



South Central Hockey Ltd

Finance Report Season 2025/26
For the period ended 30 April 2026

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Company Information

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Hatty Wood

James Mitchell
Mark Cumming
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Report of the Directors

The directors present their report with the financial statements of the company for the period 1st May 2025 to 30th April 2026. Unaudited, as per the scrutineer's report.

INCORPORATION

The company was incorporated on 2 June 2021

PRINCIPLE ACTIVITY

The principal activity of the company in the period under review was the management of hockey activities in the South Central region of England

DIRECTORS

Jacqueline Barlow - Chair

Hatty Wood - Vice Chair

James Mitchell - Finance

Mark Cumming - Governance

Stephen Smyth - Operations

In accordance with the Articles of Association, 2 directors offer themselves for election at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

Mr James Mitchell – Director

20th May 2026

Scrutineers Report

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Scrutineers Report for May 2025 - April 2026

Finance Director's Commentary

SCH AGM 2026 FINANCE REPORT

SUMMARY OF YEAR 2025-26

The fiscal year has been another busy one for the South Central Hockey Finance. The Budget in 2025/26 was set with the intention of being break-even. SCH concluded the year with cash in the bank of £49,686 (PY £62,366), of which £32,584 is ring fenced funds supporting officiating and junior hockey. Revenue for the year was £110,882 (PY £129,042). Expenses for the year £117,608 (PY £126,165). QuickBooks again has proven invaluable. GMS has not moved on at all in terms of assisting regions in managing their financial administration any better. SCH has invested in Umpires, Junior hockey, Masters hockey & paying more people to manage hockey (outside of the committee). Thus SCH has invested £6,726 from reserves in SC Hockey.

There have been the following purposeful investments in the year:

- Subsidising of parts of hockey in the SC Area. State schools hockey, Junior competitions, indoor junior & adult umpiring (Umpiring, pitch hire, trophies) £3,921
- Investment in Umpire Equipment £2,720 (Shirts)
- Investment into Masters Hockey 2026 Tournament £2,587

Activity occurred in the year:

- Complying with HMRC and Companies House filing for SCH Ltd
- Working with the scrutineer on the accounts audit
- Raising invoices to clubs for Membership, League fees, and Appointed Umpire fees
- Managing Fines to clubs through the QuickBooks tool
- Managing Debtors through the QuickBooks tool
- Paying umpires' expenses (496 expense claims processed)
- Administering schools competitions & masters competitions
- Paying expenses for pitch hire and other SC hockey-related invoices

Payments have been OK from clubs, but universities always pay late. A better process is needed for universities' payments next season.

To date, the Finance Director and Finance Admin role has been carried out by a single person (The Finance Director) with no extra cost of admin staff – hence keeping SCH cost base low. My plea to all clubs / SCH leaders wishing to use the finance team is :

Clubs

- Make sure your correct treasurer email address is in GMS and also the details also communicated to finance@southcentral.hockey
- Please pay your bills on time or contact us to discuss. Please do not *just NOT pay*
- Add invoice numbers to all bank transfers, to ensure correct invoice reconciliation
- Ignoring bills until you are chased is not acceptable. Fines can be levied for late payment.

Umpires

- Ensure the SCH treasurer has your BACS details
- Claim your expenses on time and certainly by the end of April
- Join the England Hockey Officiating Club at the appropriate level (Bronze (free), Silver or Gold)

Other Stakeholders

For any projects that you undertake (School tournament, Masters tournament etc.) please complete one of the 'Fiscal Control' forms that have been published. i.e. a list of What, how much, when, etc

Cash Situation in Bank is being held for other parts of SC Hockey

- Claire Wilkinson & Pete Atkins Charitable Trust £18,498 (PY £18,764) (Hampshire)
- HUA Account £14,085 (PY £10,190) (Berks, Bucks, Oxon)
- Income £5,880 from OHUA account to SCH account in September 2025, income from interest £132
- Invested £2,117 on Umpire development program

Note in May 2026, after the YE 2025-26 accounts closed £17,374 was transferred into this account from the closure of the Southern Counties Hockey Umpire Association.

