

# SPORTING CHALLENGE

England & Wales · Charity number 1140207

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 2011-02-03

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN THE PROVISION OF OPPORTUNITIES AND FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR PHYSICAL RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE INFIRMITY OR DISABILITY, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES, IN PARTICULAR PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DIFFICULTIES WHO ARE RESIDENT IN THE WEST LANCASHIRE AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS, WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE.

**Activities:** Sporting Challenge is a family led charity started in 2008 operating in the borough of West Lancashire supporting people aged 18 or over with learning disabilities, where all members of the Board of Trustees are parents and carers themselves. Our activities include: aerobics, ten pin bowling, boccia & kurling, and other fitness activities.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Disability, Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** WEST LANCASHIRE
- Lancashire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£35,777	£52,539	-	-
2024-03-31	£85,056	£51,198	-	-
2023-03-31	£42,662	£56,370	-	-
2022-03-31	£33,252	£17,702	-	-
2021-03-31	£32,551	£9,921	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Alasdair Donald Watson</b>	Chair	2016-09-20
Christine Elizabeth Taylor		2020-06-22
Kathryn Amelia Brady		2019-07-04
Marie Claire Monk		2020-06-22
Mildred Watson		2018-05-02

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# Accounts

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The charity provides a range of activities for members to attend and participate in with during the year the following core sessions having been provided on a monthly basis:

- Aerobics
- Boccia & Kurling
- Tenpin Bowling
- Disco
- Nintendo
- Pool
- Swimming

In addition the following "seasonal" activities were provided:

- Christmas Party
- Sailing
- Walks

In September 2024 we were able to take members away for a weekend break to the Calver Trust in the Lake District, using their accommodation and catering facilities this time and taking members out for the day with the support of the trust. Once again, the feedback from everyone after returning home was very positive.

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December 2025

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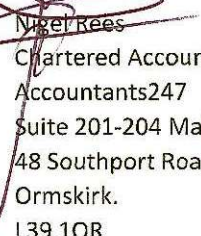
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## Sporting Challenge

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	Notes	2025			2024
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Grants and Donations Received	1	19,849.05	710.00	20,559.05	69,920.00
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Other Costs	5	2,259.68	-	2,259.68	1,799.60
Support Costs	4	15,170.80	18,564.58	33,735.38	38,120.61
		<b>33,974.93</b>	<b>18,564.58</b>	<b>52,539.51</b>	<b>51,198.28</b>
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## Sporting Challenge

## Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 March 2025

	At 31 March 2025			2024
	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	
	Funds	Funds	Funds	
	£	£	£	
Cash at bank and in hand	44,120.18	5,542.85	49,663.03	32,567.31

Represented by:

Sundry debtors and prepayments

Liabilities

Sundry creditors and accruals	720.00	720.00
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These accounts are prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis

Approved and signed on behalf of the board on 23/10/2025

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## Sporting Challenge

## Notes to Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

Note	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	
	£	£	2025 £	2024 £
<b>1 Grants, Donations and Contributions Received</b>				
The Peter Lathom Charity	-	-	-	500.00
Lancashire C.C., Local Members Grants Scheme	-	-	-	3,570.00
Sports England	-	-	-	10,000.00
Burscough Community Fund Redrow	-	-	-	250.00
The Skelton Charity (LCVS)	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	-
Red Rose Responding Fund (CFLM)	3,000.00	-	3,000.00	5,000.00
West Lancs Borough Council (UKSPF)	14,000.00	-	14,000.00	-
Douglas Arter Foundation	500.00	-	500.00	-
Bellway Homes	300.00	-	300.00	-
Arnold Clark Community Fund	500.00	-	500.00	-
The Harris Charity	549.05	-	549.05	-
Bickerstock Music Festival	-	150.00	150.00	100.00
The Kaye Charitable Trust	-	-	-	2,000.00
The NHS Healthy Neighbourhoods Funding Scheme (WLCVS)	-	-	-	5,000.00
The Albert Gubay Charitable Foundation	-	-	-	28,500.00
The Zonchonis Charitable Trust	-	560.00	560.00	1,000.00
The Happy Charitable Trust	-	-	-	1,000.00
The Band Trust	-	-	-	5,000.00
The Forrester Family Trust	-	-	-	6,000.00
The Skipton Building Society Charitable Foundation	-	-	-	2,000.00
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<b>2 Contributions from clients &amp; attendees</b>				
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Chester Weekend Break	3,400.00	-	3,400.00	2,750.00
Sporting Challenge Members Contributions	-	11,818.00	11,818.00	12,386.46
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<b>5 Other Costs</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	£	£	£	£
Bank Charges	68.80	-	68.80	71.60
Insurance	558.81	-	558.81	497.45
ICO fees	40.00	-	40.00	40.00
Sundry	251.68	-	251.68	290.25
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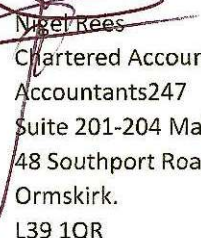
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October 2024



