

Charity registration number: 1092936

Sir William Borlase Boat Club Support Group

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	S Britton
	C Clarke
	C Goodchild
	J Keir
	A Palmer
	J Parker
Charity Registration Number	1092936
Principal Office	Sir William Borlase's Grammar School West Street Marlow SL7 2BR
Independent Examiner	Sterling Grove Accountants Fawley House 2 Regatta Place Marlow Road Bourne End Buckinghamshire SL8 5TD

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Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2024.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

Sir William Borlase Boat Club Support Group was established to promote participation in amateur sport and healthy recreation through the provision of facilities, encouragement and instruction in rowing for the pupils of Sir William Borlase's Grammar School. It achieved charitable status from the Charities Commission on 12 July 2002. The club's objectives are both to enable widespread participation in the sport, as a leading state school, recognising that elite performance is a mechanism for promoting participation.

Public benefit

The primary activity is to provide training that enables opportunities for participation in rowing at all levels, including at the elite representative levels, for pupils of Sir William Borlase's Grammar School.

Although Sir William Borlase Boat Club Support Group was set-up for the benefit of pupils, the boats can be made available for use by the general public.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Achievements and performance

During the period to 31st August 2024 Sir William Borlase's Boat Club provided opportunities for approximately 150 individuals to engage in sport on a recreational and competitive basis.

This has been a very challenging period as a result of persistent flooding and environmental challenges associated with the stretch of river closest to the boat house. Many races and regattas were cancelled. In addition, the school gym used by the rowers was identified in September 2023 as having RAC concrete issues. The rowers spent the winter months training on erg machines under canvas. Further, in June 2024 the club was forced to depart the existing boat site at Longridge where they had trained from since 2007. A new site on the other side of the river was finally occupied subsequent to the year-end in October 2024 and the gym was made available again from November 2024.

Despite these issues the club had some notable performances, not least the W16x crew winning the Junior Interregional Regatta, a first national championship win for several years.

Parents and supports have been very active in coming together and subsequent to the year end the club has recovered to a resilient number of rowers and financial position.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Financial review

Income consists primarily of voluntary donations. Donations fell as a result of the challenging conditions and reduced ability to row.

Costs primarily consist of coaching salaries and fees, site hire, British Rowing memberships fees and costs associated with servicing and maintaining boats and equipment. Costs remained broadly consistent year on year despite the increased expenditure required to enable rowers to participate under canvas through the winter and in site move readiness. These costs are primarily incurred through Sir William Borlase's Grammar School. Donations are granted to cover agreed budgets. Costs are subject to scrutiny by the Sir William Borlase's Boat Club Supporters' Club Committee.

In addition, the Charity undertook fundraising in 2022 to make a payment to the Marlow School's Boat House Charity of £15,000. This amount was to be donated only if the site move was going ahead and so was not recognised as an obligation in prior years as it was contingent on a future event. This amount was paid during the year.

Policy on reserves

The charity's aim is to have a minimum of 2 months committed expenditure in reserves to enable us to meet any financial commitments as they fall due.

Trustees and officers

The trustees and officers serving on the Committee during the year and since the year end were as follows:

A M Bone (resigned 1 April 2025)
D Bateson (resigned 10 January 2024)
S Britton (appointed 30 April 2025)
C Clarke (appointed 10 January 2024)
N Downes (resigned 31 January 2024)
C Goodchild (appointed 30 April 2025)
P Gray (resigned 10 January 2024)
C Hall (resigned 1 April 2025)
M Hunt (resigned 1 April 2025)
J Keir (appointed 10 January 2024)
J Moody (resigned 1 April 2025)
A Palmer (appointed 12 March 2025)
J Parker (appointed 30 April 2025)

Structure, governance and management

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Trustees are appointed at the annual AGM or by exception, as required by the committee.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Operating structure

The Sir William Borlase Boat Club Support Group Committee has oversight of the rowing activities undertaken and managed by the Director of Rowing, coaching staff and other coaches contracted by Sir William Borlase Grammar School. The School is responsible for ensuring that the rowing programme is managed and delivered in accordance with the rules and expectations established by British Rowing. The School manages the rowers, the rowers' safety, the equipment, membership lists, administration and day to day running of the rowing club. It reports back to the Committee at least annually.

