

# RIGA

## VOLLEYBALL CLUB COVENTRY & WARWICK

### ANNUAL REPORT

2024-2025

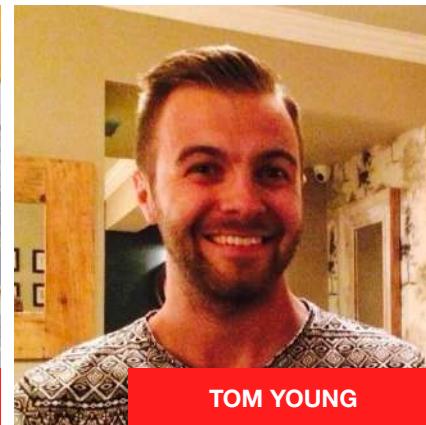


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# YOUR COMMITTEE.





MIRIAM ANDERSON

# CHAIRPERSON REPORT.

As we approach the end of the 2024–2025 volleyball season, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make this another fantastic year for Coventry & Warwick Riga Volleyball Club.

We're proud to continue supporting four national league squads, run a thriving junior development program, and host popular bi-weekly recreational sessions that remain a cornerstone of our club community.

A huge thank you goes out to all our coaches—your hard work and dedication have not gone unnoticed. Special appreciation goes to **Kim**, who admirably stepped in as interim coach for the men's first team while continuing to play—your commitment has been incredible. We're also excited to welcome **Mas** as the new men's first team coach. He brings great energy and fresh ideas, and we're looking forward to seeing the squad develop under his leadership.

We were delighted to welcome back **Nick** as coach of the women's second team this season. The team has thrived under your leadership—thank you, Nick, for returning and making such a positive impact.



# CHAIRPERSON REPORT. [cont]

I would also like to take a moment to give a very special mention to **Jon Chetham**, who will be stepping down as coach of the women's first team after years of dedicated service.

When I first asked Jon to step in during a time when we were struggling to find a coach, he kindly agreed—on a temporary basis. Thirteen years, one NVL Coach of the Year award, and countless contributions later, Jon is finally taking a well-earned rest.

Jon has had an extraordinary impact on the club. He has devoted himself to the Women 1 squad, meticulously planning training sessions, analysing opponents, travelling across the country for matches, and compiling post-match statistics to guide the team's development. His commitment and effort have been nothing short of remarkable.



Beyond coaching, Jon has gone above and beyond to foster team spirit—creating scavenger hunts for away weekends, hosting social events, organising games, and celebrating team achievements. His dedication to both performance and morale has made him an irreplaceable part of the team's journey.

We were thrilled to nominate Jon for Volleyball England's Coach of the Year in 2017 and overjoyed when he won. Many players have expressed their gratitude directly to Jon, recognising the lasting impact he's had on their development, both on and off the court.

From Division 3 to the Super 8s—Jon took the team on an incredible journey. I can't thank him enough. While I'd love for him to stay on indefinitely, he's more than earned his retirement from first-team coaching. Fortunately, he'll continue his amazing work with our junior program, and we hope he now has more time to enjoy with his family and grandchildren.



THANK YOU JON  
CHETHAM FOR  
**13 YEARS OF**  
**COACHING** AND  
DRIVING  
SUCCESS.





# CHAIRPERSON REPORT. [cont]

This season we also hosted the Battle of best Spikes tournament which was a success! Thank you to Krishna A, Krishna P and Albert for organising it and thank you to Tha Hartley for organising the sponsorship of the prizes.

Lastly, I want to thank our incredible committee members. Your dedication and behind-the-scenes work are what keep this club running and growing.

On behalf of all Riga members—thank you. If anyone is interested in joining this fantastic team or has ideas for club development, please do reach out. Your voice matters and helps shape the future of the club. And of course, thank you to every Riga member for being part of our club and community.

**Wishing you all a fantastic off-season and a great year ahead.**



IULIA PROTESARU

# GENERAL SECRETARY REPORT.

*All figures are 1 July 2024 - 30 April 2025  
Enquiries are website enquiries, taster requests and  
Facebook messenger enquiries.*

This year we cut back on the number of committee meetings held and only had our mid-season meeting in February. This is considerably lower than previous years, but we did focus more on acting on our previous actions, getting decisions made via chat, many in smaller, more focused groups of committee members, which sped things up. In addition to this, the yearly AGM which is normally in late June/July has been brought forward which will alter the schedules of meetings come next season. This was so that we could maximise the attendance for our end of season awards and AGM, before players are off for the summer.