The Trustees  
Sporting Challenge  
17 Bramble Way  
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L40 5BP

Our Ref: CS/SDS/S304

3 October 2024

Dear Sirs,

Please find enclosed a signed copy of the Accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2024.

If you have any queries regarding the above or enclosed, please get in touch. The charity's accounting records are available for collection at your convenience.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

*PP Knowles*

**C. Sales**  
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Sporting Challenge

Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

# Sporting Challenge

Accounts Year Ended 31 March 2024

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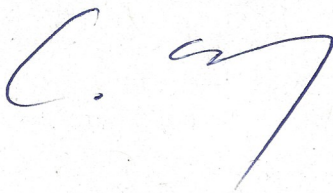
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Receipts and Payments Account  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	2024			2023
		Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Total Funds £
<u>Receipts</u>					
Grants and Donations Received	1	60,820.00	9,100.00	69,920.00	30,550.00
Contributions from Clients and Attendees	2	2,750.00	12,386.46	15,136.46	12,111.87
Fundraising Events		-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous Income		-	-	-	-
		<b>63,570.00</b>	<b>21,486.46</b>	<b>85,056.46</b>	<b>42,661.87</b>
<u>Payments</u>					
Charitable Activities	3	11,278.07		11,278.07	11,819.46
Other Costs	5	1,799.60		1,799.60	1,414.84
Support Costs	4	17,141.42	20,979.19	38,120.61	43,135.50
		<b>30,219.09</b>	<b>20,979.19</b>	<b>51,198.28</b>	<b>56,369.80</b>
Excess receipts over payments		33,350.91	507.27	33,858.18	- 13,707.93
Cash funds as at 1 April 2023		21,495.15	11,072.16	32,567.31	46,275.24
Cash funds as at 31 March 2024	6	<b>54,846.06</b>	<b>11,579.43</b>	<b>66,425.49</b>	<b>32,567.31</b>

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 March 2024

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Albertha Dethen

Sig 2

Edna McCarry

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	£	£	2024 £	2023 £
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Lancashire C.C., Local Members Grants Scheme	3,570.00		3,570.00	1,250.00
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Sports England	10,000.00		10,000.00	
Burscough Community Fund Redrow	250.00		250.00	500.00
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ANWYL Burscough Fund			-	1,000.00
Red Rose Responding Fund	5,000.00		5,000.00	5,000.00
Bennett Family Grantmaking Charity			-	300.00
Douglas Arter Foundation			-	500.00
The Michael and Anna Wix Charitable Trust			-	200.00
Groundworks / Tesco			-	1,000.00
Herefordshire Community Foundation Joanie's Fund			-	2,000.00
The Edward Gosling Foundation			-	3,000.00
Bickerstock Committee		100.00	100.00	100.00
The Kaye Charitable Trust	2,000.00		2,000.00	-
NHS Healthy Neighbourhoods Funding Scheme	5,000.00		5,000.00	-
The Albert Gubay Charitable Foundation	28,500.00		28,500.00	-
The Zonchonis Charitable Trust		1,000.00	1,000.00	-
The Happy Charitable Trust	1,000.00		1,000.00	-
The Band Trust	5,000.00		5,000.00	-
The Forrester Family Trust		6,000.00	6,000.00	-
The Skipton Building Society Charitable Foundation		2,000.00	2,000.00	-
	<b>60,820.00</b>	<b>9,100.00</b>	<b>69,920.00</b>	<b>30,550.00</b>
<b>2 Contributions from clients &amp; attendees</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Chester Weekend Break	2,750.00		2,750.00	
Sporting Challenge Members Contributions		12,386.46	12,386.46	12,111.87
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## Sporting Challenge

