

**Report of the Trustees and  
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 September 2023  
for  
Sandwell Aquatics Club**

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**Sandwell Aquatics Club**

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for the Year Ended 30 September 2023**

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**Sandwell Aquatics Club**  
**Report of the Trustees**  
**for the Year Ended 30 September 2023**

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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Objectives and aims**

The objectives of the club are the promotion of community participation in healthy recreation, in particular by the provision of facilities for swimming and the teaching of swimming.

**Organisational Structure of the club**

The Club is governed by a constitution dated February 2022. The trustees of the fund are the following:

Mrs Alison Drew-Cunniffe	Chairman
Mr Kevin Stockton	Vice-Chairman
Mr Jonathan Hemmingway	Secretary
Mrs Kathryn Seager	Treasurer
Mrs Caroline Tavares	Welfare

Subject to compliance with the aims of the charity, the trustees are the authority for the expenditure from reserves.

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**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Review of activities**

During the year the club continued the provision of swimming and water polo training and lessons.

The trustees are satisfied that all activities undertaken on behalf of the club are in accordance with the governing document and are in keeping with the aims and strategy of the charity.

The financial year started 1st October 2022 with the continuation of merged training between Sandwell Aquatics (Oldbury and Haden Hill) and Warley Wasps.

Sandwell Aquatics entered 2 teams in the Arena League competition, with Sandwell Aquatics A finishing in 7th place in Division 2 and Sandwell Aquatics B finishing in 9th place in Division 3. It was decided to enter only 1 team in the 2023 competition with Sandwell Aquatics B resigning from the league.

Sandwell Aquatics held its first Open Meet at Wolverhampton Central baths in October 2022 which was a great success and set us in good stead for further open meets at the Sandwell Aquatic Centre.

All members were re-registered with Swim England at the start of 2023 as members of Sandwell Aquatics, which meant that our membership stood at between 550-600 members. Members were encouraged to begin to use the new Sandwell Aquatics Bank Account to pay membership and training fees into.

January 2023 saw the start of the SwimGainz league (formerly PGL) in which Sandwell Aquatics was represented by 2 teams; Sandwell Red and Sandwell Black. Both teams participated in the B Final which was held at the Alan Higgs centre at the start of June, with one of the Sandwell teams earning a well deserved 3rd place.

43 swimmers (joint Sandwell and Warley) represented the club at the Worcester County Championships in Jan/February and brought home a significant number of medals and PBs.

Unfortunately, February 2023 saw the departure of several coaches and teachers and so work started in earnest to ensure that we could continue to offer the number of classes and training sessions that we had worked so hard to develop.

March saw the start of the summer season for the Midland Water Polo League with two Senior Men's teams and a mixed Youth (U16) taking part for Sandwell. The season ran until the end of October with Sandwell A finishing in second place in Division 1, Sandwell B in the same position in Division 2. The Youth team finished in equal 3rd place in their division, the best result for several years.

The Nuneaton Junior League started in April, with the A team successfully gaining promotion in the September final to Division 1 for the 2024 season.

We took on a new coach to work alongside Raj, Neil and Dave, and she introduced a Sunday morning run session at Sandwell Valley for the Premier and CD1 squads. Holly quickly fitted into the club and became a firm favourite amongst the swimmers.

We entered 2 teams in the Mercian League in May (a first for many of the former Oldbury swimmers) with 1 of the teams winning the final round.

Well done to all of our swimmers who represented the club so well across all of the leagues.

The club lost its fight to retain the whole of the Learn to Swim programme with the planned move into the Sandwell Aquatics Centre, and so in July we said goodbye to some of our youngest members and those in our Ducklings to Stage 4 classes. We managed to successfully negotiate to keep our Skill Development Stages (stages 5-8) and these stages have grown considerably since the move into the SAC.



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#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

Langley Swimming Centre and Smethwick Baths closed their doors for the last time on 14th July 2023 and the club moved in to its new home of the Sandwell Aquatics Centre the following week. The club participated in the opening events led by Sandwell Council and members of the club were interviewed on local TV and radio stations to mark this occasion.

Sandwell Leisure Trust welcomed us into the Sandwell Aquatic Centre with open arms and August 2023 saw the start of the new training programme, which brought together the swimming and water polo activity under one roof again. This new start has given members the opportunity to attend many more sessions than previously, including 3 early morning training sessions, alongside the possibility to attend Land Training at the SAC.

