

Bury Tandem Club for Blind and Partially Sighted People

England & Wales · Charity number 1017270

Details

Other names	BURY TANDEM CLUB FOR THE VISUALLY HANDICAPPED, BURY TANDEM CLUB FOR THE BLIND
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1993-02-09
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	7 Rowan Court Bolton BL1 7SL
Phone	07801838048
Email	treasurer@bury-tandem-club.org
Website	www.bury-tandem-club.org

Activities

Objects: TO PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION AND, IN PARTICULAR, THE PROVISION OF TANDEM CYCLING FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED PEOPLE IN BURY AND THE SURROUNDING AREA, WITH THE AIM OF IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE A VISUALLY IMPAIRMENT

Activities: Tandem cycling for visually impaired people

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Disability, Amateur Sport
- **Who:** People With Disabilities

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** LANCASHIRE
- Bolton
- Bury
- Lancashire
- Manchester City
- Oldham
- Rochdale
- Salford City
- Stockport
- Tameside
- Trafford

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-30	£25,880	£18,722	-	-
2024-09-30	£9,271	£17,640	-	-
2023-09-30	£28,261	£8,069	-	-
2022-09-30	£14,203	£13,513	-	-
2021-09-30	£6,942	£9,560	-	-
2020-09-30	£6,496	£7,483	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alan Mayer	Chair	2017-01-15
David Rhead		2024-07-06
David William Michael Comer		2020-01-24
James Alexander Allen		2025-03-11
Jonathan Martin Doxsey		2021-06-16
Lesley Best		2021-11-26
Stephen Cooper		2021-11-26

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1	10	2024		30	09	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Bury Tandem Club for Blind and Partially Sighted People

Other names charity is known by Bury Tandem Club

Registered charity number (if any) 1017270

Charity's principal address 7 Rowan Court

Bolton

Postcode

BL1 7SL

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Alan Mayer	Chair		
2	Martin Doxsey	Treasurer		
3	Alex Allen	Secretary	From 11/3/2025	
4	Bill Comer	Membership Secretary		
5	Steven Cooper			
6	Lesley Best			
7	David Rhead		From 6/7/2024	
8	Nazia Aslam		To September 2025	
9	Laura Whittaker		To December 2024	
10	Mark Holme		To May 2025	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Unincorporated association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Election at AGM

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objectives of The Club are to provide facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation and, in particular, the provision of tandem cycling facilities in the interests of social welfare for visually impaired people in Bury and the surrounding area, with the aim of improving the quality of life of people who have a visual impairment

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The main activity of the Club is a weekly tandem ride of 30-60 miles which takes place every Sunday starting at 9.30am from the Club workshop. These are challenging rides available for blind and visually impaired riders who can travel to the workshop for the start of the weekly rides.

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit, and we believe we address both the “benefit” and the “public” aspects of “public benefit”

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Club has continued to organise regular Sunday rides through the last year with only a small number unable to take place because of adverse and/or unsafe weather conditions. The rides benefit around 8 partially sighted stokers who ride on the rear of the tandem and 20 sighted pilots who ride on the front. All the riders talk of the enjoyment they derive from the rides with pilots in particular describing it as a life-changing activity. The activity delivers benefits for their physical and mental health as well as being a welcome social activity. The pilots would maintain that they derive similar benefits. The Club has also appeared in local news, printed and broadcast, raising awareness among the public in general of the needs, challenges and achievements of visually impaired people. The Club has members from Bury and the surrounding area and some who travel to the weekly rides from as far as Stockport.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We are reliant on grants to maintain our financial viability. By their very nature, these are irregular and some grant making bodies will not award grants to charities with too large a bank balance. The main financial risk to the charity is a sustained lack of success in applying for grants combined with reduced donations. Reserves are held to cover at least 12 months operational costs to allow time for fundraising and grant applications.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)		
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)		
Date		

2024-2025

INCOME

	2023-2024	2024-2025
Donation from Garl Foundation		£9,500.00
Tandem insurance claim		£4,575.00
Sponsorship raised from MANC100 sponsored ride	£413.74	£4,057.21
Sponsorship from Drew Brady/SockShop	£5,000.00	£2,500.00
Bank interest	£613.80	£904.98
Payments for Club Tops		£836.00
Donation - Xmas trees	£586.43	£739.09
Donations - Paul Eden		£563.06
Donations - D&L Charity		£500.00
Fundraising by Laura Whitaker		£500.00
Miscellaneous donations	£817.20	£415.43
Bike parts refund		£277.95
Stokers' donations	£298.00	£243.00
Presidents ride payments/AGM Buffet	£196.00	£120.00
Donations - JustGiving	£645.87	£97.80
Miscellaneous income		£50.00
Donation from Stockport Ladies Group	£700.00	
	£9,271.04	£25,879.52

