned it, although good weather allowed us to provide outside seating. 25 wellbeing bags containing food and family activity packs were also available for anyone to take away and although the need for these on the day proved to be relatively low, we were able to distribute all remaining bags immediately post-event to the youth club at Reidvale and The Everlasting Foodbank.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE CONT.

Community Kitchen Events
Event 2:
After three postponements due to government lockdowns and restrictions, Glasgow Saints were finally able to hold our second community kitchen event in March of 2022. At this time, public focus was on the devastating effect that Russia's invasion of Ukraine was having on millions of innocent civilians, and the sad reality for millions of Afghans plunged into food poverty by the Taliban takeover. Our events were designed and funded in order to help our own Glasgow communities, but Glasgow is widely known for being a friendly, welcoming, generous city and the people of Glasgow often give, even when they can little afford to, so we concluded that what would bring us all together at this time, was our combined desire to help others. Our free community kitchen event was therefore combined with a bake sale fundraiser towards the DEC Ukraine and Afghanistan appeals, and we were completely inundated with local residents on the day. Eager to still appeal to a wide range of people, we advertised the event in the same way we advertised the first, with slight variations to flyers and posters depending on where they were being distributed. Glasgow Saints spent no money; either our own or from the Wee-G fund, towards the bake sale fundraiser. All baked goods were donated by local bakeries as well as many individuals from within and out-with our organisation. Our volunteer chef had prep'd to cater for 60 people and had to make a second batch half way through the day. The event was a great success, as well as being the first time in a while that we had witnessed people sitting together outside, conversing with people they knew, people they didn't know and almost forgetting the negative reasons behind them being there; Covid-19, war, famine. It was an emotive event, but one that will stay in our memories for a long time. We raised £1,533.53 in two and a half hours for the DEC. Glasgow Saints plans to follow up these events with one further community kitchen activity, as per its request for funding, and will publish the outcome within the 22/23 Treasurer's Report.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy
The charity's total reserves amounted to £4,015; this includes £110 of restricted funds, meaning that there was a total of £3,905 unrestricted funds available to spend as at the report date.

Reserves that are not classified as restricted funds will be utilised in further pursuit of the Charity's aims. This is carried out in line with the Glasgow Saints charitable purpose outlined in the Constitution, as well as our community objectives.

Reserve funds are primarily held within the Glasgow Saints Paypal account, with the Charity's Bank of Scotland account used for day to day running. The Charity aims to hold around £3,000 in reserve funds in order to be able to cover two full months of its current level of standing orders. This remains under constant review as the club and its activities expand. It is expected that Reserve funds will need to increase in the upcoming months, in line with increases to monthly outgoings.

Deficits
Glasgow Saints has no deficit and has to date, never defaulted on a payment.

Additional Information and Future Plans
Glasgow Saints is a completely volunteer-led charity. We have to date, never paid any of our volunteers for their services. Our success since inception has entirely been down to the commitment and selflessness shown by our Board, our sporting and community volunteers, our players, our supporters, our families and friends.

Glasgow Saints was set up by members of the current Board, none of whom had any previous experience of creating or running a charity, however, we are exceptionally proud of what we have achieved in our relatively short existence. We have grown far quicker than anticipated, and our popularity within Glasgow has surpassed even our own initial expectations. Our intention from now is to carry on building on the club's current foundation. We are hopeful that we will be able to achieve solid financial stability, allowing for further expansion of services both on and off the field in the next financial year. To do this we will look to bolster our Board with individuals versed in strategic financial planning and charitable fundraising. It is anticipated that this will provide us with the in-house capacity to apply for any funding or grants that we fit the entitlements for. If we can successfully combine our current self-sufficient model of income generated from sporting donations, sponsorship and merchandise sales with additional sources of revenue from external funding, the resulting financial stability of Glasgow Saints will ensure the future of this very special club.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 20 Jan 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Hanif Robinson - Treasurer

Glasgow Saints

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees
for the Year Ended 30 April 2022

I report on the accounts for the year ended 30 April 2022 set out on pages eight to fourteen.

