

Verité Sport
(A company limited by guarantee)

**Report and Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 31 December 2012**

**Charity number 1117093
Company number 5947088**

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Verité Sport

Report of the Management Committee for the year ended 31 December 2012

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name:	Verité Sport
Charity registration number:	1117093
Company registration number:	5947088
Registered Office and operational address:	19 The Glebe Cumnor Oxfordshire OX2 9QA

Trustees

Rev Bruce Gillingham	Chair
Ms Rosslyn Avery, FCA	Treasurer
Mr Chris Powell	

Secretary

Mr J Stuart Weir

Senior Management Team

Mr J Stuart Weir	Chief Executive
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Bankers

Lloyds TSB, 41-43 South Street, Worthing, BN11 3AU

The Management Committee presents its report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 26th September 2006 and registered as a charity on 30 November 2006. Verité Sport started its activities on 18th December 2006. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £10.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the trustees are elected to serve until he/she retires or is removed in accordance with the relevant provisions of the articles.

Rev B Gillingham and Mr C Powell were appointed under the articles.

Ms R Avery was appointed at the first meeting of the Board of Trustees on 2nd October 2007.

Each trustee is selected on the basis of his/her skills ensuring the trustees bring diverse and relevant skills. In the event of particular skills being lost due to retirements and/or annually, the trustees identify areas where new skills are needed.

Trustee induction and training

All new trustees are given a copy of the obligations of trustees, and the main documents which set out the operational framework for the charity including the Memorandum and Articles, the budget and a summary of the work of the charity.

Most trustees are already familiar with the practical work of the charity through induction with the Chief Executive.

Risk Management

The trustees have reviewed the major risks to which the charity is exposed. The main risk is raising income to fund activities which is mitigated by contingency plans should income not come in. Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects. The trustees have assured themselves that there are procedures and insurances in place to mitigate these risks.

Organisational Structure

Verité Sport has a Board of trustees who meet at least once a year and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. At the year end there were three

members from a variety of professional backgrounds relevant to the work of the charity. The Secretary also sits on the Management Committee but has no voting rights. A scheme of delegation is in place and day to day responsibility for the provision of the services rest with the Chief Executive.

Related Parties

Mr Chris Powell is a board member of Verité Sport and he and his wife are directors of Verité CM Limited and until October 2012 were directors of Challenge Newsline Limited, which are both publishing companies. During the year there were transactions between Verité Sport and Verité CM Limited and Challenge Newsline Limited. These are explained in detail in note 7 to the accounts.

Objectives and Activities

The company's objects and principal activities are

- To promote a Christian presence in sport;
- To encourage sports people to believe in God;
- To apply the teachings of the Bible to sport; and
- To produce resources to enable Christians to share the gospel in the world of sport.

This is done principally in three ways:

- Producing resources, which apply Bible teaching to the world of sport;
- Promoting and developing Christian sports ministry around the world; and
- Supporting Christians in professional sport pastorally and spiritually.

Achievements and Performance

The company's aims were fulfilled in many ways during 2012. The charity plans to continue the activities outlined above in the forthcoming years subject to satisfactory funding arrangements. The trustees have considered and are satisfied that these activities further its charitable purposes for the public benefit. Some of the 2012 highlights and plans for 2013 are given below:

Year of Sport

2012 was a year of sport like none other in living memory. Inevitably the year for Verité Sport was dominated by the 2012 London Olympics and Paralympics.

Olympics

Stuart, the Chief Executive of Verité Sport, was involved in the 2012 Olympics in three ways:

1. To provide logistical back-up for the team of 19 international chaplains
2. To fulfil commitments to the Togo Olympic Committee who had asked him to be their Olympic Attaché.
3. To support Christian Olympians.

Chaplaincy logistics

It was exciting that LOCOG allowed 19 international (Protestant) chaplains. Stuart managed the budget, travel arrangements, accommodation, provided UK mobile phones and generally helped with orientation. Several chaplains said that the infra-structure was the best at any event they had ever worked at.

Togo Olympic Attaché

The role of the Olympic Attaché is not clearly defined in the Olympic Charter. The word "liaison" is mentioned a few times. Stuart's role was to do what was asked of him using his knowledge of how to get things done in the UK for the Togo Olympic team. Practical tasks such as getting business cards printed, screen-printing of the running vests the athletes wore, ordering Togolese flags on the internet, liaising with the uniform supplier were typical of the things Stuart undertook.