## VOLLEYBALL DEMAND

### Website enquiries are steady

- The number of enquiries in the last 9 months (1 July 2024 - 30 April 2025) has been steady compared to same period last year, with a slight increase in Recreational enquiries and a slight decrease in Junior enquiries. In particular this last number I believe is slightly skewed due to a now-fixed issue with the enquiry form.
- There were 31 further enquiries via Facebook. In terms of the mix, Facebook has made up 13% of the enquiries, versus 18% last year with the rest being the website.
- Between the website and Facebook, on average, we get around 26 enquiries every month which is the same as last year.
- Our highest number of website enquiries are for Recreational sessions. We do require new players to send us an email prior to booking, so this is not unexpected. This is needed as I use this part of the process to triage and identify the players who suit the adult beginner sessions that nearby clubs can offer, or the junior programme.

### Junior waiting list:

- Number of entries to the waiting list is up 24% compared to last year. In the last 9 months, we've had 138 enquiries (around 20 of those are a repeat enquiry).
- There are a total of 336 records on the waiting list. This demand is something we cannot address currently due to lack of resources - people and location. Most of these are beginners.
- Since we started this programme in the pandemic, 351 records have been actioned.

### Adult beginners interest list:

- This list now has 79 records since we created it in October 2023. In the last 9 months, this list has grown by 40 records. There's still a growing need to address this segment.



# GENERAL SECRETARY REPORT. [cont]

In addition, this season we were featured on the radio, on **BBC CWR Sport: Wildcard!** We welcomed producer Will Oelrich to Centre AT7, where we taught him the very basics of volleyball, our coaches gave interviews and Will even had a go at spiking (and scoring the point!) during an NVL training session with our Men 1 team! A special thanks to the players and coaches who helped make this a success!

Thank you to all who've supported me along the way, and special thank yous go to Clare and Lucía.

A big thank you to Aimee Hollingsworth for supplying the stunning, professional photos included in this report.



## Volleyball

A celebration of grassroots sports clubs with Will Oelrich. This week it's volleyball and Will has visited Coventry & Warwick Riga Volleyball Club.

🕒 1 hour



CLARE FRANCIS

# TREASURER REPORT.

The management accounts to end of April 2025 are attached at Appendix 1. Our financial year end is not until 31 May 2025. As this year's AGM celebration is earlier than normal management accounts are presented together with the treasurer's forward estimate to end of financial year outcome.

The accounts have not yet been audited. After year end we will have the accounts audited as usual and circulate to the membership (together with the auditors letter) for its review and any questions to be raised. The committee continues to strive for transparency so is happy to arrange an additional meeting should members have questions on the audited accounts once presented that they were unable to ask at the AGM.

This year we are budgeting a small surplus in the year of around £2956. This follows the small loss we made last year.

The surplus is primarily due to delayed equipment purchases (as we are awaiting pre-season deals on Volleystore) that we need to make to supplement existing equipment/renew old equipment (such as balls, antenna, score boards etc). This is estimated at around £2,500 – 3,000. This would eradicate any profit made in this financial year.

Overall though the year has been extremely positive with membership across most sections booming.

We have also managed to continue to tightly control our costs for the majority of this FY through strong relationships with our venue providers and other partners. However, we are now seeing significant venue cost increases coming through from our providers. Market testing has shown these still offer value for money in the local area.



CLARE FRANCIS

# TREASURER REPORT. [cont]

A massive thank you to all members, volunteers, parents and supporters for their continued support and prompt payment of membership fees. It makes a difference and is very much appreciated.

And finally a very big (anticipatory) thank you to our auditor – John Boughton – who volunteers his time at the end of each season to review and audit the accounts and give you all the assurance that the money is in safe hands and we've documented everything appropriately.

## COST OF LIVING CRISIS

The Committee recognises that all members need to see value for money and works hard to deliver this for the members. Specifically members should note:

- Fees have only been increased once in the last 15 years – otherwise we have managed to absorb inflationary costs through expanding our offerings and keeping costs to a minimum. We do not intend to increase fees for 2025/6 season giving members certainty.
- 2 years ago we implemented a new scheme whereby volunteers for a number of roles (including Team Managers, scorers, line judges, coaches and junior referees) can claim a contribution towards their expenses for fulfilling these roles. This gives all members an ability to effectively reduce their fees by contributing to the success of the club overall.
- Our biggest expense is hall hire (and with limited halls available in the City area then options are limited to impact on this). We have strong relationships with our venues which we have built over the years which enables us to control cost increases. However, it's a fact that all of our input costs (venues, equipment, referees etc) are increasing at a rate way above inflation). Therefore, the committee has to be smart in addressing these increases and offsetting through alternative revenue streams.



