



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

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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

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 26th September 2022 and signed on its

behalf by

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 2022, 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.

Chris Sales
Chartered Accountant
JVSA Accountants
20 Derby Street
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24/10/2022

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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		-	-	-	
		14,921.00	18,330.56	33,251.56	32,551.06
<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
		11,669.05	20,980.00	32,649.05	9,920.97
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		8,131.95	38,143.29	46,275.24	45,672.73

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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

Albanus Watson Chair

Sig 2

H. U. W. Secretary

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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
Comic Relief - Payment received via Groundworks / Ref. 61174	1,600.00
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><u>24,972.71</u></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><u>17,701.60</u></u>

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