The accreditation privileges given to the Olympic Attaché are wide ranging. While the Attaché does not sleep in the Village he has access to the Village at all times. Stuart was able to eat in the athletes' restaurant and travel on athletes' transport. In the sports venues he had access to the warm-up areas, the athletes' stand and the Olympic Family Lounge. This access created unprecedented ministry opportunities.

Supporting Christian athletes

From his work in previous years Stuart knew about 35 Christians who were participating in the Olympics and was able to meet with and support them during the Games.

Paralympics

A journalistic accreditation enabled Stuart to support a number of Christian competitors. He also provided logistical help to the six international chaplains. This was Verité Sport's first involvement in Disability Sport and the board has agreed that we should seek to continue and develop this in future.

Argentina

A highlight of the year was the establishment of a partnership with Laura Kyte who will be working among athletes in Argentina. Verité Sport will not be Laura's employer or sending agency but will provide accountability and supervision. Verité Sport will offer Laura relationship, prayer, administration and advocacy. In practice this means that Verité Sport will promote her work through our website and monthly news and prayer updates. Laura, with Fabio her husband, aims to develop a ministry mainly to athletes but will also link with other sports ministry in Argentina.

Togo

Togo is a small French speaking country in West Africa. Verité Sport partners with Aimé who runs the Centre de Formation de Football Féminin for girls. Aimé is a football coach, life coach, pastor and sometimes surrogate father to the girls. In February 2012 Stuart visited Togo and was able to grant some kit - 10 pairs of boots and 14 balls – donated by supporters of Verité Sport, 55 England shirts, 25 pairs of shorts and 26 pairs of socks donated by the FA and 15 pairs of shorts and 13 pairs of socks donated by a local football team.

Ukraine

Stuart visited Ukraine during the European Football championship to see how the Christian community was involved in serving and working alongside the tournament. The visit to Ukraine also enabled Stuart to spend quality time with our partner, Zhenya of Standard, visiting projects that Verité Sport supports and planning future co-operation.

Pakistan

In 2012, Verité Sport sponsored a cricket tournament in Lahore, designed to promote harmony between Christians and Muslims. We will also sponsor the 2013 tournament.

This is part of an ongoing partnership which has already resulted in the publication in Urdu of *Born to Play, What the book says about sport* and the 2007 Cricket World Cup booklet.

Chaplaincy

Stuart serves as secretary of the International Sports Coalition, Major Event Chaplaincy Commission. Its job is to select chaplains who are proposed to organising committees of major sports events.

Stuart supports a number of Christians in high level sport. As well as events in the UK, in 2012 Stuart was at World Indoor Championships in Istanbul, where he was able to pray with a number of different athletes and also lead a Bible study for some athletes in the GB team.

Writing

2012 has been the most productive year for writing. Stuart contributed articles to Sorted, Inspire, Liberti, Rejoice, Insight (Irish Baptist) and BRF New Daylight Bible reading notes. In addition Stuart wrote three major event booklets for 2012, which were published by Verité CM.

Twenty 12 Pocket Guide (Euro 2012)
More than Gold Mini-mag (Olympics)
More than Conquerors (Paralympics)

Theology of sport

One of Stuart's passions is thinking about how to apply the Bible and theology to sport. It was therefore exciting that a joint publication with Professor Andy Parker of University

of Gloucester has appeared in *Theology*, under the title *Sport, spirituality and Protestantism: A historical overview*.

Weekly emails

For seven years Stuart has been distributing a weekly sports devotional email to 500+ people around the world. As well as through email, in English and French, the material is available on the Verité Sport website and as a podcast. Some devotionals have been translated into Russian for publication later.

2013

Plans for 2013 are very much “more of the same”. Verité Sport will continue to support Christians in elite sport – building on the increased contacts developed in 2012. Stuart will travel to a number of sports events including the European Indoor and World Outdoor Athletics Championships.

We will continue to support and partners in Argentina, Togo and Ukraine and will make visits as necessary.

Financial Review

Despite the current economic climate, the charity’s core activities, thanks to its supporters, achieved income of £89,850 (2011: £30,955). This includes one-off income for the chaplaincy work at the London 2012 Olympics of £46,461. After expenses, this leaves reserves of £7,978 (2011: £4,518). The principal funding sources for the charity were donations from trusts and supporters for which Verité Sport is very grateful.

