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Registered Charity Number 1087775

Langland Bay Lifeguard Club
C/O Club Secretary & Treasurer
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Affiliated to the Surf Lifesaving Association of Wales (SLSA Wales), the National Governing Body for lifesaving in Wales.

For the attention of: The Charities Commission

Re: Langland Bay Lifeguard Club – report of activities 2024

Please accept this letter as a summary of the Trustee's Report for 2024 activity for Langland Bay Lifeguard Club. Run entirely by its members, who are all volunteers and receive no payment for the work they do, the Club's primary purpose is to provide aquatic based lifesaving and first aid training to its members across a range of ages from 7yrs to 60+. In addition, the Club provides opportunities for members to compete against other Surf Lifesaving Clubs to hone their skills, build on their fitness levels, and have fun! The Club is split into 4 sections – Nippers, Juniors, Seniors and Masters. Club activities take place at Langland Bay in the summer months (from the start of May to end of September) and at a local swimming pool in the winter months (September to end of April).

An overview of each section for 2024 is as follows.

Nippers

Aimed at 7–12-year-olds, the Nipper section of the Club exists to provide children with the fundamental skills and knowledge of how to stay safe in or around the water and teaches them basic rescue skills so they can help others. Children are age/ability banded to provide progressive training through the groups.

2024 saw the handover of responsibility for this age group to two recently qualified Trainers, with other experienced Trainers and the Head Club Coach providing mentoring and support as required. This provided an opportunity for the outgoing lead trainers from this age group to support the Head Club Coach with the delivery of training sessions for the older age groups within the Club.

This year also saw a growing interest from Nipper parents to support the delivery of sessions, and as such a Nipper Safety Assistant course and Level 1 Trainer course was held for 8 volunteers prior to the start of the Summer season. This approach is crucial to ensuring

the sustainability of our Club, as there is inevitably a level of turnover as members either move through the age groups or leave the Club to pursue other activities.

Membership levels

As a result of strenuous efforts by our club Nipper coaches and helpers our Nipper membership has grown by around 30% compared to last year.

Lifesaving awards

- Nipper water safety awards were delivered once again this year, with more than 75% of Nippers completing the award relevant to their age.

Juniors (12 to 16yrs)

The Junior section builds on the fundamental skills learnt during Nippers. Members at this level will train for intermediate First Aid and Lifesaving qualifications, which lead onto the opportunity to work towards obtaining their National Vocational Beach Lifeguard Qualification (NVBLQ) at 16yrs. This is an industry standard award which is the pre-requisite for employment as a beach lifeguard across the UK.

Membership levels

Around 20 Nippers transitioned from the Nipper to Junior age group this year, however our Junior section continues to be the most challenging group to maintain membership levels, mainly due to the sheer breadth of extra-curricular and sporting activities that many young people are involved in.

Lifesaving awards

- Junior awards were delivered during the early part of the season, with many obtaining their Level 1 lifesaving awards, thus allowing them to enter surf lifesaving competitions in the Summer.

Seniors & Masters

There are various vocational awards and training opportunities available to Seniors, for example Rescue Boat Training and other specialist first aid and lifesaving qualifications, which serve either as a pre-requisite for employment or as evidence of extra-curricular activities for CVs.

Membership levels

This year has seen a big increase in membership within this section primarily due to Nipper parents becoming interested in playing an active role within the club. There were also several Senior members returning from University and rejoining the club. As such, specific

sessions for this age group were initiated at the start of the beach season, in order to provide everyone with the opportunity to use the limited amount of training equipment, but also to ensure sessions were tailored to the age and experience levels accordingly.

Lifesaving awards

- Senior & Master awards were completed for those wishing to gain employment, compete at surf lifesaving competitions, provide support for voluntary beach patrols and water safety events, or become Nipper Safety Assistants to support on the beach with Nipper sessions.

Club competitive achievements

In 2024 the club competed at both Welsh and British pool and open water surf lifesaving competitions with a few very impressive results.

- Our Nippers came 4th out of 14 Clubs in the Surf Lifesaving Wales Stillwater (pool) championships, with our Masters age group achieving 2nd place. This resulted the Club coming 7th overall.
- Due to the low level of interest and numbers at junior and senior level, the Club did not score as highly, therefore affecting our overall position in the rankings.

Other Club activities and areas of focus

As a volunteer-based organisation we rely on the support of our members to assist with the day to day running of the club, from training delivery to fundraising activities to maintenance of our building and equipment.

This year our fundraising team generated a total income of just over £13k, through a combination of sponsorship from local businesses, supporting local water safety events, plus an impressive grant of just under £10k was provided to purchase new lifesaving training & surf lifesaving sport racing equipment.

What's planned for 2025?

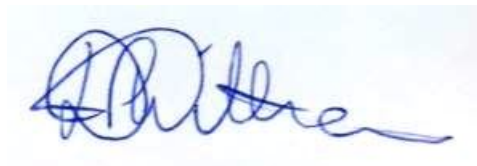
With 2025 being the club's 50th year, there will be a range of formal and informal celebrations held throughout the year. It is hoped that these events will not only engage existing members, but also past members and members of our local community who have supported the Club over the years.

We are also planning to run specific lifesaving sport and fitness sessions which will be less intensive and more progressive in their nature, the aim being to softly introduce and encourage members to take part in competitive events.

Based on the significant increase in members throughout the year, plus the level of interest from parents and members to get more involved in the Club, we are planning to review our Committee structure and roles within the Committee itself. We are planning on developing

clearer guidance on both the formal (i.e. committee roles) and informal roles that the Club needs in order to build on the last 50 years, and futureproof the Club for years to come.

For and on behalf of Langland Bay Lifeguard Club

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D Williams', is centered on the page. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'D' and a long, sweeping tail.

Darren Williams

Club Secretary & Treasurer
Langland Bay Lifeguard Club

Langland Bay Lifeguard Club
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Year Ended: 31st December 2024

Summary of Income and Expenditure

	2024	2023
Income		
Membership subs	19754	17425
Competition fees	3058	2897
Fundraising activities	13136	5286
Club clothing	787	1212
Lifesaving award fees	-	99
Nipper camp	1432	-
Bank interest received	1	-
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Expenditure		
Competition fees	2576	2740
Fundraising activities	100	918
Pool hire	10588	11514
Club clothing	1386	240
Club training equipment	10379	2959
Equipment maintenance	24	603
Building maintenance	140	3407
Building consumables	380	731
Heat & light	1502	1900
Rates & water	542	554
Fire, Security and broadband	1439	1250
Insurance & governing body affiliation	2561	1568
Lifesaving award fees	-	190
Bank charges	-	13
Volunteer training & development	165	298
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Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	6386	-1964

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Statement of Bank Accounts

2023		2024
£		£
	Balance at Bank as at 31.12.2023	
5393	General Account	4941
184	Treasurers Account	72
4103	Fund Account	29
<u>9680</u>		<u>5042</u>
-1964	(Deficit)/Surplus for the year	6386
<u>7716</u>		<u>11428</u>
	Balance at Bank as at 31.12.2024	
4941	General Account	9919
72	Treasurers Account	179
2674	Fundraising Account	3894
29	Fund Account	110
<u>7716</u>		<u>14102</u>

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
Langland Bay Lifeguard Club**

I report on the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on the attached pages.

Respective Responsibilities of Committee Members and Examiner

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:-

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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 the seeking of explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, 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.

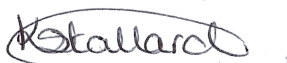
Independent Examiner's Statement

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 2011; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the applicable requirement concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts Reports) Regulations 2008

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.



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Date 11th August 2025