EXCEPTIONAL COMMENTS:

INCOME

- £5,880 Funds transfer from closed OHUA to be ring-fenced in the SC accounts for Umpire Development
- League Fees collected £14,040 (PF £15,690) fewer teams in league
- £2,250 (PY £5,917) Fines reduced year on year
- Umpire Income (£70,290) minus Umpire Expense (£71,583) has been subsidised £1,293
- School Hockey subsidising by SC Hockey (Umpires costs and waived entry fees)

EXPENDITURE

SC Hockey has chosen to invest in hockey in the following areas :

- Junior tournament umpires, umpire training website & content £3,921
- Umpire Equipment (Shirts) £2,720
- Consultancy £7,320 (PY £9,322) was associated with non-committee members being paid a consultancy fee for administration undertaken to manage hockey activities – a significant change was the purchasing service to manage junior and school hockey
- Pitch Hire £10,070 (PY £10,758) Play off £895, Masters £2,288, Juniors/state school £6,887
- SCH again chose to pay the SCH Master Tournament fees this year, and sponsor hockey for masters; some new kit was purchased this year £377
- SCH continues to subsidise junior hockey with lower league fees and zero umpire fees at junior tournaments and games. SC sends umpires to all junior & school events at zero cost to the participants
- Office Supplies were £1,671 (PY £1,081), Postage, Accounting tools, ALMC software, printer ink, postage
- Trophies £2,753 School, In2Hockey, League pennants, Masters trophies
- Donations £1,790 (PY £0) Basingstoke fire damage, IoW storm damage pitch repair fund, Trojans/Oxford Hawks & Aylesbury Hockey outreach programs
- Entertainment £2,682 (PY £1,719) Volunteer thank-you, Pro-league, ALMC, Umpire Development day, Officiating leadership, South Central Play off day
- Technology was GMS, OMS, and IT systems annual charges

Hardship Fund

Reminder, there is a modest hardship fund available to clubs from EH for financial support to be able to continue to play hockey.

Board Comment on Isle of Wight discussion

The Board have reflected on the data from the 2024–25 season, one thing is clear: there are no easy answers. Travel to and from the Isle of Wight is shaped by the rhythm of fixtures each year, making it difficult to define any consistent baseline. For Hampshire clubs, this is not unfamiliar territory. Isle of Wight HC has been part of the landscape since its formation in 2010, and travel has long been a factor woven into the fabric of competition.

Clubs already anticipate and plan for these commitments within their annual budgets, including journeys to the island. At the same time, it is important to recognise the significant and ongoing burden borne by Isle of Wight HC, who make the return trip to the mainland week after week.

While reduced fares have been secured through frequent travel, the reality remains that transporting multiple adult teams alongside junior fixtures represents a substantial and sustained cost for Isle of Wight HC.

With all of this in mind, the Board's conclusion is a considered one. Rather than introducing a standard travel subsidy, we believe the current approach remains appropriate. However, where clubs find themselves under genuine financial strain as a result of these demands, there remains a clear route for support through the hardship fund.

HUA ACCOUNT COMMENTS

Statement from Simon Milford ref Umpire Development Funds

The HUA ring-fenced funds come from the County HUAs, which were absorbed into the South Central Area, and, more recently, from the Southern Counties HUA, which has been divided up between the Areas of South Central, South East, and London. South Central received £17K.

Each of these donations was given on the understanding that the funds would be used to support umpire/officiating development within South Central.

The South Central Area Officiating Committee is working to best help umpire/officiating development throughout South Central.

Note in real terms, today this account sits at £31,460

A Request for Proposals to all clubs in South Central, asking them what projects they would like these funds spent on to improve their umpire and officiating development. There was a very low response from the clubs. So the AOC team will be creating programs for Umpire Development and the utilisation of these funds.

Budget will be set as break-even. Change to Rates for 2026/27 Season

Appointed umpire charge to be raised by £2 per umpire (£20 to £22, £25 to £27)

University Wednesday matches appointed umpire fee £30 per umpire

Umpire Milage raised to £0.39 from £0.35

Balance Sheet

As of April 30, 2026

		Total
	As of Apr 30, 2026	As of Apr 30, 2025 (PY)
FIXED ASSET		
Total Fixed Asset		
CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND		
Claire Wilkinson & Pete Atkins Charitable Trust	18,498.66	18,764.21
HUA Account	14,085.59	10,190.70
Nat West Current Account	6,668.93	7,358.58
Nat West Saving Account	10,247.91	25,867.38
PayPal Bank	185.30	185.30
Total Cash at bank and in hand	49,686.39	62,366.17
DEBTORS		
Debtors	7,415.00	9,122.70
Total Debtors	7,415.00	9,122.70
NET CURRENT ASSETS	57,101.39	71,488.87
CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
Trade Creditors		
Creditors	1,888.50	9,549.43
Total Trade Creditors	1,888.50	9,549.43
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	1,888.50	9,549.43
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)	55,212.89	61,939.44
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	55,212.89	61,939.44
TOTAL NET ASSETS (LIABILITIES)	£55,212.89	£61,939.44
CAPITAL AND RESERVES		
Retained Earnings	61,939.44	59,062.04
Profit for the year	-6,726.55	2,877.40
Total Capital and Reserves	£55,212.89	£61,939.44

