



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

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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 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 26th September 2023 and signed on its

behalf by: *Alasdair Watson*

By: Alasdair D Watson

Chair Sporting Challenge

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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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17/7/2023

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Receipts and Payments Account
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	2023			2022
		Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Total Funds £
<u>Receipts</u>					
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		-	-	-	-
		<u>24,250.00</u>	<u>18,411.87</u>	<u>42,661.87</u>	<u>33,251.56</u>
<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
		<u>10,886.80</u>	<u>45,483.00</u>	<u>56,369.80</u>	<u>32,649.05</u>
Excess receipts over payments		13,363.20	- 27,071.13	- 13,707.93	602.51
Cash funds as at 1 April 2022		8,131.95	38,143.29	46,275.24	45,672.73
Cash funds as at 31 March 2023		<u>21,495.15</u>	<u>11,072.16</u>	<u>32,567.31</u>	<u>46,275.24</u>

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 March 2023

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Cash at bank and in hand	21,495.15	11,072.16	32,567.31

Other Assets

Sundry debtors and prepayments -

Liabilities

Sundry creditors and accruals 600.00

These accounts are prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis

Approved and signed on behalf of the board on 14/6/2023.

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Edward McCarthy

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Note 1 Grants, Donations and Contributions Received

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ANWYL Burscough Fund	1,000.00
Red Rose Responding Fund (Community Foundation for Lancashire and Merseyside)	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
	30,550.00

Note 2 Charitable Activities

Aerobics/Gym/Trampoline	600.00
Boccia and Kurling	3,285.00
Bowling	1,300.83
Dance & Drama	100.00
Pool	740.00
Golf	1,081.60
Sailing/Boat Trips	20.00
Holiday Venue	4,692.00
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