For the water polo section this has meant that, for the first time in the history of the club, water polo is being played as intended. That is, in deep water. We are already seeing the benefits of this in the improved fitness and performance of our players.

We successfully held our annual Club Champs at the centre over one weekend in September which was a fantastic opportunity to try out all of the equipment. It has been a steep learning curve for us all, but one which we have faced with determination and a drive to succeed. The club then supported Worcester County to hold the County Development Meet at the centre at the end of September. This was very well attended by all clubs from within Worcester County and enable us to showcase what the centre is all about.

The winter season of the Midland Water Polo League is made up of a Women's League and a Junior Men's (U18) League. Re-establishing a women's team is a key aim of the water polo section and this is progressing well with an increased number of females attending training. The junior men's team is currently 5th in the league with a number of games still to play. The British Water Polo League operates through the winter and a number of our senior players join with members of other local clubs to play in this league as City of Birmingham.

Throughout the year Sandwell Aquatics has been well represented in teams selected to play in Inter-Regional Competitions for the West Midlands Region.

#### **Open Meets attended:**

Stourbridge Stormforce Meet - Dec 2022 - 36 SA and 17 Warley swimmers  
Worcester County Champs - Jan/Feb - 22 SA and 21 Warley swimmers  
Richmond Dales Long course L3 Meet - February - 14 swimmers  
Nova Centurion National Qualifier L1 meet - March - 5 swimmers  
Nuneaton open meet - March - 48 swimmers  
Cardiff L1 meet - April - 3 swimmers  
West Midlands Regionals Championships April/May - 17 swimmers  
Hinckley Open Meet - May - 37 swimmers  
City of Coventry Graham Sykes open meet - long course - July - 42 swimmers  
Worcester County Development meet - September - 36 swimmers

#### **Courses completed:**

1 x Level 1 Teacher  
4 x Level 2 Teachers (in collaboration with Swim England Recruitment Academy and SLT)  
1 x Assistant Coaching  
7 x Safeguarding  
3 x Team Managers  
5 x Time Keepers  
1 x J1 judges

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**FUTURE PLANS**

As always to further expand the provision of aquatic sports to the local community.

To continue to use Twitter, Facebook and Website to continue to communicate with parents.

To continue to work in close collaboration with Sandwell Leisure Trust and Sandwell Council to serve the borough of Sandwell to the best of our ability.

To train 3 Level 1 coaches  
To train 3 new timekeepers for extra cover for the coming year.  
To train 2 J1 judges  
To train 2 Team Manager Level 2  
To train 3 x Team Manager Level 1  
To train 4 x Level 1 Water Polo Coach

To run a swim camp this year  
To ensure a greater representation at County, Regional and National competitions.

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

**Risk management**

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Charity number**

1147581

**Principal address**

19 Tudor Road  
Rowley Regis  
West Midlands  
B65 9LH

**Trustees**

Mrs Alison Drew-Cunniffe Chairman  
Mr Kevin Stockton Trustee  
Mr Jonathan Hemmingway Secretary  
Mrs Katherine Seager Trustee  
Mrs Caroline Tavares Membership Secretary & Welfare officer  
Mr Mark Deakin  
Mrs Lynne Willetts

**Independent Examiner**

Peter Killey  
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## Sandwell Aquatics Club

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#### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

##### Bankers

The Co-operative Bank  
Business Customer Services  
PO BOX 250  
Skelmerdale  
WN8 6WT

#### ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES

The charities Act 2011 requires the trustees to prepare accounts each financial year which give a true and fair view of its financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those accounts the Trustees should follow best practice, and:

- \* Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- \* Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- \* Follow applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP, disclosing and explaining any departures in the accounts, and
- \* Prepare the accounts on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and to enable them to ensure the financial statements comply with the charity law. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 24 April 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Mrs Alison Drew-Cunniffe - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
Sandwell Aquatics Club**

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**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Sandwell Aquatics Club**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Sandwell Aquatics Club (the Trust) for the year ended 30 September 2023.