# INCOME HEADLINES.

Our income over the year will be approx. £45,356. This is only a 2% increase over period year (although follows the two years before of a 28% increase and 29% increase respectively!). Membership has not grown to the same levels this year and additional sessions have not been added as we are effectively operating at the capacity of venues and volunteers. Specific highlights include:

- Both mens and womens NVL has had patchier membership compared to previous years particularly across the womens teams following the demotion of the Super League team. Whilst the two squads have supported each other to fulfil fixtures this means a significant decrease in revenue compared to having full squads. They have been supported by some training only members which is critical in these scenarios to ensure a healthy financial position.
- The junior sessions remain well attended and are provided on term booking basis. Revenue from these sessions was strong and almost meets the cost of providing them. The competitions our juniors enter was expanded last year so our juniors now compete in U18 Tier 1 national Grand Prix competitions, the West Midlands Volleyball League (girls and boys), Tier 2 National competitions U16 (girls) and Tier 2 National Competitions for U14/15 (girls and boys). The level of interest from juniors is outstanding meaning that we were able to have strong numbers at all sessions.
- Recreational sessions also remain strong. The online booking system enables collection of revenue efficiently and effectively. The sessions are popular and sell out very fast each week so are at capacity with regular new enquiries coming in. This year, again, we intend to extend indoor recreational sessions to mid-July given the unpredictability of the UK weather and the uneven ground at the parks.



# EXPENDITURE HEADLINES.

- Our largest expense by far remains sports hall costs. Our providers have each put their costs up this year reflecting the market and rising energy prices. Our pricing still remains competitive but it still means each training session costs around £75 – £89 per session and each match around £105 (plus £60 – £100 for referees). There is a significant lack of availability at any other venues that have volleyball equipment which constrains our capacity. We have good relationships with the venues who are supportive.
- We need to invest in some new equipment and have postponed doing that in this financial year in the hope of some pre-season discounts on Volleyzone in August. We need, at least, around 24 more balls, 2 more ball carts, antenna and a score board. This will amount to approximately £2,500 – £3,000 expenditure. We do budget for this in advance hence this year why we've made a surplus.
- This season saw Volleyball England increase competition and league entry fees by 10% and significantly increase referee fees. This impacted our cost base significantly given we run 4 NVL teams and rely on referees to host our fixtures. This increase in cost remains for next season (and we anticipate VE will increase again).



- This year collection (and payment) of subs on time has again been very strong – assisted considerably by the online payment system and a pro-active approach from Team Managers. However, despite this debtors are four times higher than the end of season last year. All debtors are aware of what they owe and Team Managers are prompted regularly to follow up with the relevant individuals. Any failure to collect this debt will further erode the profit and mean we make a loss for this year. Massive thank you to the team managers for prompting their teams and to each and every member for making their payments on a timely basis - it makes a big difference.

# RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2024/25.

The committee is recommending membership fees for the 2025/6 season remain the same across all divisions (NVL, junior and recreational).

- This recommendation balances the need to support our members with certainty on fees against the fact that we need to continually be cognisant that our operational costs (sports halls, league membership and volunteers) have increased significantly.
- In practice, we rely on strong high membership figures to offset our costs. Therefore it will be important to attract new members across the year. The Committee will, as usual, advertise NVL trials to help with this. If all members could share these on socials it will help. If you all introduced one friend to the club it would mean lower costs for all.
- Therefore it will be important to attract new members across the year. The Committee has already started advertising NVL trials to help with this and the response rate to that has been strong.

- It is also recommended that all NVL teams cease training at the end of April (or after play offs if later). There is the option for members to enjoy beach volleyball at Moseley (including coached sessions) from May to September.

Overall, at this stage the Committee is not recommending any increase to Club fees and these will remain as per the 2024/5 season and kept under review as usual.



