

	Trustees' Annual Report for the period						
	From	Period start date			T o	Period end date	
		01	Sep	2023		31	Aug 2024

Section A Reference and administration details

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

Registered charity number (if any)	1193972
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	Chairperson	Resigned 25/09/24	AGM Membership of CoBRC
2	Caitlin Bloom	Chairperson	Appointed 25/09/24	AGM Membership of CoBRC
3	Michael Smith	Secretary	Resigned 25/09/24	AGM Membership of CoBRC
4	Helen Burgess	Secretary	Appointed 25/09/24	AGM Membership of CoBRC
5	Robert Figueiredo	Treasurer		AGM Membership of CoBRC
6	Catherine Lough	Captain		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)

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Description of the charity's trusts

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

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)

CLUB OBJECTIVES (at September 2024)

The Charity's objectives are:

Club Vision: To be the most successful rowing club in the southwest, 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 the City of Bristol Rowing Club within Bristol, our region and nationally

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 public awareness of the enterprise and its achievements. Therefore, the Trustees are eager to make every possible effort to support those members competing at the 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 that meet our club objectives.

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 to cover the full project. Good progress has been made with the boathouse 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 for 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 2023/24 season membership numbers remained broadly stable with some increases over the period. The main reasons for leaving were pursuing other sporting interests/hobbies or challenges due to the cost of living crisis.
- Income has increased given the greater level of activity and participation in external events / regattas. This has enabled greater numbers of members to participate in events of all levels of skillset.
- Over 400 adults inquired about learning to row with the club, we were able to run the course in line with the appropriate charitable requirements. This is an important source of income not only as a one-off but also as future membership fees.
- The juniors were looking to a strong national schools' entry. The senior men got the strong results at the national level, including Henley Royal Regatta. The women had a strong season, qualifying multiple crews for Henley Women's regatta and a crew for the Wargrave in Henley Royal Regatta. Training has continued through a robust programme and hope for further progress in 2025.
- The senior squads have benefited from a lead and an assistant coach who have now been in post for a number of years. Junior coaching has a good structure, training and retention programme which is proving to be successful. The recreational and master's squads have been combined to better align the available resource and provide more opportunities to a wider range of members.
- The safety and welfare of members remain a top priority, the officers responsible for this did a great job and always have full trustee and committee support.
- We continue to monitor the governments covid updates and will follow any new guidelines.
- This year we invested in new trailers for our boats, as well as key pieces of infrastructure to improve both the functionality and safety of our facilities.

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves this year have been split between capital expenditure on new boats and refurbishment and rebuild of our clubhouse.

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.

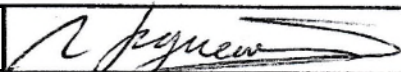
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Other optional information

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Caitlin Bloom

Robert Figueiredo

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chairperson

Treasurer

Date

23/06/2024

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**

Charity Name
City of Bristol Rowing Club

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 August 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1193972

Set out on pages

4 to 6

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

**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:

24/06/2025

Name:

William Daniels

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

Chartered accountant - Scotland

Address:

47 Church Road, Bristol, BS9 1QT

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).

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



Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

01/09/2023

To

31/08/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership Subscriptions	112,418	-	-	112,418	97,932
Donations, sponsorship & grants	19,512	-	-	19,512	7,358
Learn2Row Course	11,052	-	-	11,052	12,231
Corporate Row	-	-	-	-	990
Home events income	-	-	-	-	-
Away events income	84,907	-	-	84,907	68,115
Social events income	18,003	-	-	18,003	9,920
Insurance claims	1,102	-	-	1,102	7,984
Kit income	5,123	-	-	5,123	-
Key deposits	590	-	-	590	200
Bank interest	9,717	-	-	9,717	2,760
Erg Hire	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous income	925	-	-	925	2,189
Members' fees paid in advance	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	263,349	-	-	263,349	209,679
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Boat & equipment sales	810	-	-	810	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	810	-	-	810	-
Total receipts	264,159	-	-	264,159	209,679
A3 Payments					
Repairs & maintenance	13,475	-	-	13,475	19,776
Clubhouse	3,672	-	-	3,672	3,113
Insurance premiums	10,848	-	-	10,848	11,364
Rent & Utilities	22,541	-	-	22,541	26,868
Coaching costs	2,802	-	-	2,802	5,416
Boat licences	3,880	-	-	3,880	4,550
Learn2Row course costs	2,364	-	-	2,364	1,962
Away events costs	79,628	-	-	79,628	68,991
Social events costs	19,561	-	-	19,561	11,600
Kit costs	5,787	-	-	5,787	-
Key deposits returned	182	-	-	182	205
Bank charges	125	-	-	125	120
Miscellaneous expenses	4,624	-	-	4,624	5,365
Member refunds / drawdowns	600	-	-	600	404
Sub total	170,089	-	-	170,089	159,734
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
Capital expenditure	27,719	-	-	27,719	27,877
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	27,719	-	-	27,719	27,877
Total payments	197,808	-	-	197,808	187,611
Net of receipts/(payments)	66,351	-	-	66,351	22,068
A5 Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	431,614	-	-	431,614	409,546
Cash funds this year end	497,965	-	-	497,965	431,614

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	CAF Cash account	43,109	-	-
	CAF Cash account committee	17,980	-	-
	CAF Gold account	436,876	-	-
	Total cash funds	497,965	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Robert Figueiredo	23/06/2025	