

# 2023/24 Treasurer's Report



## Financial Headlines

- Income vs Expenditure shows **surplus of £22,234.98** for season 23-24.
- This is *before* the further commitment of **£25,000** made to the Guiseley School 4G project. We remain on track to meet our overall commitment to the project.
- This compares to a surplus of £2,529.29 in season 22-23.
- Cost pressures have increased hugely over the last 2/3 years (pitches, courses, ref fees) and as a result we increased the membership fee for Season 23-24 to £160.
- However, we have increased provision for all teams with a greater number of weeks provided (now exclude only Christmas holidays and Easter weekend itself).
- This means the membership fee of £160 translates to a cost of £4.10 per week to cover all training and match day facilities, equipment, league fees, ref fees, courses, cups, tournaments, and anything else needed to run the club!

## Expenditure

- Of all the money spent:
  - 75% - facilities for training and matches
  - 11% - equipment to use
  - 6% - courses for managers
  - 3% - league fees
  - 3% - ref fees**= 98% on playing activities.**
  - +1% - tournaments (choice to support teams)
  - <1% - Other – e.g., website/admin/audit fees.
- Our current costs to run the club are just 0.7% - less than £750 in total – thanks to all our volunteer coaches and committee who help to run the club for free.
- Total spend on pitches/facilities up c85% since season 19-20 (£82k vs £44k)
- Lots of good reasons:
  - Invested in different and better facilities for training and match days.
  - Increased provision – ie more weeks to all teams - longer season in effect.
  - Much more all-weather provision to guarantee playing time, especially for matches that otherwise would not have happened on grass.
  - This season we made a big commitment to Benton Park (expensive) - but this has increased the number of training slots/match day provision.
  - In particular, 9v9 boys have really benefited compared to poor grass pitch provision available from the local authorities.
  - Also provided AWP provision to our girls' teams, playing 11v11 format as those teams that started a few years ago now become older!
- **Challenge:** increased facility rates in the market (£/hr up c40% across the board over last 3 years and further increases being highlighted...)
- **To illustrate:** if we returned to playing matches only on grass pitches, we would have a much-reduced cost base, but a significantly lower number of matches and training slots, and therefore less playing time for all children. The investment over the last 10-15 years has simply not been there as councils have needed to cut costs.

## Summary

A very good year for the club on/off the pitch, and we remain well placed to invest in the Guiseley School 4G project which will significantly improve facilities for children in the local area.