# TEAM REPORTS.



CLARE FRANCIS

# NVL WOMEN 1 TEAM REPORT.

This year the women's first team competed in NVL Division 1 and with a large number of last year's squad leaving for various reasons – such as graduating/moving away, taking a break, pregnancy and retiring from competitive volleyball – it was a time to reset.

The squad was bolstered by many new members through trials in Aug/September and an opportunity for some of the women's second team to move up into the Division 1 squad. We also welcomed back into the fold Alex – and a lot of smiles, energy and experience with it 😊. Polly also returned for a while in the Autumn fulfilling the libero role with Michelle on maternity leave. And we welcomed Michelle back from maternity leave in January 😊



Results did not fall our way and we were left with a lot to do to retain the Division 1 position as the season came to a close. Despite our best efforts and lots of support from the wider Club (thank you to everyone that stepped in to play, help in training, cheer and show the love) we will compete next year in Division 2. This gives us opportunities though to regroup as a team, welcome new members and fight back next year – we're looking forward to it already!

# NVL WOMEN 1 TEAM REPORT. [cont]

As ever we owe a massive amount of thanks to **Coach Jon** – his unwavering support and dedication through a difficult season has not gone unnoticed. Jon has decided to take a break from coaching NVL for next season and we wish Jon well with his other coaching endeavours (particularly his amazing contribution to the Riga juniors). Don't be a stranger Jon!

In case you're not aware, Jon has now coached the Women's team since 2012 when Jon said he would help out "temporarily" until we found a coach! 13 years later and this season we're proud and honoured to have had Jon as our Head Coach throughout. During this time Jon has won Volleyball England Coach of the Year (2017), won many accolades and titles (he must have a large trophy cabinet!) and coached the team into promotion to the Volleyball England Super League.

Of course, they are all moments for Jon to be proud of – but over and above all that Jon has been inspirational to so many of us – keeping us in the game as life changes around us, supporting us as players and individuals (and for many now as fellow coaches too!). Your impact on volleyball and the lives of so many of those you've coached over the years is immeasurable and we hope you look back on your time with pride. We will watch your continuing coaching journey, and all the lives you will impact for the better, with joy and we hope we can continue to support you when you need us too.

**THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING!**









ŽOFIA GARAJOVÁ

# NVL WOMEN 2 TEAM REPORT.

The team played in NVL Division 3 Central for the 1st year after relegation from the NVL Division 2.

Throughout the season, we had some struggles with player numbers, where we managed to lose but also recruit new players. We also had a few injuries from which the players managed to bounce back, or will hopefully fully recover for the next season.

The commitment shown by most players was great, although there is still scope for improvement. The Division 3 games are played in triangulars, so having a full squad available for matches is vital, as this arrangement is quite physically demanding. This was then further challenged by having a training night on Monday, following such game day.



The team was quite yearning to collect some victories this season, and so we started with high hopes but finished the season second from the bottom of the league table, securing only 2 wins, but with many matches ending close. Although the team showed great fighting spirit, and was many times complimented about our defence (also with obvious frustration from the opposing teams), unfortunately, we often lacked the ability to close/claim the sets/games in our favour.

This year, we welcomed back Nick as our coach, will be staying on for next season. As ever, it is great to have a dedicated coach. Nick pushes us further in our skills and also makes the sessions fun and interesting.

Next season, most of the team is returning, however, we still hope to get some new players to join us, and we hope to climb up the Division 3 national league table 😊

Thank you Nick for everything, we have all enjoyed having you back with us!







TOM YOUNG

# NVL **MEN 1** TEAM REPORT.

Following a challenging campaign last season, our objective was clear: secure promotion back to Division 1. With the addition of some fresh talent from our Men's 2 squad and new club members, we made a strong start to the season. However, we faced a mid-season dip in form that tested our resolve. During this period, Kim transitioned from coach to focus solely on playing, and Mas came on board as our new coach, bringing fresh ideas and a new approach to our game. Our performance steadily improved and we finished second in the league, earning a well-deserved promotion back to Division 1.

We also enjoyed a successful run in the Shield competition, reaching our first finals day as a club in over 20 years. While we narrowly missed out on the title, finishing as runners-up was a significant achievement and a proud moment for the team.



In summary, earning promotion and making it to the finals weekend marked a very successful season for Men's 1. Our focus now turns to next season, where the goal will be to solidify our place in Division 1 and begin building toward future promotion to the Super League.