Profit and Loss

May 2025 - April 2026

		Total
	May 2025 - Apr 2026	May 2024 - Apr 2025 (PY)
INCOME		
Donations	5,880.74	29,937.03
Fines	2,250.00	5,917.70
Interest income	289.71	262.88
Junior Indoor Fees	1,035.00	
Junior Tournament	170.20	270.00
League Fees	14,040.00	15,690.00
Masters Match Fees	10,050.00	6,188.50
Membership	4,714.12	4,750.00
Senior Indoor Fees	780.00	
Umpire Income	70,290.00	64,600.63
Umpire Membership	1,382.32	1,426.07
Total Income	110,882.09	129,042.81
GROSS PROFIT		
	110,882.09	129,042.81
EXPENSES		
Bank Charges	369.40	233.80
Computer and Internet Expenses	67.20	
Consultancy	7,320.00	9,322.88
Donation	1,790.72	
Fines Returned	175.00	775.00
First Aid	460.00	
Insurance Expense	217.00	437.00
Masters Kit	378.00	377.50
Masters Tournament Expenses	950.00	917.00
Masters Tournament Fees	5,697.63	6,369.75
Meals & Entertainment	2,682.82	1,719.40
Office Supplies	1,671.33	1,081.63
Pitch Hire	10,070.95	10,758.00
Pitch Hire (Indoor)	1,920.00	1,855.00
Professional Fees	59.00	119.99
Tax Return Fine		-200.00
Technology	5,875.55	4,082.93
Trophies	2,753.33	1,635.07
Umpire Equipment	2,720.12	3,494.22
Umpire Expense Indoor	321.85	
Umpire Expenses	69,624.11	75,294.12
Umpire Expenses Schools	1,638.63	5,653.12
Umpire Training	846.00	2,239.00
Total Expenses	117,608.64	126,165.41
NET OPERATING INCOME	-6,726.55	2,877.40
NET INCOME	£ -6,726.55	£2,877.40

Statement of Cash Flows

May 2025 - April 2026

	Total
OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Net Income	-6,726.55
Adjustments to reconcile Net Income to Net Cash provided by operations:	
Debtors	1,707.70
Creditors	-7,660.93
Total Adjustments to reconcile Net Income to Net Cash provided by operations:	-5,953.23
Net cash provided by operating activities	-12,679.78
NET CASH INCREASE FOR PERIOD	-12,679.78
Cash at beginning of period	62,366.17
CASH AT END OF PERIOD	£49,686.39

Budget Next FY & Outlook

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Rate Card 2026/27

Area membership and league fee no inflationary change

Umpire mileage expenses at £0.39 per mile

Umpire mileage expenses for an Umpire passenger £0.05 per mile

Area Membership Adult Fee £10 per team

Adult League Fee £20 per team

Area Membership Junior Fee £0 per team

Junior League Fees 11 a side £20 per team

Junior League Fees 7 a side £10 per team

Adult Indoor Fee £60 per team

Junior Indoor Fee £60 per team

Schools Competition Fee (11-a-side) £0 per team - Free now as from 2025/26

Schools Competition Fee (7-a-side) £0 per team - Free now as from 2025/26

EHO Umpire Membership Gold £30 per umpire (as set by EH outside of SCH control)

EHO Umpire Membership Silver £20 Per umpire (as set by EH outside of SCH control)

Umpire Appointment Prem 1 & 2 (Per Umpire) £27 per umpire

Umpire Appointment EH Competitions (Per Umpire) £27 per umpire

Umpire Appointment General (Per Umpire) £22 per umpire

Umpire Appointment BUCS (Per Umpire) £30 per umpire

Umpire Coaches and Advisors £0 per person

Junior Club Games £15 per umpire

Schools Umpiring £0 (most schools fund umpiring directly)

Masters Representative Entry Fee £TBC per team (annually set depending on tournament costs)

Voting Areas Membership Fee £50 per entity

IN2Hockey Junior Finals £30 per team