## Notes to Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

Note	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	
<b>3 Charitable Activities</b>			<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	£	£	£	£
Aerobics/Gym/Trampoline	758.60		758.60	600.00
Boccia and Kurling	995.00		995.00	3,285.00
Bowling	1,345.49		1,345.49	1,300.83
Dance & Drama	60.00		60.00	100.00
Pool	730.00		730.00	740.00
Golf	903.00		903.00	1,081.60
Sailing/Boat Trips/Swimming	104.10		104.10	20.00
Holiday Venue	6,381.88		6,381.88	4,692.00
	<u><b>11,278.07</b></u>		<u><b>11,278.07</b></u>	<u><b>11,819.43</b></u>
<b>4 Support costs</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Edward McCarthy Support Services	17,141.42	20,979.19	<b>38,120.61</b>	<b>43,135.50</b>
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<b>5 Other Costs</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	£	£	£	£
Bank Charges	71.60		71.60	85.20
Insurance	497.45		497.45	458.59
ICO fees	40.00		40.00	40.00
Sundry	290.25		290.25	159.93
Stationery	66.98		66.98	30.99
Accountancy	720.00		720.00	534.00
Web hosting	113.32		113.32	106.13
	<u><b>1,799.60</b></u>		<u><b>1,799.60</b></u>	<u><b>1,414.84</b></u>

The Trustees  
Sporting Challenge  
17 Bramble Way  
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Ormskirk  
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Our Ref: CS/SDS/S304

10 September 2024

Dear Sirs,

Please find enclosed a copy of the amended draft Accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. These accounts have been prepared on a 'Receipts and Payments' basis and no Trustees' Annual Report is included as you have indicated that this will form part of your Annual Return submission to the Charity Commission.

Restricted funds shown in the accounts at the year-end total £54,846.06, made up of the balances listed on page 5.

On page 2 of the Accounts £17,141 of the "other costs" associated with EMSS (total £38,120) have been assigned to "Restricted Funds". This allocation was determined by reconciling the opening restricted fund to the closing restricted fund supplied and the restricted funds received (as shown below):-

	£
Opening restricted fund	21,495
Add restricted funds received	63,570
Less closing restricted fund	<u>(54,846)</u>
Expenses movement	<u>30,219</u>

and then deducting the charitable activity costs of £11,278.07 (see note 3), other costs of £17,141.42 (note 4) and the support costs of £1,799.60 (note 5).

The closing restricted funds balance of £54,846.06, was extracted from your workings supplied, with the "Restricted" payments being the difference between the "Restricted Funds" received and closing balance.

As previously mentioned in our letter of 21 August 2024 some reporting conditions are imposed by certain Grantors; thank you for confirming by email that all such conditions have been met and that the trustees are unaware of any reasons why any individual award may become repayable. As discussed in your telephone conversation with Simon Sheldon on 9 September 2024 we have included the donation of £28,500 from Albert Gubay Trust Ltd as restricted due to the location restrictions imposed by the grant.

Once you have had the opportunity to peruse the accounts, please let us know if you have any queries on them. We should be grateful if you would confirm whether the charity has been issued with a "Notice to Complete" a corporation tax return for the year.

If you have any queries regarding the above or enclosed, please get in touch. The charity's accounting records are available for collection at your convenience.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Sales', followed by a long, horizontal, slightly wavy line that extends to the right.

**C. Sales**  
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**SPORTING CHALLENGE**

England & Wales - Charity number 1140207

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# Accounts

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL  
STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

**FOR**

**SPORTING CHALLENGE**

**Charity Registration Number: 1140207**

## **Sporting Challenge**

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### **Trustees / Officers:**

Alasdair Watson (Chair)  
Gary Reece (Vice Chair)  
Mildred Watson (Secretary)  
Kathryn Brady (Safeguarding Officer)  
Edward McCarthy (Treasurer & Activities Officer)  
Marie Monk  
Christine Taylor

### **Independent examination of the Receipts and Payments accounts and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities:**

JVSA Accountants 20 Derby Street Ormskirk L39 2BY

### **Trustee's Report April 2022 / March 2023**

Sporting Challenge is a charity that provides the opportunity for adults of 18 and over with learning difficulties the chance to participate in social activities linked to sport. The provision of these activities gives the members' carers and families much needed respite with the knowledge that they are safe, understood and supported.