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Image by Aimee Hollingsworth



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CHRIS JONES & CLARE FRANCIS

# NVL **MEN 2** TEAM REPORT.

Our third year of having a mens team in Division 3. However, this year we were allocated Division 3 South West! This meant we lost the benefit of a lot of our learnings in the previous two years as we faced a number of new teams and a fair bit more travelling! We welcomed a number of new players from trials that quickly integrated into the team adding lots of strength and depth.

We won 5 games over the course of the season and finished 7th in the league - with a number of other games lost by the narrowest of margins demonstrating our strength in division 3. We finished the season strongly narrowly missing out in a five set thriller to Bristol 2 (4th in league), taking a set off Reading Aces (2nd in league) and getting a 3-0 win v Southampton and nearly winning a set (lost 29-27) against Weymouth (3rd in league). It means we have a lot to play for next season to consolidate on our growth over this season (albeit we're super hopeful of a return to Division 3 Central!).



We welcomed Ryan and Adrian as pathway players coming up from our junior programme and also played our part with a number of our squad supporting Mens Div 2 games and/or moving up to Mens Div 2 during the season – therefore helping to contribute to their promotion as a big Riga men's team and to get to the Shield Final at Kettering!

As ever, a massive thank you to Coach Lea for her commitment and support. Her experience and words of wisdom mean a lot keeping us on track at training and during matches. She's got the Riga hoody now too so there's no escape and we'll welcome her support and guidance for another season (at least!).

With most players staying around and in the area we're looking forward to the season ahead and all that it brings. We always welcome new players so if you're interested to join do get in touch – our trials form is on social media now! Massive thanks to departing players for being part of the team – you're always part of the Riga family so stay in touch and be sure to pop in if you're in the area. #goriga







BRENDAN FAWCETT

# JUNIORS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER REPORT.

Riga is a community and performance club which provides a development pathway for young players. Our junior sessions run on a Wednesday evening and are pitched at beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels. Jon and Lucía run the beginner and intermediate sessions at Meadow Park school in Whitley whilst Brendan and Clare run the U18s advanced sessions at Centre AT7. The aim is to encourage participants to have fun, make friends, develop their volleyball skills, and gain a love for the sport.

Broadly speaking our beginner and intermediate sessions run for children up to the age of 16 and the advanced sessions run for children up to the age of 18. All children have the opportunity to play in age group national junior competitions and the advanced juniors play in the West Midlands adult leagues.



JON CHETHAM & LUCIA VAZQUEZ VAQUERO

# JUNIORS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER REPORT.

## BEGINNER & INTERMEDIATE JUNIORS

Demand for both sessions remains very high, with the maximum 24 players being accommodated at each, and more on waiting lists.

The majority of players entering the Beginners are experiencing volleyball for the first time, and in some cases, making their first steps into organised ball sport. As per our community aims, we endeavour to support all the players, regardless of their sporting aptitude or coachability. This season we have once again been truly fortunate to have one of the Intermediate players, Eleanor, assisting us with this aspect as part of her Duke of Edinburgh volunteering challenge.

Thanks to the continued support and engagement from our coaches and families, we have been able to enter the VE U14 and U15 competitions for the first time. This has allowed us to give our younger players a taste of competitive Volleyball, in 4v4 formations. Both our U14 girls and boys teams have been very successful, taking home several podium results this season. Special thanks to Newcastle Staffs and Nuneaton for hosting these encounters. We also kept running our popular "Parents v players" event at the end of each term, which has morphed into a wholesome "family v family"!





JON CHETHAM & LUCIA VAZQUEZ VAQUERO

# JUNIORS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER REPORT.

## BEGINNER & INTERMEDIATE JUNIORS (cont.)

Last year, we struggled with attracting and retaining male athletes - ending the season with only 4 boys in our Beginner class. We have tackled this by offering free trial sessions to boys on the waiting list and staying agile with athlete movement between levels. In turn, we have managed to firstly, double the number of boys in Beginners - we now have a committed and capable squad - and secondly, re-fill the spots left behind by the large number of Intermediate boys who progressed onto the Advanced team last summer.

Beginners move up into the Intermediates based on ability, and when there is space available. As we have very few dropouts, we rely on the best Intermediates moving up to the U18s to create space.

This year, we have trialed a prolonged try-out format for those likely to progress onto the Advanced team next year. Athletes have been able to attend about 2-4 Advanced training sessions in the term, in order to give them more chances to impress the Advanced coaches and feel comfortable in the new environment. This has been working well for our kids so far and we're likely to keep this system next year.