The Sir William Borlase Boat Club raises funds to enable the school to purchase rowing equipment and to cover pre-agreed costs, including the provision of rowing coaches. Should the School incur excess costs above those that the Committee has committed to reimburse, they are the responsibility of the School.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 3 July 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



C Clarke
Trustee

Sir William Borlase Boat Club Support Group

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 3 July 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



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C Clarke
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Sir William Borlase Boat Club Support Group

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Sir William Borlase Boat Club Support Group for the year ended 31 August 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of Sir William Borlase Boat Club Support Group 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 Sir William Borlase Boat Club Support Group's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Sir William Borlase Boat Club Support Group as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



Gianni Pietro Amasanti FCCA
Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

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Date: 11 July 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	2	71,621	71,621
Total income		71,621	71,621
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds		(868)	(868)
Charitable activities	3	(87,209)	(87,209)
Other expenditure	4	(15,000)	(15,000)
Total expenditure		(103,077)	(103,077)
Net expenditure		(31,456)	(31,456)
Net movement in funds		(31,456)	(31,456)
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		44,693	44,693
Total funds carried forward	12	13,237	13,237
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:			
Donations and legacies		105,890	105,890
Total income		105,890	105,890
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds		(3,309)	(3,309)
Charitable activities		(84,476)	(84,476)
Total expenditure		(87,785)	(87,785)
Net income		18,105	18,105
Net movement in funds		18,105	18,105
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		26,588	26,588
Total funds carried forward	12	44,693	44,693

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.
The funds breakdown for 2023 is shown in note 12.

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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Current assets			
Debtors	9	30,903	29,472
Cash at bank and in hand	10	<u>20,417</u>	<u>37,189</u>
		51,320	66,661
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	11	<u>(38,083)</u>	<u>(21,968)</u>
Net assets		<u>13,237</u>	<u>44,693</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>13,237</u>	<u>44,693</u>
Total funds	12	<u>13,237</u>	<u>44,693</u>

The financial statements on pages 7 to 14 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 3 July 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



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C Clarke
Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

Sir William Borlase Boat Club Support Group meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities

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

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees meetings and reimbursed expenses.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2024 (continued)

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from members for services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted		
	General	Total	Total
	£	2024	2023
		£	£
Donations			
Boat hire	-	-	2,336
Fund raising	3,032	3,032	9,411
Parental donations	54,944	54,944	76,745
Gift Aid reclaimable	13,645	13,645	17,398
	<u>71,621</u>	<u>71,621</u>	<u>105,890</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2024 (continued)

3 Expenditure on charitable activities

		Unrestricted		
	Note	General £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Vehicle costs		1,266	1,266	2,321
Boat purchase		-	-	15,351
Travel costs		4,264	4,264	1,021
Coaches fees		46,566	46,566	31,562
Fuel		720	720	1,088
Rent		18,274	18,274	15,125
Insurance		264	264	264
Equipment repairs and maintenance		4,844	4,844	6,734
Rowing kit		2,197	2,197	127
Equipment costs		2,513	2,513	3,733
General expenses		61	61	629
British rowing subs		4,860	4,860	5,139
Bank charges		60	60	62
Governance costs		1,320	1,320	1,320
		<u>87,209</u>	<u>87,209</u>	<u>84,476</u>

4 Other expenditure

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Donations paid		<u>15,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>
Total for 2024		<u>15,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>

This donation was paid to Marlow Schools Boat House Charity.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2024 (continued)

5 Analysis of governance and support costs

Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Independent examiner fees		
Examination of the financial statements	1,320	1,320
Total for 2024	1,320	1,320
Total for 2023	1,320	1,320

6 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

7 Independent examiner's remuneration

	2024 £	2023 £
Examination of the financial statements	1,320	1,320

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2024 (continued)

8 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

9 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Other debtors - Gift Aid	30,903	17,258
Other debtors	-	12,214
	<u>30,903</u>	<u>29,472</u>

10 Cash and cash equivalents

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash at bank	<u>20,417</u>	<u>37,189</u>

11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Other creditors	30,636	4,753
Accruals	<u>7,447</u>	<u>17,215</u>
	<u>38,083</u>	<u>21,968</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2024 (continued)

12 Funds

	Balance at 1 September 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 August 2024 £
Unrestricted				
General	44,693	71,621	(103,077)	13,237
	Balance at 1 September 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 August 2023 £
Unrestricted				
General	26,588	105,890	(87,785)	44,693

13 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds at 31 August 2024 £
Current assets	51,320	51,320
Current liabilities	(38,083)	(38,083)
Total net assets	13,237	13,237
	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds at 31 August 2023 £
Current assets	66,661	66,661
Current liabilities	(21,968)	(21,968)
Total net assets	44,693	44,693