The trustees have decided to conduct this year's AGM electronically.

#### **Achievements and successes over the last year:**

First of all, a thank you to the trustees and officers of Sporting Challenge for the time and support that they set aside which without the charity would not be able to support the members.

Also, we must not forget the members and their families and carers that support the charity.

By April 2022 Sporting Challenge was endeavouring to reintroduce as normal an activity programme as possible with more members returning and during the summer period this including outdoor events such as Sailing and Walks.

In September 2022 we were able to take members away for a weekend break at the Calvert Trust in the Lake District which was greatly appreciated following the COVID lockdown for the previous two year making it not possible to take members away for a weekend.

Following the September weekend break the trustees invited members to look ahead to September 2023 and what their preferences would be for a weekend away with the majority favouring a city venue as a change.

As 2022 came to a close the members were able to attend a combined Christmas party and activity evening at the Wharf in Burscough where Tony & Sandy had for many years provided a venue for the Boccia, Kurling and Nintendo activity evenings. Sadly Tony & Sandy had made the decision to retire meaning that this would be the last time we would be able use their facilities.

January saw the charity start a new chapter so far as venues is concerned with after considerable enquiries and visits to possible locations The Stanley in Burscough hosting our Boccia, Kurling and Nintendo activity evenings which to date have been received very positively by members.

Grant bids prepared and submitted by the charity's Activities Officer have been successful to the continued running of the charity as without these funds it would not be possible to support our members.

A review and updating of the charity's policies is an ongoing process with the trustees having reviewed and signed of eight during the year ending March 2023.

### **Activities Support:**

The charity buys in sessional support through EMSS who facilitate getting the members to and from the activities and provide support along with the venue staff at the activities. The trustees wish to thank the sessional support and venue staff for the work that they have undertaken this year.

### **COVID-19**

Although the situation has improved over the last twelve month the trustees, members and their carers have to continue to be very mindful of the impact of COVID and should it become necessary the trustees will take appropriate actions to protect everyone should there be a deterioration.

A huge amount of time has been devoted to the points covered in this report and as chairman I would like to thank the trustees and officers of the charity for their support.

### **Financial Review:**

2022 / 2023 Accounts, the trustees of the charity took the decision to continue to employ a firm of accountants to undertake an independent examination of the Receipts and Payments and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities of the charity. We are pleased to advise that the charity received a favourable report.

Approved by order of the Board of Trustees on the 26<sup>th</sup> September 2023 and signed on its

behalf by: *Alasdair Watson* .....

By: Alasdair D Watson

Chair Sporting Challenge

Registered Charity 1140207

## Sporting Challenge

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17/7/2023

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	2023			2022
		Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Total Funds £
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Grants and Donations Received	1	24,250.00	6,300.00	30,550.00	24,972.71
Contributions from Clients and Attendees		-	12,111.87	12,111.87	8,278.85
Fundraising Events		-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous Income		-	-	-	-
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<u>Payments</u>					
Charitable Activities	2	10,886.80	932.66	11,819.46	17,701.60
Fundraising Costs			1,414.84	1,414.84	-
Other Costs		-	43,135.50	43,135.50	14,947.45
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

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**SPORTING CHALLENGE**

**Charity Registration Number: 1140207**

## **Sporting Challenge**

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### **Trustees / Officers:**

Alasdair Watson (Chair)  
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Mildred Watson (Secretary)  
Kathryn Brady (Safeguarding Officer)  
Edward McCarthy (Treasurer & Activities Officer)  
Marie Monk  
Christine Taylor

### **Independent examination of the Receipts and Payments accounts and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities:**

JVSA Accountants 20 Derby Street Ormskirk L39 2BY

### **Trustee's Report April 2021 / March 2022**

Sporting Challenge is a charity that provides the opportunity for adults of 18 and over with learning difficulties the chance to participate in social activities linked to sport. The provision of these activities gives the members' carers and families much needed respite with the knowledge that they are safe, understood and supported.