JON CHETHAM & LUCIA VAZQUEZ VAQUERO

# JUNIORS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER REPORT.

## BEGINNER & INTERMEDIATE JUNIORS (cont.)

This season we entered a girls teams from the Intermediates into the national U16 Tier 2 Grand Prixes for the second year in a row. Unfortunately, seeing as most of our male Intermediates were new to the club and in many cases, over the age limit, we did not field a U16 boys team this year - we have focused our efforts on growing the skills of our current squad and hope to enter next year.

Having only one U16 squad in competition and having hosted all of the U16 Grand Prixes we have attended, the stretch on resources has felt lower this year though the admin efforts have remained intensive, as we have struggled with ever-changing competition pools, late drop-outs and even late payments. As always though, participating in Grand Prixes has proved very beneficial in terms of player development, creating a bond between the players, and promoting an affiliation between the players and VE. Several players have attended VE Futures events and volunteered at VE events in Kettering. The challenge remains with how to handle those over 16 who do not make the move to the Advanced U18 group. Currently they are left without a competitive outlet, and for the boys in particular, the net and court arrangement at Meadow Park is limiting.



We would like to say a big thank-you and recognise the support given to running these sessions, and the Grand Prix tournaments, from many club members and parents, but most importantly to Clare, Brendan, Jules and Maria.

Special thanks to those of you who have helped our coaches getting to and from event venues as well. The players enthusiasm and enjoyment make this an extremely rewarding and motivating activity so if any other club members want to get involved it is a great thing to do!







BRENDAN FAWCETT & CLARE FRANCIS

# JUNIORS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER REPORT.

## ADVANCED JUNIORS

The 2024/5 season has been a developmental season for our juniors with some very competitive volleyball games. As well as competing in the U18 National Tier 1 Grand Prixes our advanced junior teams continued their campaigns in the West Midlands league. The junior competitions consisted of four Grand Prix events. Although these were held all around the country (our Teams were lucky in that we were able to host all of the events at Centre AT7).

Last season, the girls gained promotion to West Midlands Division 1 where they regularly play against established National League players. As such, this season was always going to be difficult, especially having lost several key players from the previous season (with Lilla turning 18 and moved on to Essex Rebels, Kat moving to Cambridge and playing for Boswells in the U18 SuperSeries, and Shannon playing for Nottingham Rockets U18 also in the Super Series). Despite this, the girls performed well, winning a silver medal in the U18 Bronze Cup and finishing the season ranked 20th.

The Boys also finished the season playing for the Bronze Cup and ended up ranked in the top 30. They also will end up with a respectable mid-table finish in Division 3 (they are 4th of 9 at the time of writing). Although they will be losing three players at the end of the season (Adrian, Aedan and Theo) as they turn 18, the majority of the team will be with us next season as they are 17 or younger and so we should be able to expect great things next year.



BRENDAN FAWCETT & CLARE FRANCIS

# JUNIORS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER REPORT.

## ADVANCED JUNIORS (cont.)

We have seen more of the advanced juniors making their way into the adult teams with Adrian and Ryan establishing their places in the Men's Div 3 team and Jenna, Sarita and Bex making their Ladies NVL Div 3 debuts. We also have Bex and Ryan confirmed to be representing West Midlands in this year's inter-regional competition.

We will continue to support our most talented players in accessing wider volleyball opportunities to help them progress their game.



Clare and Brendan are incredibly grateful to all of the members of the club who have stepped in to coach, run tournaments, officiate, score or even play in a West Midlands fixture on the odd occasion we have been short of players.

We would also like to wish all those athletes moving on to Uni or the world of work all the best. We know you will continue in your volleyball journeys, and we hope to see you back at Riga events and socials.

Welcome to all the new recruits too who have made it through trials to join the squads for next season. Many of these have come from the Riga intermediate sessions and its excellent to see their progress.

Finally, a massive thank you to all the parents for your continued support and commitment. Bring on season 2025/6 for more fun on and off the court!







# RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL REPORTS.





JAN GRAFTON

# MONDAY RECREATIONAL SESSIONS.

Sessions began in September and are still ongoing until mid July. Sessions are open to 21 players each session giving three teams of 7 rotating play during the evening. We have seen quite a few new faces this year but still have a core of regular players from last year.