Investment Policy

Aside from retaining a prudent amount in reserves each year most of the charity’s funds are to be spent in the short term so there are few funds for long term investment. Having considered the options available, the Management Committee has decided to invest the small amount that it has available in an interest-bearing bank deposit account.

Reserves Policy

The Management Committee reviewed the reserves policy in light of the main risks to the organisation. The policy is such that unrestricted funds, not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets, held by the charity should be 3 months of non-grant expenditure. The committee agreed that this policy was still appropriate and agreed to review the policy again next year.

The reserves are needed to meet the working capital requirements of the charity and the Management Committee is confident that at this level they would be able to continue the current activities of the charity in the event of a significant drop in funding. The general reserves at 31 December 2012 were £7,321. This is more than the reserves target for 2012 of £6,588 and broadly in line with the reserves target for 2013, based on budgeted expenditure for 2013. The trustees will aim to maintain this target level reserves budgeted for 31st December 2013 but recognise that the global recession is affecting people’s ability to give and may need to use reserves. The Management Committee has

considered the extent to which existing activities and expenditure could be curtailed, should such circumstances arise.

Responsibilities of the Management Committee

Company law requires the Management Committee to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the Management Committee should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the company will continue on that basis.

The Management Committee is responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The Management Committee is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Members of the Management Committee

Members of the Management Committee, who are directors for the purpose of company law and trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 3.

In accordance with company law, as the company's directors, we certify that:

- so far as we are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's independent examiner is unaware; and
- as the directors of the company we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's independent examiner is aware of that information.

Auditors

There is no requirement to appoint auditors under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and an independent examination of the accounts is needed. This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (issued in March 2005) and in accordance with section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small entities.

Approved by the Management Committee on 1 June 2013 and signed on its behalf by:



Rev J B Gillingham (Chairman)

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Statement of Financial Activities (including Income & Expenditure Account) for the year ended 31 December 2012

	Notes	2012 Unrestricted Funds £	2012 Restricted Funds £	2012 Total Funds £	2011 Total Funds £
Incoming resources:					
Incoming resources from					
Generated funds:					
Voluntary income	1,2	36,523	210	36,733	25,754
Investment income		–	–	–	1
Miscellaneous income		23	–	23	136
Incoming resources from					
Charitable activities					
Ongoing activities	1,3	6,633	46,461	53,094	5,064
Total incoming resources		43,179	46,671	89,850	30,955
Resources expended					
Charitable activities					
Ongoing activities	4	40,801	45,514	86,315	37,213
Governance costs					
	4	75	–	75	14
Total resources expended		40,876	45,514	86,390	37,227
Net incoming resources before transfers		2,303	1,157	3,460	(6,272)
Transfer between funds		500	(500)	–	–
Net movement in funds	12	2,803	657	3,460	(6,272)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds at 31 December 2011	11	4,518	–	4,518	10,790
Total funds at 31 December 2012	11	7,321	657	7,978	4,518

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

There were restricted funds of £657 for Chaplaincy (2011: nil) at the end of the year.

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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2012

		2012 Total Funds £	2011 Total Funds £
	Notes		
Current Assets			
Debtors	9	788	1,935
Cash at bank and in hand		8,379	6,201
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(1,189)</u>	<u>(3,618)</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>7,978</u>	<u>4,518</u>
Net Assets	11	<u>7,978</u>	<u>4,518</u>
Restricted Funds			
		657	-
Unrestricted funds			
General funds		<u>7,321</u>	<u>4,518</u>
Total Funds	12	<u>7,978</u>	<u>4,518</u>

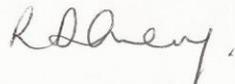
These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

For the year ended 31 December 2012, the company was entitled to exemption under 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476,
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

Approved by the Management Committee on
signed on its behalf by:

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R D Avery FCA (Treasurer)

Notes forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2012

1. Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year.

(a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the inclusion of fixed asset investments at market value, and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (issued in March 2005) (SORP).

(b) Fund accounting

- Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.
- Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Management Committee for particular purposes.
- Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

(c) Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.
- Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these accounts.
- Investment income is included when receivable.
- Incoming resources from grants, where related to performance and specific deliverables, are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

(d) Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates:

- Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income.
- Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

- Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.
- All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) either directly, or are apportioned on an appropriate basis and these are set out in Note 4.