The trustees have decided to conduct this year's AGM electronically in light of the continue COVID-19 pandemic.

#### **Achievements and successes over the last year:**

A cautious reintroduction of activities commenced after April 2021 in line with the governments approach to "Living with COVID-19" lifted the previous restrictions and by July 2021 many of our core events had restarted albeit in smaller groups.

During the summer we were able to provide a series of Kite Flying evenings supported by a group of enthusiasts from Smile Factor 10 who after several sessions made a donation of kites to members who had attended which was greatly appreciated.

By the autumn when indoor activities became necessary due to the shorter days and inclement weather, we were able to run with a near normal schedule of events with previously shielding members and their families returning.

Grant bids prepared and submitted by the charity's Activities Officer have been successful to the continued running of the charity.

A review and updating of the charity's policies is ongoing with the following having been reviewed and approved by the Board of Trustees during the last twelve months:

- Complaints and Compliments Policy
- Debit Card Policy
- Trustees Recruitment & Selection

A review of the charity's constitution has also been conducted with the last review having taken place in 2011. The review focuses on:

- The facilitation of electronic communication with this having evolved significantly in the last ten years
- An update on the reference to Acts of Parliament referred to in the constitution
- Clarification on the charity's membership criteria

The amendments were approved at the 2020 / 2021 AGM

Efforts continued to find and appoint the stand-alone position of Sporting Challenge Treasurer have continued during the last year with regrettably to date a suitable candidate having not been found. Having discussed this with fellow trustees and JVSA the conclusion is that the charity should appoint a part time Book Keeper to record expenditure and income activity.

### **Activities Support:**

The charity buys in sessional support through EMSS who facilitate getting the members to and from the activities and provide support along with the venue staff at the activities. The trustees wish to thank the sessional support and venue staff for the work that they have undertaken this year.

### **COVID-19**

As indicated previously COVID-19 has had a significant impact on the charity's' ability to provide activities for members particularly during the first few months of the year commencing April'21, however with some "out of the box" thinking along with adjustments to the numbers travelling in cars and attending events we have progressively returned to a near normal position. It should however be noted that this has come at an additional cost to the charity.

A huge amount of time has been devoted to the points covered and as chairman I would like to thank the trustees and officers of the charity for their support.

### **Financial Review:**

2021 / 2022 Accounts, the trustees of the charity took the decision to continue to employ a firm of accountants to undertake an independent examination of the Receipts and Payments and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities of the charity. We are pleased to say that the charity received a favourable report along with some recommendations where improvements to how specific aspects of record keeping can be made.

Approved by order of the Board of Trustees on the 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022 and signed on its

behalf by .....

By: Alasdair D Watson

Chair Sporting Challenge

Registered Charity 1140207

## Sporting Challenge

Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

# Sporting Challenge

## Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

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24 / 10 / 2022

## Sporting Challenge

Receipts and Payments Account  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

	Notes	2022			2021
		Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Total Funds £
<u>Receipts</u>					
Grants and Donations Received	1	14,921.00	10,051.71	24,972.71	31,697.01
Contributions from Clients and Attendees		-	8,278.85	8,278.85	854.05
Fundraising Events		-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous Income		-	-	-	-
		<b>14,921.00</b>	<b>18,330.56</b>	<b>33,251.56</b>	<b>32,551.06</b>
<u>Payments</u>					
Charitable Activities	2	11,669.05	6,032.55	17,701.60	4,642.51
Fundraising Costs					-
Other Costs		-	14,947.45	14,947.45	5,278.46
		<b>11,669.05</b>	<b>20,980.00</b>	<b>32,649.05</b>	<b>9,920.97</b>
Excess receipts over payments		3,251.95	- 2,649.44	602.51	22,630.09
Cash funds as at 1 April 2021		4,880.00	40,792.73	45,672.73	23,042.64
Cash funds as at 31 March 2022		<b>8,131.95</b>	<b>38,143.29</b>	<b>46,275.24</b>	<b>45,672.73</b>