The standard of play is still quite high although there can still be a mix of ability which occasionally brings some challenges. We have continued the system of picking a coloured ball from a bag at the start of the session to try and make the teams more random and balanced. The three different coloured ball system has worked well resulting in some evenly balanced games although some players still try and work the system to be on the same team as higher players.



The sessions are always extremely popular and sell out each week within 15 minutes of being released on a Tuesday morning, sometimes even quicker. The wait list each week is between 3 and 6 people.

There is always someone who can't make the session which makes Monday afternoons quite busy swapping players and matching them with their replacements to exchange payments. The honour system of players from the wait list paying the booked-on player directly is working well this season.

KRISHNA ALLURI

# FRIDAY RECREATIONAL SESSIONS.

As the season concludes, we reflect on the progress and strong community within our Friday volleyball sessions. Since inception, these sessions have been highly sought after, with new participants joining regularly. The addition of new members has infused fresh energy into our activities, fostering a welcoming environment where players exchange tips, build friendships, and enjoy volleyball together.

Last year, we encountered some challenges, including the need to find temporary coordinators during my absences, particularly on popular Friday evenings. To ensure smooth operations, we have appointed an extra session coordinator. We are pleased to introduce Kundan Akasam, who has consistently been helpful and cheerful during all sessions.





# FRIDAY RECREATIONAL SESSIONS. [cont]

For those with advanced skills, we recommend trying out for the Riga trials. This helps maintain the quality of our sessions while offering opportunities for competitive play. Based on player feedback and the lack of an outdoor session coordinator, we have decided to extend our sessions into July to better serve our players.

Additionally, we hosted a 2-court tournament at the beginning of the season, complete with prizes and medals for the winning teams, to celebrate the hard work and dedication of our participants.

Coordinating these sessions has been a deeply rewarding experience, marked by growth, learning, and meaningful connections. This journey has not only built a community of volleyball enthusiasts but has also greatly enriched my own life. As we look to the future, we are excited about new opportunities and continued success.



In addition, we'd love to thank Tha Hartley and PH Silver Group who sponsored the very impressive trophies!

We'd love to organise this event again in the new season, and many more like it in the future too! If you are interested in organising something like this, please get in touch!

We look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming sessions and appreciate your continued enthusiasm and support.



# APPENDICES.





## APPENDIX 1

# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This page was updated 4 August 2025

Balance Sheet - Riga Volleyball - as at 5 May 2025

Liabilities		Assets	
Capital	20691.42	Competition Sureties	415
Profit/Loss	3596.32	Trade Debtors	1072.35
		Prepayments	435.61
Creditors	3008	Santander Bank Account	27850.74
Accruals	2514.16	Stripe Account	36.2
		Cash Float	0
	<b>29809.9</b>		<b>29809.9</b>

Balance Sheet - Riga Volleyball - as at 31 May 2025 (Audited actual)

Liabilities		Assets	
Capital	£ 20,691.42	Competition Sureties	£ 415.00
Profit/Loss	£ 3,195.31	Trade Debtors	£ 242.50
		Prepayments	0
Creditors	£ 1,928.75	Santander Bank Account	£ 25,433.33
Accruals	£ 345.00	Stripe Account	£ 69.65
		Cash Float	0
	<b>26160.48</b>		<b>26160.48</b>

