

Sussex Tornados

Trustees Annual report

Financial Year 1st August 2023 to 31st July 2024

Last AGM: 26th October 2023

Charity Name: Sussex Tornados Cheerleaders

Registered Charity Number: 1140922

Charity Principal Address: 13 Gosden Road, Littlehampton, West Sussex, BN17 6DY.

The Sussex Tornados Cheerleaders Charity is managed by the following Trustees:

TRUSTEE NAME:	OFFICE	ACTING TERM:
Mrs Lianne Blackwood	Chairman	Full Year 2023-2024
Mrs Lil Weston	Treasurer	Full Year 2023-2024
Mrs Helen Best	Trustee / Secretary	Full Year 2023-2024
Mrs Lianne Jane Blackwood	Secretary / Chairman	Full Year 2023-2024
Miss Carley Pia Johnson	Programme Director	Full Year 2023-2024
Mr Peter Weston	Trustee	Part Year 01.08.2023-13.11.2024
Mrs Tracy Jones	Fundraising Secretary	Full Year 2023-2024
Ms Charmaine Charman	Parent Representative	Full Year 2023-2024
Miss Jordan Burdon	Cheerleader Representative	Full Year 2023-2024

Structure, Governance & Management

Our Governing Document is a constitution which was adopted on 4th July 2012 and our trustees can be appointed on recommendation from current trustees, with a majority vote to confirm. Rules and Constitution can be found on our website. www.sussexornados.com

We have a child protection policy and Helen Best is our appointed child protection and safeguarding officer.

DBS Checks are carried out prior to commencement of trusteeship and these documents are regularly reviewed. 5 years for trustees and 3 years for coaches. These time frames comply with the requirements of our competition event providers. Currently our DBS are obtained from the British Cheerleading Association.

All of our Trustees are volunteers, none get any kind of remuneration for their time.

We have had a slight change to the Trustees this year, as we sadly lost the Tornados biggest cheerleader, Peter Weston sadly passed away on the 13th November 2023. He was there at the very first training session in 1998, and lived and breathed this team, We are ever so grateful for all the time he gave to us as a team. Tornados will never forget him!

Objectives and Activities

The Sussex Tornados Cheerleaders are a voluntary run cheerleading programme, who are a registered charity. Our aim is to provide a facility for children, youth & young adults in the local community, where they learn championship cheerleading routines and life skills to help them in their future and to become the best they can be.

Carley Johnson and the programme continues to train coaches from existing athletes, this helps them to improve skills for later life as well as helps the teams progress with them knowing all too well the commitment needed and the need to become a team. We ensure our coaches are qualified to the highest of their ability and that these qualifications are kept up to date. They then learn the other side of these routines which involve hours of time planning each training session, routines right through to each athletes uniform size & competition logistics. We are extremely grateful for each and every one and their time and

expertise to make us the programme we are today. Can we also say a special thank you to Jordan Burdon and Hannah Roberts who have really stepped up this year to assist Carley with growing the team even further.

The Sussex Tornados Trustees will always proactively seek sponsorship and attend fundraising opportunities to make the sport as affordable as we can to the local community. We understand that the cost of living crisis is in some way affecting nearly all and we will always endeavour to keep costs to a minimum to cover overheads such as Rent, Rates and utilities.

We will always try our very best to ensure we support the local community in their own fundraising events and always support other charity's to fundraise as much as we can. This year saw Carley and her Coaches provide a tumble camp where the funds were split 50/50 with a local school in the area to help with repairs to their swimming pool roof.

Achievements & Performance 2023

At the end of the Season, we had 137 active athletes over 14 competitive teams, both male and female. Aged 3 to 25.

Sussex Tornados have 9 extremely talented Coaches that as above give up their time for no remuneration, choreographing their teams' routines, Coaching their athletes week in and week out, committing fully to their teams for the season. These 9 coaches were joined by 6 Team captains who after a season of working with the other coaches, Have now at the end of the season took their cheerleading qualifications, ready to move up with the programme for the coming season.

They brought home:

3 Bids to Florida USA, 1 Grand Champion Award, 10 x 1st Places, 10 x 2nd places, 9 x 3rd Places, 9 x 4th Places, 8 x 5th Places, 6 x 6th Places, 2 x 7th Places, 1 x 14th Place.

Season 26 saw the introduction of our Teeny Tornados – Aged ?? to ?? They returned with 1 x Excellent and 1 x Outstanding. These kids are the Tornados future and they are already smashing it.

Season 26 also saw Sussex Tornados bring home their 1st ever award for Outstanding Choreography. This is a huge achievement and we all were bursting with Pride, so huge Congratulations to Jordan Burdon and Hannah Roberts for bringing this home and of course Carley for sharing all her knowledge!

Carley took her 1st Sussex Tornados Team to compete at the All star Worlds cheerleading championships, held in Florida USA. The Ultimate Storm team coached by Jordan & Hannah, travelled and did not disappoint with not only amazing performances, which left them in 9th Place, in Band C but also each athlete behaved outstanding and were a credit to Carley and the programme.