## Sporting Challenge

## Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 March 2022

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Cash at bank and in hand	8,131.95	38,143.29	46,275.24

Other Assets

Sundry debtors and prepayments

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Liabilities

Sundry creditors and accruals

534.00

These accounts are prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis

Approved and signed on behalf of the board on 26/09/22

Sig 1

Albania Watson Chair

Sig 2

Neil Watson Secretary

## Sporting Challenge

Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

## Notes to the Accounts

## Note 1 Grants and Donations Received

	£
Arnold Clark Community Fund	1,000.00
Lancashire County Council Local Members Grants	500.00
Amazonsmile	8.83
The Co-op Local Community Fund Team	1,454.88
Michael Dunn Legacy	5,588.00
Herefordshire Community Foundation / Joanies Fund	1,500.00
The Baily Thomas Charitable Fund	2,000.00
Comic Relief - Payment received via Groundworks / Ref. 61174	400.00
The Peter Lathom Charity	1,000.00
The Albert Hunt Trust	1,000.00
Arnold Clark Community Fund	1,000.00
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Community Foundation for Lancashire Made by Sport Clubs in Crisis Fund	2,021.00
W O Street Charitable Foundation	3,000.00
The Whirlwind Charitable Trust	1,000.00
Tesco Bags of Help Scheme	1,000.00
The Boshier-Hinton Foundation	900.00
	<u>24,972.71</u>

## Note 2 Charitable Activities

Aerobics/Gym/Trampoline	1,264.63
Boccia and Kurling	2,079.98
Bowling	4,765.53
Dance & Drama	1,197.89
Wii Night	10.94
Golf/Rock & River/Kites	5,061.50
Sailing/Boat Trips	361.30
Martin Mere/Walks	2,426.94
Social Functions & Misc	532.89
	<u>17,701.60</u>

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24 / 10 / 2022

**SPORTING CHALLENGE**

England & Wales - Charity number 1140207

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# Accounts

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL  
STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

**FOR**

**SPORTING CHALLENGE**

**Charity Registration Number: 1140207**

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Marie Monk  
Christine Taylor

Claire Townley (Not Re-elected November 2020)

### **Independent examination of the Receipts and Payments accounts and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities:**

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### **Trustee's Report April 2020 / March 2021**

Sporting Challenge is a charity that provides the opportunity for adults of 18 and over with learning difficulties the chance to participate in social activities linked to sport. The provision of these activities gives the members' carers and families much needed respite with the knowledge that they are safe, understood and supported.

In light of the COVID-19 government restrictions the charity sought permission from the Charity Commission to postpone the AGM in 2020 and has made the decision to again in 2021 to conduct board / trustee activities electronically.

#### **Achievements and successes over the last year:**

Activities have been significantly restricted during the last twelve months due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Central and Local Government restrictions fully supported by the Board of Trustees. The activities that have been possible have been held outdoors with these been limited almost exclusively to small groups.

Grant bids prepared and submitted by the charity's Activities Officer have been successful to the running of the charity. The trustees identified a number of areas where improvements to the administration and running of the charity needed to be carried out. An action Plan was agreed by the trustees prioritising those where we need to focus our attention in the year 2019 / 2020 with work on this continuing.

A review and updating of the charity's policies is ongoing with the following having been reviewed and approved by the Board of Trustees during the last twelve months:

- Behaviour Policy
- Equal Opportunities Policy
- Expenses Policy
- Mileage Policy
- Service Agreement
- Volunteer Policy

A review of the charity's constitution has also been conducted with the last review having taken place in 2011. The review focuses on:

- The facilitation of electronic communication with this having evolved significantly in the last ten years
- An update on the reference to Acts of Parliament referred to in the constitution
- Clarification on the charity's membership criteria

The charity undertook a review / update of its website and logo with this being approved by the trustees in August 2021.

Efforts to appoint the stand alone position of Sporting Challenge Treasurer have continued during the last year with regrettably to date a suitable candidate having not been found.

#### **Activities Support:**

The charity buys in sessional support through EMSS who facilitate getting the members to and from the activities and provide support along with the venue staff at the activities. The trustees wish to thank the sessional support and venue staff for the work that they have undertaken this year.