**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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

*PK Accountancy & Business Services Ltd*

Peter Killey  
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24 April 2024

**Sandwell Aquatics Club**

**Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 30 September 2023**

	Notes	30.9.23 Unrestricted fund £	30.9.22 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies		207,109	126,094
Other income		22,684	-
<b>Total</b>		<u>229,793</u>	<u>126,094</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
Raising funds		196,267	120,414
<b>NET INCOME</b>		33,526	5,680
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward		16,590	10,910
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>50,116</u></u>	<u><u>16,590</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**Sandwell Aquatics Club**

**Balance Sheet  
30 September 2023**

		30.9.23 Unrestricted fund £	30.9.22 Total funds £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	Notes		
Stocks	5	500	1,061
Debtors	6	1,045	684
Cash at bank		72,859	20,243
		<u>74,404</u>	<u>21,988</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(24,288)	(5,398)
		<u>50,116</u>	<u>16,590</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
		<u>50,116</u>	<u>16,590</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		50,116	16,590
		<u>50,116</u>	<u>16,590</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>50,116</u>	<u>16,590</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	8		
Unrestricted funds		50,116	16,590
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>50,116</u>	<u>16,590</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 24 April 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



Mrs Alison Drew-Cunniffe - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements



Notes to the Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended 30 September 2023

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

**Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

**Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

**Stocks**

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

**General fund**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

**Volunteer help**

The value of voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 September 2023 nor for the year ended 30 September 2022.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30 September 2023 nor for the year ended 30 September 2022.



**Sandwell Aquatics Club**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
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**3. STAFF COSTS**

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	30.9.23	30.9.22
	1	1
Head Coach	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

**4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

**INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM**  
Donations and legacies

Unrestricted  
fund  
£

126,094

**EXPENDITURE ON**  
Raising funds

120,414

**NET INCOME**

5,680

**RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS**  
Total funds brought forward

10,910

**TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD**

16,590

**5. STOCKS**

Swim shop stocks

	30.9.23	30.9.22
	£	£
	500	1,061
	<u>500</u>	<u>1,061</u>

**6. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

Trade debtors

	30.9.23	30.9.22
	£	£
	1,045	684
	<u>1,045</u>	<u>684</u>

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**7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	30.9.23 £	30.9.22 £
Trade creditors	-	1
Other creditors	24,288	5,397
	<u>24,288</u>	<u>5,398</u>

**8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.10.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.9.23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	16,590	33,526	50,116
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>16,590</u>	<u>33,526</u>	<u>50,116</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	229,793	(196,267)	33,526
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>229,793</u>	<u>(196,267)</u>	<u>33,526</u>

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.10.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.9.22 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	10,910	5,680	16,590
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>10,910</u>	<u>5,680</u>	<u>16,590</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 30 September 2023**

**8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	126,094	(120,414)	5,680
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>126,094</u>	<u>(120,414)</u>	<u>5,680</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.10.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.9.23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	10,910	39,206	50,116
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>10,910</u>	<u>39,206</u>	<u>50,116</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	355,887	(316,681)	39,206
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>355,887</u>	<u>(316,681)</u>	<u>39,206</u>

**9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 30 September 2023.

**Sandwell Aquatics Club**

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 30 September 2023**

	30.9.23 £	30.9.22 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
ASA Fees	18,250	10,383
Monthly fees	140,855	89,397
Grants	1,045	6,100
Donations/sponsor	20	90
Open meets	27,383	10,436
Club champs	4,992	2,504
Other income	362	1,534
Land training	-	976
Events	4,728	1,636
Merchandise	7,973	1,979
Pool hire	-	(93)
Courses	250	-
Open water swimming	1,251	921
Printer cartridges	-	231
	<hr/> 207,109	<hr/> 126,094
<b>Other income</b>		
Exceptional items	22,684	-
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<hr/> 229,793	<hr/> 126,094
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Raising donations and legacies</b>		
Wages	7,651	7,811
Social security	1,913	1,913
Pool hire	108,549	73,882
Coaches expenses	19,897	8,787
ASA Fees	14,564	7,873
Gala's	1,238	-
Stock adjustment	561	1,057
Merchandise	9,661	1,894
Accountancy	750	620
Other expenses	1,285	1,634
Open meets	19,237	8,812
Club phone	(8)	58
Club champs	4,265	2,718
Web site	1,300	-
Courses	1,054	804
Events	3,311	1,734
Land training	800	817
Recruitment expense	239	-
	<hr/> 196,267	<hr/> 120,414

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**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
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	30.9.23 £	30.9.22 £
Total resources expended	196,267	120,414
Net income	33,526	5,680

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