Alongside the above they continue to offer a Cheer 4 Fun Recreation team, a flyer stretch class and Open Gym weekly.

The gym continues to be in use every evening to accommodate the above teams. It is still available during the day to hire out. If there is any ideas as to how we can offer the facility to other sports or community groups, we would welcome your feedback.

We held our end of season presentation evening at a new venue – Arundel Football Club, due to the ever increasing number of members, we had to split the presentations into 2. With the younger Teams in the afternoon and the older Athletes in the evening. As always, we love to see the athletes out of their training gear and into their glam, and to see the athletes being recognised for their hard work is always a pleasure. Even if we did have to have 2 outfits for the one day!

Financial Review

At our Year end we held £53,089.56, I know this seems like a tremendous amount of money, but £20,000 of this will be used to provide the Junior and Prep teams with brand new uniforms this season. We will also be paying quarterly rent in September and our Monthly Running costs as normal. We will always update our safety equipment as and when is needed to put the athlete's safety first. As well as that of the public who use our facilities.

With the music laws changing, we have to license our music annually, and any new teams competing in the USA must have new licensed music.

Our main source of income is from that of the Athletes Monthly Fees. A Full and Audited version of our accounts accompanies this report and will be uploaded to the charity commission following this AGM.

The Future

As always competitive athletes' commitment is a must! Teams cannot progress to their full potential with athletes missing. So, we ask that you continue to commit once placed on a competition team and thank you in advance for this.

We do ask that you continue to put references on the athletes name on monthly fee standing orders and competition payments.

As we move into Season 27, The Sussex Tornados are have 145 competitive athletes signed up across 15 Teams. 1 more added this year to accommodate the huge number of new registrations and ensuring every athlete is being placed as per their ability and in a division that will allow them to progress. Tornados as always will offer Sport for All.

This year the fundraising will continue with 3 teams accepting their bids to the Nfinity Finals Competition in Florida USA. Big Thank you to Tracy

Season 27 will see the Sussex Tornados attend the following competitions:

Winter Wonderland – Essex – 7th & 8th December 2024
Future Cheer Essentials - Crawley – 25th January 2025
Jamfest – Rise of the Regions – Telford – 15th & 16th February 2025
Future Cheer Spotlight Showdown - Colchester – 15th & 16th March 2025
BCA Spring spirit – Crawley – 5th & 6th April 2025
Nfinity Finals – Florida – 2nd to 5th May 2025
Cheer City Summer Games – Hertfordshire Uni – 17th & 18th May 2025
BCA Allstar Nationals – Telford – 24th & 25th May 2025
ICC Southern Jam – Guildford – 14th & 15th June 2025
Future Nationals – Bournemouth – 20th & 22nd June 2025

As always on behalf of myself and the trustees, we cannot wait to see what this season holds.

Finally, as always, my personal thanks go to my committee, the coaches and all those parents that are stepping up to help along the way.

Declaration

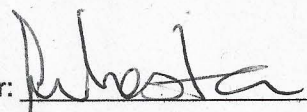
The Trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above.

Signed on Behalf of the Trustees:

Secretary:



Treasurer:





CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Sussex Tornados

No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from 01/08/2023 To 31/07/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Subscriptions	53,244	-	-	53,244	45,862
Uniforms & T shirts	11,974	-	-	11,974	435
Grants & Donations	120	-	-	120	-
UK Competitions	61,313	-	-	61,313	70,129
Competitions Holiday Camps	15,526	-	-	15,526	4,953
Fund Raising	18,920	-	-	18,920	3,503
ID cards/crb/exams	448	-	-	448	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	161,545	-	-	161,545	124,882
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	161,545	-	-	161,545	124,882
A3 Payments					
BCA m/ships & insurance	156	-	-	156	156
Uniforms bows & t shirts	38,229	-	-	38,229	13,018
ID Cards/crb/exams	4,025	-	-	4,025	525
UK Competitions	56,281	-	-	56,281	67,282
Stationery- other running costs	607	-	-	607	260
Gym Utilities & Premises	2,895	-	-	2,895	1,265
Rent	31,582	-	-	31,582	30,232
Fund Raising	7,118	-	-	7,118	1,061
Music and Equipment	2,506	-	-	2,506	2,534
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	143,397	-	-	143,397	116,333
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	143,397	-	-	143,397	116,333
Net of receipts/(payments)	18,148	-	-	18,148	8,549
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	34,942	-	-	34,942	26,393
Cash funds this year end	53,090	-	-	53,090	34,942

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

Lillian Weston

LILLIAN WESTON

26/11/24



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Sussex Tornado's

On accounts for the year
ended

31 July 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1140922

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 July 2024.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

M. D. Pedder

Date: 25 November 2024

Name:

Matthew David Pedder FCA

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales (ICAEW)

Address:

PHH Accountancy Limited

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West Sussex BN11 1TF

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

No such matters.