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) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity's trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(a) to (c) 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 the independent examiner's report
My examination was 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 seeking explanations from you as 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 and audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement
In connection with 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
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with Regulation 8 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.

Gareth G Curle

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22 Backbrae Street
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Date: 20 Jan 2023

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Statement of Financial Affairs
for the Year Ended 30 April 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	30.04.22 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM				
Donations and legacies		**17,119**	**-**	**17,119**
Other trading income		**2,908**	**2,246**	**5,154**
Total		**20,027**	**2,246**	**22,273**
EXPENDITURE ON				
Raising funds		**533**	**-**	**533**
Charitable activities		**15,589**	**2,136**	**17,725**
Total		**16,122**	**2,136**	**18,258**
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		3,905	110	4,015
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward		**-**	**-**	**-**
		3,905	**110**	**4,015**

CONTINUING OPERATIONS
All income and expenditure has arisen from continuing activities

All form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet
for the Year Ended 30 April 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	30.04.22 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash at bank and in hand		**4,865**	**110**	**4,975**
		4,865	**110**	**4,975**
CREDITORS				
Amounts falling due within one year	**5**	**960**	**-**	**960**
NET CURRENT ASSETS		**3,905**	**110**	**4,015**
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		**3,905**	**110**	**4,015**
NET ASSETS		**3,905**	**110**	**4,015**
FUNDS	**6**			
Unrestricted funds				**3,905**
Restricted funds				**110**
TOTAL FUNDS				**4,015**

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 20 Jan 2023 **and were signed on its behalf by:**

Hanif Robinson - Treasurer

All form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charity, 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 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income
All income 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.

The opening balances on the charity's bank accounts (pre SCIO registration) have been treated as donations as per OSCR guidance.

Expenditure
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the 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.

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

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

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 funds is included in the notes to the financial statements.

1. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

	30.04.22 £
Trustees' Remuneration	-
Trustees' Social Security	-
Trustees' Employer Pension Contributions	-
Expenses	-

2. STAFF COSTS

There were no employees during the year.

3. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES 2022 (GLASGOW SAINTS FOOTBALL)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	17,119	-	17,119
Other trading income	2,908	2,246	5,154
Total	**20,027**	**2,246**	**22,273**
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Raising funds	2,223	-	2,223
Charitable activities	13,899	2,136	16,035
Total	**16,122**	**2,136**	**18,258**
NET INCOME	**3,905**	**110**	**4,015**
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	**-**	**-**	**-**
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	**3,905**	**110**	**4,015**

4. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	30.04.22
	£
Accruals	960
	960

5. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 10.05.21	Net movement in funds	At 30.04.22
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	-	3,905	3,905
Restricted funds	-	110	110
TOTAL FUNDS	**-**	**4,015**	**4,015**

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

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	20,027	(16,122)	3,905
Restricted funds			
Restricted	2,246	(2,136)	110
TOTAL FUNDS	**22,273**	**(18,258)**	**4,015**

6. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 30 April 2022.

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Reconciliation of Income and Expenditure
for the Year Ended 30 April 2022

		30.04.22		
		£		
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS				
Donations and legacies				
Donations and legacies		3,680		
Fees		10,960		
Football Strips		660		
Membership		1,419		
Sponsorship		400		
		17,119		
Other trading income				
Fundraising		2,246		
Merchandise		2,908		
		5,154		
Total incoming resources		22,273		
EXPENDITURE				
Raising funds				
Community Events		533		
Charitable activities				
Advertising		70		
Donations		275		
Fundraising		1,690		
Health and Safety		52		
Pitch Fees		5,876		
Postage and stationery		96		
Professional Fees		1,150		
Purchases		4,035		
Referee Fees		3,462		
Subscriptions		59		
		17,298		
Support costs				
Governance costs				
Accountancy and legal fees		960		
Total Resources Expended		18,258		
Net Income		4,015		