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT - RIGA VOLLEYBALL

	As at 5 May 2025		31 May 2025 (PREDICTED)		31 May 2025 (AUDITED ACTUAL)	
	Debit	Credit	Debit	Credit	Debit	Credit
Turnover		44621		45356		45256
Womens First Team Subs		3788		3788	£	3,788.34
Mens First Team Subs		5113		5113	£	5,112.50
Mens Second Team Subs		4736		4736	£	4,798.95
Womens Second Team Subs		4992		4992	£	4,992.01
Junior Income - Advanced		4799		4799	£	5,618.16
Junior Income - Intermediate/Beginner		4695		4695	£	5,885.81
Miscellaneous Income		2314		2314	£	1.55
Debt Write Backs		104		104	£	103.75
Recreational Subs		8955		9690	£	9,827.25
Junior Comp Income - Adv		3150		3150	£	3,150.00
Junior Comp Income - Intermediate/Beg		856		856	£	856.25
Tournament entries - Spikes		1120		1120	£	1,120.00
less Cost of Sales	36941		38202		39846	
Womens First Team Training	2534		2534		£	2,533.87
Womens First Team Comp Entries	404		404		£	780.14
Womens First Team Referees	986		986		£	985.72
Womens First Team Matches	1004		1004		£	1,003.75
Womens First Team Coaching	621		621		£	620.88
Mens First Team Training	1902		1902		£	1,901.50
Mens First Team Comp Entries	343		343		£	786.14
Mens First Team Referees	701		701		£	701.33
Mens First Team Matches	823		823		£	822.50
Mens First Team Coaching	60		254		£	254.00
Womens Second Team Training	2185		2185		£	2,184.88
Womens Second Team Comp Entries	300		300		£	629.14
Womens Second Team Referees	398		398		£	397.80
Womens Second Team Matches	490		490		£	490.00
Womens Second Team Coaching	327		327		£	327.07
Mens Second Team Training	1902		1902		£	1,901.50
Mens Second Team Comp Entries	300		300		£	629.14
Mens Second Team Referees	393		393		£	393.20
Mens Second Team Matches	429		429		£	428.75
Mens Second Team Coaching						
Junior Training - Advanced	3462		3882		£	3,817.00
Junior Matches - Advanced	3515		3515		£	3,515.00
Junior Referees - Advanced	365		365		£	365.00
Junior Comp Entries - Advanced	441		441		£	441.06
Junior Coaching - Advanced	1239		1299		£	1,239.07
Junior Training - Intermediate/Beginner	2933		2933		£	3,246.91
Junior Comp Entries - Intermediate/Beginner	249		249		£	248.62
Junior Matches - Intermediate/Beginner	1275		1275		£	1,274.82
Junior Coaching - Intermediate/Beginner	744		768		£	744.00
Volleyball England Club Registration	115		115		£	114.54
Recreational Hire	5796		6349		£	6,349.00
Score and Line	290		290		£	290.00
Tournament Costs	420		420		£	420.00
Gross Profit		7680		6707		5409
less Administration Expenses	4318		4433		2523	
Accounts Software	179		179		£	179.39
Miscellaneous Expenses	2243		2358		£	200.00
Bank/Finance Charges	548		548		£	614.35
Bad Debts Written Off	74		74		£	74.16
Purchase of equipment	63		63		£	62.68
Administration (Committee discounts)	1073		1073		£	1,072.50
Website Expenses	139		139		£	138.80
Committee expenses					£	105.71
Operating Profit		3362		2721	£	2,960.65
Retained Profit brought forward:		235		235		235
Profit/Loss		3596		2956		3195

# AUDITOR'S LETTER.

This page was added 4 August 2025

## RIGA VOLLEYBALL CLUB FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31st MAY 2025

### AUDIT COMMENTS

1. Adjustments.
  - a. The transition to the new accounting system noted in last year's letter has continued to run smoothly. However, an unforeseen consequence was the omission of the reversal of eight re-analysis adjustments made to last year's accounts. This situation has now been rectified and will not recur.
  - b. There were four adjustments that were required in the current year which reflected transactions made in the current year which in fact related to the following financial year's activity and there were three adjustments required to correct analysis/error solely in the current year.
  - c. The net effect of all these adjustments was to increase the Profit for the year by £1,340.20.

2. The Club has introduced payments for certain roles within the club's administration in the year. Whilst this covers the main officers of the Club, it does not include session co-ordinators. These continue to be netted off against subscriptions. This practice leads to both a suppression of revenue and incurred cost. Recommendation: The Committee extend the scope of the Administration account to identify the cost of session co-ordinators. and thereby record revenues and costs in full.

3. The sample document review undertaken as part of the audit found a small number of instances where authorisation for payments was missing. The payments concerned were made in line with agreed club policy but should be included within the formal approval framework. Recommendation: The Committee ensures that all payments made on behalf of the Club are authorised by at least one member of the Committee who is independent of the transaction requiring approval.

4. Creditors include aged amounts due to Coventry Sports Foundation relating to the financial year 2020/21 and the current financial year. It is prudent to hold these balances for a period of six years. I understand the Committee concur this approach and will look to release the 2020/21 accrual at the end of the 2026/27 financial year.

5. No other errors or omissions were found and the accounts, post adjustment, can be treated as a true and fair view of the financial position of the Riga Volleyball Club for the Year Ended 31st May 2025 as prepared on an historic cost basis.

**J Boughton**  
Auditor





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