

Great Britain Deaf Football (GBDF)



ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

31 August 2025



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For the year ended 31 August 2025

The GBDF Executive committee are pleased to present their report and the financial statements of Great Britain Deaf Football ("GBDF") for the year 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the financial statements and comply with GBDF's constitution

As GBDF are considering becoming a charity, in preparation for this, this report and accounts will be done as per GBDF's constitution, and as far as is reasonably possible, to the standards expected of a charity.

AIMS AND ACTIVITIES

Aims

GBDF's Aims are to:

- *Facilitate the smooth transition of deaf footballers to elite football from club to international level and provide leadership, support and advice on all aspects, including but not limited to deaf eligibility, competition entry, selection of players, managers and coaches in partnership with the National Associations.*
- *Promote the ethos of deaf football and ensure fair play, respect and integrity while adhering to the rules and regulations of each Home Nations parent body, England FA, Northern Ireland FA, Scotland FA, and Wales FA in partnership.*
- *Monitor and follow the Service Level Agreement with each Football Association for the management and delivery of the World Class Pathway Plan for deaf football at Home Nations or Great Britain level, including other organisations such as GBDF and UKDS.*
- *Safeguard the assets of GBDF, namely its reputation, brand and other associated intellectual properties.*

Activities

GBDF is a voluntary organisation whose main aim is to enable participation in international football tournaments, when Great Britain as opposed to the UK Home nations are taking part.

GBDF will also work with each of the Deaf Football bodies for the Home Nations such as England Deaf Football (EDF), Wales Deaf Football Association (WDFFA) and Scotland Deaf Football Association (SDFA). Currently there is no active body for Northern Ireland, however GBDF will work with such a body if one is set up in the future.

The main activities that GBDF can carry out are:

- a) providing funding, support and training for the GBDF squads



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- b) training coaches, mentors, teachers, parents and others so that they can understand and help people with the challenges of deafness and related disabilities
- c) to foster, initiate and develop projects concerned with football management and leadership with deaf needs

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The main activities carried out during 2024/25 were

Production of the UKDS Football framework.

GBDF worked with UKDS and provided valuable insight and feedback which fed into the production and delivery of the UKDS football framework. This document contains a list of action points that need to be carried out; GBDF will play a full part in this process.

Partnership agreement with UKDS

GBDF signed a partnership agreement with UKDS. As part of this, GBDF have committed to reviewing and reworking their current practices and processes to meet the requirements for achieving the Sports England Tier 1 Governance standard

Revised GBDF Constitution

To meet the standard required by the Football Framework and the partnership agreement with UKDS, GBDF have reviewed and updated their constitution to make it fit for purpose. The main thrust of the updated constitution is to clarify the membership process and voting rights as well as the intention to enable the Home Nations Deaf Football bodies to play a full part in the management of GBDF as long each one meets the requirements as outlined in the document.

2025 Deaflympics

GBDF played a full and active part in enabling the GBDF Women's squad to qualify for the 2025 Deaflympics in Tokyo by beating Poland at Hadley FC, Stoke on Trent.

GBDF have supported both Mens and Women's squads in setting up a coaching and administrative team for both squads and providing central support for marketing, logistics and fundraising efforts.

The fund-raising efforts so far has been very successful, with £149,826.68 coming through as of the 31st August 2025. However as £240,000 was our target there is a further £90,000 to go.

2026 U23 Deaf Football World Championships

GBDF have set up a U23 squad to participate in the U23 Deaf Football World Championships in Serbia during May 2026. GBDF have supported the U23 squads in setting up a coaching and administrative team for both squads and providing central support for marketing, logistics and fundraising efforts.



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2026 European Deaf Youth Games (EDYG)

The 2026 European Deaf Youth Games will be held in Hannover, Germany during August 2026. Futsal is one of the sports that will be part of these games. As Great Britain are the participating body for these games and the fact we run the GBDF U23 football team which will have a number of players eligible, GBDF are taking the lead in setting up the framework for a futsal squad to be set up and managed for these games.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

GBDF's financial position is very strong, and the year has ended with sufficient funds to enable administrative and web support work to continue for the next few years. However recent events have shown that an onerous amount of administrative works is needed to support all squads, and this cannot be managed by the volunteers alone. Hence, GBDF cannot rest and will need ensure sufficient funds are generated to enable bring in in part time staff to manage this workload and ensure that the administrative and web support work can continue for following years.

GBDF has no firm policy regarding reserves as the organisation does not have employees nor any ongoing financial commitments. The policy of the organisation is not to undertake any arrangements or financial commitments unless the funds are already in place.

STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

GBDF is a voluntary organisation and is governed by the rules and processes as laid out in its constitution

Recruitment of Committee members is done through a variety of methods, ensuring this meets the principle as laid down in the constitution, such as word of mouth and personal recommendation; via partner organisations; employee volunteer schemes and advertising. Committee members are selected for what they can contribute to DSFF.

REGISTERED ADDRESS

As of 31 August 2025, there was no recognised registered or correspondence address. However, as part of the process in applying for charitable status, this will be determined

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive committee are:

Martin Willis - Chair
Sharon Hirshman – Vice Chair
Nick Gregory – Treasurer
Michael Boyne
Roanna Simmons



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This report was approved by the Executive Committee at the Annual General meeting on the 12 November 2025 and was signed for and on behalf of the Executive Committee by:

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Martin Willis – Chair

Date:



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GBDF INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FROM 1ST SEPTEMBER 2024 to YEAR ENDING 31ST AUGUST 2025

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2025 Total Funds
	£	£	£
Funds Carried Forward	58,954.32	0.00	58,954.32
Ticket Sales for GB v Poland	972.50		972.50
Sponsorship of GB v Poland	1000.00		1000.00
Expenses	59.50		59.50
Donations	149,826.68	10,000.00	159,826.68
Kit and Equipment	1,443.01		1,443.01
Accommodation	1,585.00		1,585.00
Technical Equipment	363.10		363.10
Mentoring Support	11,041.67		11,041.67
Tokyo Accommodation	3,200		3,200
Thailand Deposit	6,000		6,000
Total Incoming Resources	234,436.78	10,000.00	244,436.78
Resources Expended			
Accommodation	20,454.75		20,454.75
Kit & Equipment	16,875.71		16,875.71
Medical Supplies	837.36		837.36
Website	21.48		21.48
Software	386.71		386.71
Expenses	2,080.26		2,080.26
Insurance	979.17		979.17
Pitch Hire	642.00		642.00
Technical Equipment	1,717.20		1,717.20
Office Goods	3.90		3.90
Bank Charges	55.40		55.40
Travel for Poland	1,450.00		1,450.00
Fees	2,900.00		2,900.00
Tokyo Accommodation	102,543.00		102,543.00
Thailand Deposit	4,057.00		4,057.00
Total Resources Expended	155,003.94	0.00	155,003.94
Net Movement in Funds			
Funds Brought Forward at 1st September 2024	58,954.32	0.00	58,954.32
Funds Carried Forward at 31st August 2025	79,432.84	10,000.00	89,432.84



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GBDF BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST AUGUST 2025

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2025 Total Funds
	£	£	£
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash in Bank	79,432.84	10,000.00	89,432.84
Creditors – Account Due within one year			
Net Current Assets	79,432.84	10,000.00	89,432.84
Total Assets	79,432.84	10,000.00	89,432.84

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Martin Willis – Chair

Date:

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Nick Gregory – Treasurer

Date: