



Chesterfield Basketball Club Annual report

April 2026

Approved by the Chesterfield Basketball Club Committee on 6th May 2026

1) Introduction

This annual report which is the clubs first, provides an overview of the first year of running since the clubs launch in May 2026. The report provides an update on core areas and requirements for reporting under the clubs own structure and as partial fulfilment of requirements of Sport England as a result of our Movement fund grant which was awarded throughout 2025.

The report provides updates on safeguarding, club progress and growth, challenges and opportunities and the clubs financial report as of 31/3/26.

2) The clubs first year

2.1) Introduction

The club received a Sport England movement fund grant in May 2025 which subsequently lead to the launch of Chesterfield Basketball club. A committee was formed consisting of:

Jordan Turner as club owner/chair and head coach of the club

Tyler Barker as club treasurer and secretary

Isaac Lockett as club safeguarding and disciplinary officer

The club later welcomed Tammy Hobson and Michelle Briggs in which Michelle took the role of club secretary and Tammy as Sponsorship officer.

The clubs website launched along with a social media pages and the clubs first training session was held on the 4th of June 2025 at Outwood Academy Newbold that managed to be booked for 1 year (June to June) on Wednesday nights.

Despite being planned for much later in 2025, there was an increasing demand for a junior set up within the club with lots of messages and website enquiries from parents wishing to enroll their child into our club. With a heavy demand, a venue was found for our junior set up which started on Saturday mornings for 1 hour covering children from 8 – 15 years old. This was originally held over one session.

2.2) Quick growth

Our seniors on Wednesday nights all indicated their desire to play competitively and asked of the clubs ambitions to do this. Initially the club was set up as a social and friendly group with some competitive element but what became clear was that those taking part Wednesday nights all wanted to play matches against other teams. With the league entry deadline fast approaching, it was too early to consider joining the local league as a team had not been established and in the clubs infancy, we did not at that stage know who would be regular attending and committing to the clubs team which could have implications if we were then forced to pull out of the league.

Recognising that players did wish to engage in some competitive matches, friendlies started to be arranged against other clubs locally which sparked even more people to join the club and get involved. At the time of this report being published, we now have some 20 strong members of our senior sessions who regularly attend and want to play in the clubs team.

In our junior set up, numbers were increasing week by week, with the need to split the hall in half due to age discrepancies, it was quickly apparent that we had outgrown the one session. This lead into securing a further grant to extend our sessions from 1 to 2 on a Saturday morning which would involve 6 – 10 year olds in session 1 and 11 – 15 year olds in session 2. We then sought to create a transition period for 16 year olds to move into our senior set up gradually if they desired to as we do not currently have an U18 provision.

We have been able to welcome more than 110 individuals across our sessions, some who are in frequent attendance and others who come ad hoc due to other sports and work commitments. The club is extremely grateful to all parents and players who come to the club each week and give their time playing in the club in whatever capacity that may be.

The club was able to apply for and achieve Level 1 Basketball England Club accreditation in 2026 which was a great mark of what the club has achieved in a short space of time.

2.3) Challenges

Our biggest challenge to date has been the junior set up within the club due to venue security issues. Unlike our Wednesday night sessions, Tupton Hall, our Saturday venue, cancels bookings during exam timetabling within the school year. Consequently, this has

resulted in multiple sessions being cancelled (often with very short notice) leaving us with no session that week.

Despite numerous attempts to secure another venue, there are very limited options available that are suitable and having polled parents on 2 alternatives, the outcome would be detrimental in that a move to another venue due to location or timing that is available would mean we could lose 40% of those in regular attendance.

This has been extremely frustrating for us as a club and we continue to seek a more secure venue for our juniors long term. This will allow us to also focus on the provision of a junior team which we can not currently do. This in turn does lead to a further challenge in that despite some great numbers in attendance each week, there is a very wide spread of individuals in each age group. For example, one week may see 5 x 11 year olds, 3 x 12 year olds and then 6 x 14 year olds and a couple of 15 year olds. This has become difficult to then form a team who could play a U12/U14 or U16 level without having younger players step into older age groups which has been met with a very mixed response and at league level would cause issues on restrictions in any case. The hope is if a more secure venue can be found, this would give better consistency for training and allow us to host friendlies at the venue as well.

In our senior set up, the organising of officials has at times being difficult, mainly as a lot of officials in local leagues are Sheffield based and have or are on duties in the league itself when we have tried to play friendlies. This has sometimes created difficulty in obtaining officials to assist in our friendlies. We are very grateful to Joan Laplana and Lucy Price who have officiated in all but 2 of our friendlies as a club. We will seek to train more officials (table and referees and pay for these so that we have more officials available) This will also be of benefit to the local league and Basketball England who will have more trained officials available to officiate for them too.

The club seeks to do more outreach in which Jordan has been approaching and conducting sessions in local schools to promote the club and basketball into schools. The issue of course here is that of availability due to all of the coaching team being in full time work and unable to commit themselves to consistently be available each week to host taster sessions and/or after school clubs. It is the hope to obtain more coaches who we may be able to

assist in paying to engage with club activities outside of our standard training sessions so that we can assist with more outreach and growth activities.

2.4) Opportunities

The club has been able to recruit Jonathan Sketchley, Geoff Ryan and Adheel Tahir as club coaches who mainly assist with the juniors on a Saturday morning but more recently, Geoff Ryan has also taken the role of senior 2nd team coach.

The club paid for Adheel Tahirs Level 1 coaching course and seeks to pay for other coaches to attend coaching courses as well as also considering officials as well. The club has paid for one member to do their Level 1 table officiating course and is currently looking to recruit further club officials to assist with friendlies which will hopefully ease the burden of getting officials to assist in our club friendlies which will be essential for the success of our 2nd team later in 2026.

The club will enter its 1st team into the local Sheffield Basketball league for the 2026/2027 season and will establish a 2nd team who can play in friendlies against other clubs with a view to then have 2 established teams in the local league for 2027/28.

3) Safeguarding

3.1) Introduction

Safeguarding remains a priority for Chesterfield Basketball Club. The club is committed to ensuring that our members, guests and opposition can enjoy basketball in a safe and supportive environment.

The Club Safeguarding Officer serves as the primary point of contact for all safeguarding matters within the club. Any concerns raised by players, parents, coaches, or volunteers should be directed to this person in the first instance.

Name: Isaac Lockett

Email: safeguarding@chesterfieldbasketballclub.co.uk

Isaac's safeguarding training and certification is current and up to date for the reporting period.

3.2) Incidents

No major safeguarding incidents were recorded within the senior or junior section of the club during the reporting period.

3.3) Recorded Concerns

One concern was recorded during the reporting period, details of which are summarised below.

Category	Detail
Nature of Incident	Verbal abuse
Initial Response	Addressed directly by the coach at the time of the incident
Logged By	Isaac Lockett, Club Safeguarding Officer
Escalation Required	No, the matter was resolved at club level and did not require further escalation
Outcome	Resolved satisfactorily. Incident logged and retained on file.

3.4) Policy & Compliance

The club's Safeguarding Policy remains in place and is available to all members, coaches, and parents upon request. The policy will be reviewed as part of the next annual cycle to ensure it remains current and in line with best practice guidance.

The club continues to comply with its obligations under safeguarding legislation and governing body requirements.

3.5) Actions for the Forthcoming Year

The following actions have been identified for the 2025–2026 cycle:

- Safeguarding Officer Contact Details – Club Website

It has been noted that the Club Safeguarding Officer's contact details are not currently listed on the club website. This will be rectified as a priority action.

Isaac Lockett's name and email address (isaaclockett606@gmail.com) will be published on the club website so that all members, parents, and coaches know who to contact with any safeguarding concerns.

- DBS Checks

A review of all current DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) certificates will be carried out to confirm that every coach and relevant volunteer is up to date.

Any certificates approaching expiry will be renewed promptly.

All new coaches joining the club will be required to obtain a DBS check before working with players, in line with club policy.

- New Coach Induction

All new coaches will be made aware of their safeguarding obligations as part of their induction to the club. Isaac Lockett will be formally introduced to all coaches, new and existing, as the designated safeguarding point of contact.

- Coaches' Safeguarding Meeting

Following the approval of this report at the AGM, a meeting will be convened with all coaches at the start of the new cycle. The meeting will provide an opportunity to discuss any outstanding concerns, review responsibilities, and serve as a general reminder to all coaches of the important role they play in creating a safe and positive environment for every player.

Notes from this meeting will be retained on file.

3.6) Summary

Chesterfield Basketball Club has had a positive safeguarding year. There were no major incidents across either the senior or junior sections of the club. One verbal abuse concern was raised, handled promptly and appropriately at the time, and logged by the Safeguarding Officer. No further escalation was required. The club is committed to maintaining a safe environment for all of its members and will continue to take its safeguarding responsibilities seriously in the year ahead.