EXPENDITURE

Purchase of new tandems	£6,953.00	£7,998.00
Mechanic's salary	£3,000.00	£3,000.00
Insurance premium	£1,499.42	£1,892.88
Bike parts	£2,160.70	£1,739.78
New club tops		£1,452.48
Income tax	£750.00	£750.00
One off bills (e.g. toilet consumables)	£295.72	£622.58
Manchester 100 Registration		£404.60
Bike cleaning	£425.00	£315.00
Energy	£505.47	£286.26
Presidents ride/AGM buffet	£81.25	£140.00
New website		£120.00
Committee meeting room hire	£135.00	
Electrical installation check	£48.00	
New heating and lighting for workshop	£1,536.90	
New website	£250.00	
	£15,805.56	£18,721.58

FUNDS IN BANK ACCOUNTS

30/09/2024	£22,000.40
30/09/2025	£29,158.34



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
BURY TANDEM CLUB FOR BLIND & PARTIALLY SIGHTED PEOPLE

**On accounts for the year
ended**

SEPTEMBER 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1017270

Set out on pages

3 – TOTAL INCOME £25,880 TOTAL EXPENSES £18,722
(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **DD / MM / YYYY**.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

12/02/2026

Name:

KATHRYN ROGERS FCA

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

ICAEW MEMBER NO 8943497

Address:

**BANKBOTTOM FARM, BROADHEAD ROAD
TURTON, BOLTON
BL7 0JN**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

NONE

Bury Tandem Club for Blind and Partially Sighted People

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Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1/10/2022 **Period start date** **To** 30/9/2023 **Period end date**

Charity name: Bury Tandem Club for Blind and Partially Sighted People

Charity registration number:1017270

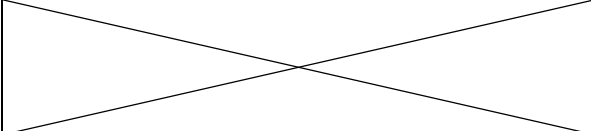
Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The objectives of The Club are to provide facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation and, in particular, the provision of tandem cycling facilities in the interests of social welfare for visually impaired people in Bury and the surrounding area, with the aim of improving the quality of life of people who have a visual impairment
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The main activity of the Club is a weekly tandem ride of 30-60 miles which takes place every Sunday starting at 9.30am from the Club workshop. These are challenging rides available for blind and visually impaired riders who can travel to the workshop for the start of the weekly rides.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Yes, and we believe we address both the “benefit” and the “public” aspects of “public benefit”

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The Club is totally reliant for its existence on the weekly contribution made to the Club by its sighted front riders (aka pilots).

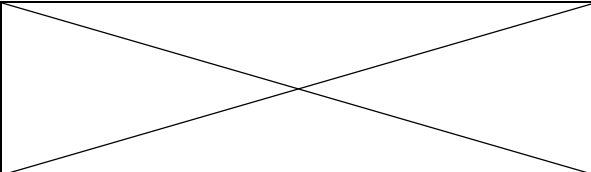
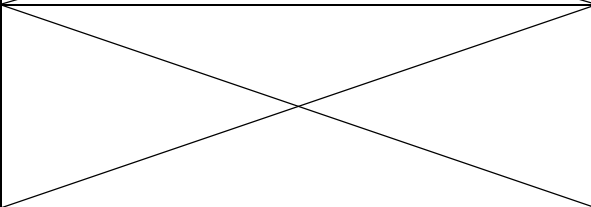
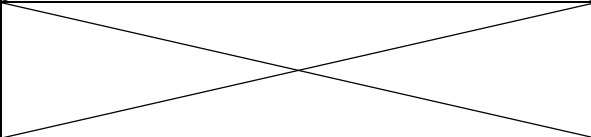
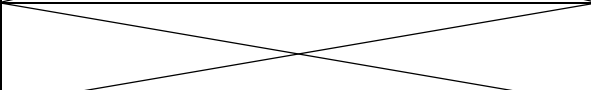
Other		
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Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p>The Club has continued to organise regular Sunday rides through the last year with only a small number unable to take place because of adverse and/or unsafe weather conditions.</p> <p>The rides benefit around 10 partially sighted stokers who ride on the rear of the tandem and 20 sighted pilots who ride on the front.</p> <p>All the riders talk of the enjoyment they derive from the rides with pilots in particular describing it as a life-changing activity. The activity delivers benefits for their physical and mental health as well as being a welcome social activity. The pilots would maintain that they derive similar benefits.</p> <p>The Club has also appeared in local news, printed and broadcast, raising awareness among the public in general of the needs, challenges and achievements of visually impaired people.</p> <p>The Club has members from Bury and the surrounding area and some who travel to the weekly rides from as far as Stockport.</p>

Additional information (optional)

