

Sporting Challenge: Chairman's Report April 2023 / March 2024

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.

Sporting Challenge during 2023 / 2024 was able to provide a near "normal service will resume" schedule / programme of activities despite the presenting of some challenges including the closure for the next two years of the Burscough Leisure Centre affecting the provision of some events, the suitability of swimming venues and the outsourcing of appropriate instructors to lead some of these activities. New events are being introduced / trialled so to gauge their popularity.

In September 2023 we were able to take members away for a weekend break in Chester with this "City Break" reflecting the majority decision of members, feedback from everyone after returning was very positive.

As 2023 came to a close the members were able to attend a combined Christmas party and activity evening at The Stanley in Burscough which the charity started using following the retirement of Tony & Sandy the previous December at The Wharfe in Burscough.

Grant bids prepared and submitted by the charity's Activities Officer have been successful enabling the continued running of the charity, 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 off eleven during the year ending March 2024.

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 perception is that the situation has improved during the last year the trustees, members and their carers have to continue to be very mindful of the impact

of COVID and if it becomes necessary the trustees will take appropriate action should circumstances change for the worse.

Membership

Sporting Challenge is always looking for new members and one of our biggest challenges in achieving this is making that first contact with families and carers within the West Lancashire Borough area with its many isolated rural villages where community contact can be poor. To this end the charity needs to engage the support of appropriate agencies who are better placed to identify those individuals and their families that we may be able to help as well as our presence on the internet.

Trustees

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, Officers and Support Staff for their support.

Looking to the future the charity needs to seek out new trustees that are able to provide some time in supporting the running of the organisation and would take the opportunity here to encourage anyone who may be interested to contact the chairman in the first instance.

Financial Review:

2023 / 2024 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.

Alasdair Watson
Chair
Sporting Challenge
October 2024



The Trustees
Sporting Challenge
17 Bramble Way
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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
Chartered Accountant

Registered Charity 1140207

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Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

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Accounts Year Ended 31 March 2024

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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 2024, which are set out on pages 2 to 5.

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

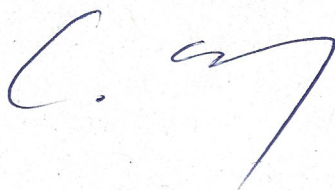
(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- * 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 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		-	-	-	-
		63,570.00	21,486.46	85,056.46	42,661.87
<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
		30,219.09	20,979.19	51,198.28	56,369.80
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	54,846.06	11,579.43	66,425.49	32,567.31

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 March 2024

	2024	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds £	2023
Cash at bank and in hand		54,846.06	11,579.43	66,425.49	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 30/09/2024

Sig 1

Alasdair Aitchison

Sig 2

Edna McCarry

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Notes to Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

Note	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	
1 Grants, Donations and Contributions Received			2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Irving Memorial Trust			-	1,000.00
Calvert Trust Weekend			-	2,200.00
The Peter Lathom Charity	500.00		500.00	1,000.00
Lancashire C.C., Local Members Grants Scheme	3,570.00		3,570.00	1,250.00
The National Lottery Community Fund			-	10,000.00
Duchy of Lancaster Benevolent Fund			-	500.00
Sports England	10,000.00		10,000.00	
Burscough Community Fund Redrow	250.00		250.00	500.00
The Gatliff Trust			-	1,000.00
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	-
	60,820.00	9,100.00	69,920.00	30,550.00
2 Contributions from clients & attendees	Restricted	Unrestricted	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Chester Weekend Break	2,750.00		2,750.00	
Sporting Challenge Members Contributions		12,386.46	12,386.46	12,111.87
	2,750.00	12,386.46	15,136.46	12,111.87

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Notes to Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

Note	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	
3 Charitable Activities			2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
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
	11,278.07		11,278.07	11,819.43
4 Support costs	Restricted	Unrestricted	2024	2023
Edward McCarthy Support Services	17,141.42	20,979.19	38,120.61	43,135.50
	17,141.42	20,979.19	38,120.61	43,135.50
5 Other Costs	Restricted	Unrestricted	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
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
	1,799.60		1,799.60	1,414.84

The Trustees
Sporting Challenge
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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.

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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 dark ink, appearing to be 'C. Sales', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

C. Sales
Chartered Accountant