



**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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### **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

Claire Townley (Not Re-elected November 2020)

### **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 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

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# Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of

## Sporting Challenge

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021, which are set out on pages 2 to 4.

### Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent 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(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
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

### Basis of examiner's statement

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 seeking 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 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 next statement.

### Independent examiner's statement

In the course of 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 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations
- \* to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

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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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>



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## 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

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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 24/04/2021

Sig 1

Charles Nelson

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## Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

## Notes to the Accounts

## Note 1 Grants and Donations Received

	£
Active Lancashire	1,600.00
Burscough Town Council	1,000.00
Comic Relief Community Fund	2,000.00
Co-op Local Community Fund	1,367.01
Herefordshire Community Foundation	2,000.00
Lancashire Police & Crime Commissioner	3,000.00
Leathersellers' Company Charitable Fund	1,500.00
LCVS / The Skelton Charity	500.00
Lottery Community Fund	10,000.00
March Christian Trust	300.00
The John Moores Foundation	1,000.00
The Rainford Trust	500.00
Beth & Chris Roberts	50.00
The SMB Charitable Trust	1,500.00
The David Solomon's Chritable Trust	500.00
Sport England	4,380.00
Tesco	500.00
	<u>31,697.01</u>

## 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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## Note 3 Other Costs

Organiser's Fees	4,131.00
Insurance	437.24
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