2. Donations

	2012 Unrestricted Funds £	2012 Restricted Funds £	2012 Total Funds £	2011 Total Funds £
Trusts	5,694	–	5,694	4,250
Corporates	250	–	250	3,500
Churches	9,030	–	9,030	9,800
Individual Donations	21,549	210	21,759	8,204
Total donations	<u>36,523</u>	<u>210</u>	<u>36,733</u>	<u>25,754</u>

3. Incoming Resources from Activities to further the Charity's Objects

Incoming resources from charitable ongoing activities comprises fees received for writing literature or articles which fulfil the objectives of the charity. In 2012 there was one off income for the administering the chaplaincy support for the 2012 London Olympics.

4. Total Resources Expended

Basis of allocation

Direct costs have been attributed to the relevant activity. Direct staff costs and non-direct costs have been split on the basis of staff time spent on each of the activities.

	Supporting professional sports people £	Promoting international sports ministry £	Producing resources £	2012 Total Funds £	2011 Total Funds £
Costs directly allocated to ongoing activities	3,758	3,171	1,114	8,043	5,801
Costs directly allocated to Olympic chaplaincy	45,304	–	–	45,304	–
Staff costs Direct	7,545	8,161	7,545	23,251	22,791
Travel Direct	1,954	3,425	974	6,353	5,599
Support costs allocated to activities	955	1,477	932	3,364	3,022
Governance	25	25	25	75	14
Total resources expended	<u>59,541</u>	<u>16,259</u>	<u>10,590</u>	<u>86,390</u>	<u>37,227</u>

5. Net Incoming Resources for the Year

There were no audit or depreciation charges (2011: nil).

6. Staff Costs and Numbers

Staff costs were as follows:

	2012	2011
	£	£
Salaries and wages	16,565	16,605
Social security costs	1,270	1,286
Pension costs	4,800	4,800
Staff training	616	100
Total staff costs	<u>23,251</u>	<u>22,791</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 (2011: nil)

The average number of employees during the year, calculated on the basis of full time equivalents, was as follows:

	2012	2011
	£	£
Chief Executive	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

The charity does not operate any pension scheme for its employees but does make contributions to an Aviva personal pension scheme for its sole staff member. The charity made contributions to this scheme amounting to £4,800 (2011: £4,800).

7. Trustee Remuneration & Related Party Transactions

No members of the Management Committee received any remuneration during the year. Travel costs and expenses amounting to £nil (2011: £nil).

Mr Chris Powell is a board member of Verité Sport. Verité Sport received £ 600 (2011: £600) from Challenge Newslite Limited, and £500 (2011: £500) from Verité CM Limited for writing for their publications. Verité CM Limited is owned by Chris Powell and his wife, who were also owners of Challenge Newslite Limited until October 2012. In addition, Verité Sport paid £nil (2011: £68) to Verité CM Limited for providing printing services. The trustees are satisfied that this arrangement was of benefit to Verité Sport.

No other trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year.

8. Taxation

As a charity, Verité Sport is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or s256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the Charity.

9. Debtors

	2012 £	2011 £
Other debtors and prepayments	788	1,935

10. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due within One Year

	2012 £	2011 £
Deferred income	–	2,000
Other creditors and accruals	1,189	1,618
Creditors falling due within one year	1,189	3,618

11. Analysis of Net Assets between Funds

	2012 Unrestricted Funds £	2012 Restricted Funds £	2012 Total Funds £	2011 Unrestricted and Total Funds £
Current assets	8,510	657	9,167	8,136
Current liabilities	(1,189)	–	(1,189)	(3,618)
Net assets	7,321	657	7,978	4,518

12. Movements in Funds

	At 1 Jan 2012 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers between funds £	At 31 Dec 2012 £
General funds					
Unrestricted funds	4,518	43,179	(40,876)	500	7,321
Restricted funds					
Chaplaincy fund	–	46,461	(45,304)	(500)	657
Other funds	–	210	(210)	–	–
Total funds	4,518	89,850	(86,390)	–	7,978

Purposes of Restricted Funds

The other restricted funds were for Argentina (£100) the Olympics (£75) and footballs and boots for Togo (£35). They were fully spent in 2012 and 2011.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Verité Sport

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2012, which are set out on pages 10 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

Date:

T G Croft, BSc, ACA, 8 Churchill Way, Long Hanborough, OX29 8JH