

	Trustees' Annual Report for the period						
	From	Period start date			To	Period end date	
		01	Sep	2019		31	Aug 2020

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	City Of Bristol Rowing Club
Other names charity is known by	

Registered charity number (if any)	1128832
Charity's principal address	The Boathouse, Albion Dockside Estate
	Hanover Place
	Bristol
	Postcode BS1 6TR

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	Martin Kelly	Chairman	Appointed 17/11/20	AGM Membership of CoBRC
2	Christopher Turner	Chairman	Resigned 17/11/20	AGM Membership of CoBRC
3	Caitlin Bloom	Captain	Appointed 17/11/20	AGM Membership of CoBRC
4	Amy Gardner	Captain	Resigned 17/11/20	AGM Membership of CoBRC
5	Martin Kelly	Vice Captain	Resigned 17/11/20	AGM Membership of CoBRC
6	Caitlin Bloom	Vice Captain	Resigned 17/11/20	AGM Membership of CoBRC
7	Annabel Young	Secretary		AGM Membership of CoBRC
8	Jenny Chapman	Women's Captain	Resigned 17/11/20	AGM Membership of CoBRC
9	Edward Piercy	Men's Captain	Resigned 17/11/20	AGM Membership of CoBRC
10	Claire Allen	Treasurer		AGM Membership of CoBRC
11	Mike Katholnig	Juniors' Captain	Resigned 17/11/20	AGM Membership of CoBRC

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)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document <small>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</small>	Constitution
How the charity is constituted <small>(eg. trust, association, company)</small>	Registered Charity
Trustee selection methods <small>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</small>	Trustees are appointed annually by election at the Annual General Meeting held in September.

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.

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

The promotion of community participation in healthy recreation, in particular by the provision of facilities for the sport of rowing, for the benefit of the inhabitants of the greater Bristol region and the UK.

CLUB OBJECTIVES (at September 2019)

The Charity's objectives are:

Club vision: To be the most successful rowing club in the south west, through opening up rowing to all.

- to provide open rowing for all in the local community, providing the facilities and support to enable as many people as possible from Bristol and its surrounding area to learn and practice the sport of rowing at both recreational and competitive levels regardless of age, gender or ethnic origin
- to provide a safe and secure environment for all members of the club
- to ensure that all members are treated fairly and equally
- to continue maintaining and strengthening our club; welcoming experienced rowers who move to Bristol and want to continue to row; as well as recruiting new rowers through our 'Learn to Row' courses for adults and juniors, encouraging them to join the club and to progress to the junior, senior, masters or recreational squads
- to work with local organisations, councils, neighbouring rowing clubs and community groups to actively promote rowing locally, regionally and nationally
- to continue to build links with local businesses and work with them to offer employees the opportunity to improve their health and fitness through, for example, our Corporate Rowing Challenge
- to focus on, develop and support our higher performance athletes and crews who compete at local, regional, inter-regional and national events, and in doing so promote our club and city.
- to provide opportunities to develop coaching skills
- to continue to upgrade and add to our fleet of boats and equipment to match that of the other large British rowing clubs
- to raise the profile of City of Bristol Rowing Club within Bristol, our region and nationally

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)

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.

Equipment focus:

We actively and successfully seek grants and fundraise to increase our fleet of boats and equipment to keep pace with the ever increasing waiting list of adults and juniors; wishing to learn to row in the harbour and compete around the country at regattas and head races.

The success the club achieves nationally promotes the club and raises the public awareness of the enterprise and its achievements. Therefore, the Trustees are eager to make every possible effort to support those members competing at elite level by prioritising the purchase of the equipment which is going to make the biggest difference to a certain squad's performance and ability to accommodate its members.

The Trustees have prepared a 'Boat succession and sales plan' to ensure that we are maintaining and procuring a fleet of boats which meet our club objectives. Our 2020 primary focus has been to 'maintain' our fleet of boats as a large proportion of our fundraising and savings have gone towards our boat house project.

Clubhouse

We are still fundraising and investigating loans to secure the funds necessary to refurbish our existing building. The club has been able to save through the years to largely fund the development project, but new funds will be needed in order to cover the full project. Good progress has been made with the boat house project and we have recently appointed an architect firm to work up drawings and designs. We are in the process of finalising planning permission for the proposed build.

Volunteering

The club is run and maintained by volunteers who individually make significant sacrifices in terms of time and income to help others achieve fulfilment through the sport of rowing. In so doing they help the enterprise grow. For many, the process of making the club grow and excel provides an opportunity for self-development. The demonstrable success of the club and the gratitude of those who have been taught to row go a long way to compensate the sacrifices made by the coaches, trustees, committee members, and support staff needed to keep the complex organisation moving forward.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

- In the 2019/20 season membership numbers remained broadly stable, from 277 at end of August 2019 to 276 at end of August 2020. Fewer than 5% of the club members were still on frozen membership rates at the end of this period. The main reasons for leaving were pursuing other sporting interests/hobbies or lack of opportunity to row during the COVID-19 lockdowns.
- Despite being a difficult year due to COVID 19, Income is up year on year, mainly due to the club being extremely active in applying for grants and reaching out to the community and corporates for support.
- Over 400 adults enquired about learning to row with the club, due to COVID 19 restrictions we have been unable to run a learn to row course. The waiting list continues to grow, and courses will be run once it is safe to do so.
- In 2019 the club decided to pursue a regatta to generate income instead of the headrace. The options for this were explored and it was decided this would be considered in future years. An invitational regatta is planned for 2022, this has been pushed back a year due to COVID-19 restrictions.
- Due to the ongoing restrictions, there has been very little racing recently. The club had success at Wycliff head in the 18/19 season where a number of gold medals were won by the senior women and the juniors. There were strong performances by the senior men and senior women at the Fours head of the River, and strong performances by the master's men and women at vet's head of the River.
- The juniors were looking to a strong national schools' entry, whilst the seniors were well on track for achieving targets at Henley women's and Henley Royal regatta. The master's squad were also looking strong for achieving targets at national and international level. Training has continued through the various lockdowns and we will return to racing when we can.
- Whilst racing and training are unable to take place there is various online activities that are club wide to ensure members stay engaged and promote healthy recreation through the challenging times we now face.
- The senior squads have benefited from a lead and an assistant coach who have now been in post for 3 years. Junior coaching has a good structure, training and retention programme which is proving to be successful. The recreational and master's squads are looking for more support in this area which is being investigated by trustees.
- Safety and welfare of members remains a top priority, the officers responsible for this did a great job and always have full trustee and committee support.

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves this year are to be held to fund the refurbishment of our current boathouse.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not applicable.

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.

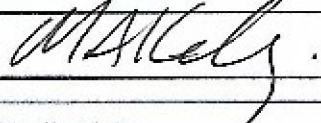
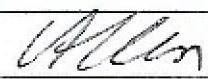
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Other optional information

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
Martin Kelly	Claire Allen

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chairman

Treasurer

Date

1/3/21

Independent examiner's report on the accounts



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

City of Bristol Rowing Club

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 August 2020

**Charity no
(if any)**

1128832

Set out on pages

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**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.

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 statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable 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 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.

Signed:



Date:

1 March 2021

Name:

J Driscoll

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

ACA

Address:

43 Cranbrook Road, Redland, Bristol, BS6 7BP

Section B

Disclosure

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

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