#### **COVID-19**

On the 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020 the trustees took the difficult decision to suspend all activity in line with the government guidelines, with the subsequent national and regional lockdowns very little scope presented itself to reinstate our indoor activities.

During August and September we were able to take members out on a one to one basis with a PA adhering to the outdoor rule of six. In October due to further lockdowns activities were suspended.

The implications of the decision to suspend activities was perhaps not fully appreciated to begin with; however it quickly became evident just how important Sporting Challenge is to its members and their carers and families in providing an opportunity to participate regularly in activities with others, the social dynamics and respite that it provides the carers and families.

To attempt to offers some "distractions" the charity has made regular contact via email with all members, providing quizzes, drawings and other material to relive the boredom of not getting out.

In December the trustees also made the decision to provide each member with a Christmas Hamper in recognition of the tough times that they have had to endure and equally as a

small substitute for not being able to hold a Christmas party. The feedback on this was very gratifying.

Ahead of Easter the trustees made the decision to provide each member with an Easter egg which again was received positively.

A huge amount of time has been devoted to the points covered so far and as chairman I would like to thank the trustees and officers of the charity for their support.

Financial Review:

2020 / 2021 Accounts, the trustees of the charity took the decision to continue to employ a firm of accounts to undertake an independent examination of the Receipts and Payments accounts and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities of the charity. We are pleased to say that the charity received a favourable report continuing to maintain more detail enabling an improved understanding of our income streams and expenditure.

An action highlighted by JVSA was to confirm whether Sporting Challenge is currently exempted from the requirement to submit a Corporation Tax return for the year. After some investigation it was established that the charity when set up had not made an application for exemption. This has now been rectified with HMRC following an application and it has now been confirmed that Sporting Challenge is a charitable company addressing this oversight.

Approved by order of the Board of Trustees on the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021 and signed on its

behalf by *Alasdair Watson* .....

By: Alasdair D Watson

Chair Sporting Challenge

Registered Charity 1140207

Sporting Challenge

Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

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28/07/2021

## Sporting Challenge

Receipts and Payments Account  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

	Notes	2021			2020
		Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Total Funds £
<u>Receipts</u>					
Grants and Donations Received	1	4,880.00	26,817.01	31,697.01	27,445.07
Contributions from Clients and Attendees		-	854.05	854.05	15,871.33
Fundraising Events		-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous Income		-	-	-	100.00
		<u>4,880.00</u>	<u>27,671.06</u>	<u>32,551.06</u>	<u>43,416.40</u>
<u>Payments</u>					
Charitable Activities	2	-	4,642.51	4,642.51	33,959.63
Fundraising Costs		-	-	-	-
Other Costs	3	-	5,278.46	5,278.46	8,368.94
		<u>-</u>	<u>9,920.97</u>	<u>9,920.97</u>	<u>42,328.57</u>
Excess receipts over payments		4,880.00	17,750.09	22,630.09	1,087.83
Cash funds as at 1 April 2020		-	23,042.64	23,042.64	21,954.81
Cash funds as at 31 March 2021		<u>4,880.00</u>	<u>40,792.73</u>	<u>45,672.73</u>	<u>23,042.64</u>

## Sporting Challenge

## Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 March 2021

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Cash at bank and in hand	4,880.00	40,792.73	45,672.73

Other Assets

Sundry debtors and prepayments -

Liabilities

Sundry creditors and accruals 420.00

These accounts are prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis

Approved and signed on behalf of the board on 24/07/2021

Sig 1

Charles Nelson

Sig 2

M.M. Wood

## Sporting Challenge

## Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

## Notes to the Accounts

## Note 1 Grants and Donations Received

	£
Active Lancashire	1,600.00
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## Note 2 Charitable Activities

Aerobics/Gym/Trampoline	167.55
Boccia and Kurling	247.50
Bowling	440.55
Dance & Drama	201.15
Wii Night	280.95
Snooker/Pool	251.20
Sailing/Boat Trips	310.64
Martin Mere/Walks	296.70
Social Functions & Misc	2,446.27
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Organiser's Fees	4,131.00
Insurance	437.24
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Registered Charity 1140207

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