A full version of the clubs safeguarding report for 2025-2026 can be found on our website and social pages separate to this full annual report.

4) Finance

The club received 2 grants in 2025 totaling £14,350. The initial grant of £6250 allowed us to book a permanent venue for our Wednesday night sessions for seniors and subsequently our Saturday morning sessions for juniors. The latter grant, allowed for us to extend our sessions to a wider age group for juniors and host over 2 separate sessions rather than the 1. The money also allowed for coaching courses, equipment to be purchased, marketing and clothing. We were also in receipt of sponsorship in 2025 totaling £1090.

Venue hire comes as the most significant costings to the club, although due to cancellations at Tupton Hall school, this did refund some costings back into the account. For context, the hiring of Outwood Academy Newbold for 47 weeks (factoring in a Christmas and a small Summer break) comes to £3600.

As of the end of March 2026, £3600 intends to be immediately spent in April to secure Outwood Academy until September 2027 with a similar approach taken for Tupton Hall, although we have full awareness, there is a high potential only 30 – 35 of the sessions out of 47 booked, will go ahead.

As of the 31st of March 2026, the club account held £13,555.

A snapshot overview of the profit and loss can be viewed below with a full version of the report prepared by club treasurer Tyler Barker can be viewed separately.

	31 March 2026	
	£	£
Turnover		
Sales		1,497
Membership income		1,562
Sponsorship income		1,090
Fundraising income		704
Training sessions and match income		5,567
Grants and subsidies received		14,350
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Cost of Sales		
Purchases	1,364	
Fundraising costs	290	
Basketball equipment	1,618	
Premises costs	4,537	
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GROSS PROFIT		16,961
Expenditure		
Staff training and licences	752	
Staff expenses	477	
Travel and subsistence expenses	160	
Insurance	55	
Stationery	104	
Advertising and marketing costs	108	
Bank charges	24	
Sundry expenses	179	
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NET PROFIT		15,102
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The club is in a good financial position and looks to continue with its growth plan to keep a regular cash flow in order to secure training venues for the long term future.

5) Sponsorship and growth

5.1) Sponsorship

As alluded to in the finance section of this report, the club obtained a total of £1,040 sponsorship in 2025.

The club introduced Tammy Hobson to the committee who took on the role of sponsorship officer.

The club recognises the importance of obtaining additional income for the club to ensure a positive cash flow is maintained. Understandably, after our first year, we will no longer be in receipt of grant money and therefore regular cash flow from memberships, pay as you go (PAYG) session costs and any other income from fundraising and sponsorship becomes essential for long term security of the club.

Tammy helped secure sponsorship from Brae Transport Ltd and MillLock Construction, two local companies based in Chesterfield and Worksop. Jordan also helped secure a local convenience shop which are also based in Chesterfield. Tammy continues to approach local businesses and offer tailored packages which includes sponsoring our team kit, social media posts, merchandise and match day/training day packages.

5.2) Growth

Since the clubs launch in June 2025, we have seen more than 110 different individuals take part in one or more of our training sessions held across Wednesday nights and Saturday mornings. Many have given the club a try and come ad hoc, whilst others are now regular attendees at our training sessions. On average, the club sees 45 people attending each week split between 20 on a Wednesday night and 25 on a Saturday morning. Our highest attendance has been 27 on a Wednesday night and 35 on a Saturday morning.

With the increase to numbers on Wednesday nights, 2026 plans to launch a 2nd team who will play in friendly matches with the intention to enter into a local league in 2027. The 1st team will enter into the league in September 2026.

This has meant that Geoff Ryan who currently shares training our juniors with Club captain Jonathan Sketchley, will step into the clubs senior 2nd team coach and look to grow members of that team.

The club continues to have an active social media presence with posts on Instagram and Facebook as well as publishing a monthly newsletter of everything happening in the club for the month ahead as well as reflecting on the month gone.

The club will continue to try and promote outreach into local schools in the area offering taster sessions and some marketing to attract more members to our sessions.

The club also seeks to register as a CASC status in 2026 and will be putting an application together for this early into the new 26/27 financial year.

The club seeks to have a successful 1st year in the local league from September 2026.

This report has been agreed and signed by the clubs committee for publication on 6th May 2026.



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