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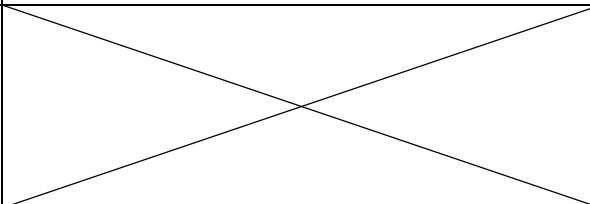
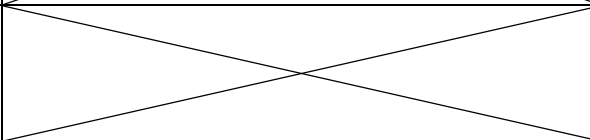
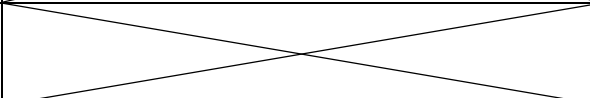
Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The financial position at the end of September 2023 was particularly strong because of a single grant of £15000 received during the year as well as £8000 being donated to the Club from the fundraising activities of one member.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We are reliant on grants to maintain our financial viability. By their very nature, these are irregular and some grant making bodies will not award grants to charities with too large a bank balance. The main financial risk to the charity is a sustained lack of success in applying for grants combined with reduced donations. Reserves are held to cover at least 12 months operational costs to allow time for fundraising and grant applications.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Cash in hand at the bank was £30,369 on 30/9/2023, all of which was unrestricted funds. This is enough to keep the Club going for about three years with no other income.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Our principal sources of funds are grants, the annual sponsored ride, miscellaneous fundraising activities, weekly contributions by stokers for the rides and ad-hoc donations
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	The Club has a constitution as its main governing document
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	The charity is constituted as an unincorporated association.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	The Life President is a Trustee by virtue of his role. All other trustees are selected at the AGM with the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer being elected directly to their posts. All elected Committee members are also Trustees.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Bury Tandem Club
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1017270
Charity's principal address	High Barn Horrocks Fold Bolton BL1 7BX

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Derek Pritchard	President		
2	Alan Mayer	Chair		
3	Ann Munro	Secretary		
4	Jonathan Martin Doxsey	Treasurer		
5	Stephen Cooper			
6	Lesley Best			
7	Laura Jayne Whitaker			
8	Mark Jason Holme			
9	David William Michael Comer			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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N/A		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A



Other optional information

N/A

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Alan Mayer	Jonathan Martin Doxsey
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	15/5/2024	15/5/2024

2022-2023

INCOME

	2021-2022	2022-2023
Donation from Garl Foundation		£15,000.00
Fundraising by Laura Whitaker		£8,500.00
Sponsorship raised from sponsored ride	£2,053.71	£1,861.15
Stokers donations	£618.05	£620.00
Miscellaneous donations	£512.01	£503.07
Donations - JustGiving	£184.42	£411.06
Donation - Xmas trees	£377.98	£373.36
Donation via MuchLoved.com		£235.44
Donations - Harry and Mark labour	£225.00	£220.00
Presidents ride payments	£180.00	£164.00
Donations - bike parts	£100.00	£130.00
Donation from Bid for Charity		£100.00
Bank interest	£1.57	£64.60
Payments for Club Tops	£211.00	£45.00
Amazon Smile scheme	£18.82	£33.73
Grant - Bury Council 2022	£4,846.00	
Grant - Spar 2022	£2,000.00	
Southport Sponsored Ride	£1,020.90	
Donations - Bury Market Stall	£752.86	
Donations - Asda	£500.00	
Donations via Virgin Money Giving webpage	£265.41	
Donations - BAFC collection	£185.20	
Tandem Hire by The Times	£150.00	
	£14,202.93	£28,261.41

Restricted funds	£4,846.00	£0.00
Unrestricted funds	£9,356.93	£28,261.41

EXPENDITURE

Mechanic's salary	£3,000.00	£3,000.00
Annual employer's and public liability insurance	£1,602.92	£1,750.19
Bike parts	£4,193.21	£931.81
Income tax	£1,616.05	£750.00
Bike cleaning	£532.00	£590.00
Energy	£529.31	£425.55
Electrical installation check		£169.20
Presidents ride buffet	£150.00	£168.00
One off bills (e.g. toilet consumables)	£127.00	£147.55
Committee meeting room hire	£150.00	£135.00
Card reader transaction fees	£6.08	£1.70
Club Gilets purchase	£1,341.60	
Skipton 22 ride costs	£156.52	
Banner	£108.00	
	£13,512.69	£8,069.00



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
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**On accounts for the year
ended**

SEPTEMBER 2023

**Charity no
(if any) 1017270**

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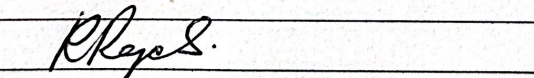
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Signed: 

Date: 05/12/2023

Name: KATHRYN ROGERS FCA

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

ICAEW MEMBER NO 8943497

Address:

BANKBOTTOM FARM, BROADHEAD ROAD
TURTON, BOLTON
BL7 0JN

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