



SPORT NEWCASTLE

ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022

[Incorporating the activities of Sport Newcastle CIO and the unincorporated association Sport Newcastle]

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SPORT NEWCASTLE

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Roger Tames (Chair), David Appleby, Mike Booth, Claire Finn, Steve Harper, Kingsley Hyland, Simon Rushworth, Matthew Squires, Dawn Thewlis, Alan Younger

SECRETARY'S UPDATE

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report and Accounts for the financial year 2020/21.

When I penned this section of last year's Annual Report the so-called 'freedom day' when the country would be free of covid restrictions was fast approaching. Sport Newcastle was able to look to the future with optimism having successfully negotiated a year in which a number of our main income streams had dried up in consequence of those restrictions. The decision to put back freedom day by a month seemed no more than a minor blip at the time but then came the Delta variant followed in November by the Omicron variant and whilst we are now free of restrictions we watch nervously the development of the variant of the Omicron variant. In short, we have had another year shorn of our principal fundraising event, the Annual Awards Dinner. That we have come through this period in relatively sound health having continued to make grant awards to young sports people and clubs is a testament to the loyal support we have received from our sponsors and the hard work of our subcommittee chairs and members

Once again our grateful thanks and admiration go to all those trustees, officers, volunteers, sponsors, supporters and the North East sporting community for the part that they have played in this.

The Charity has undergone some changes to the way in which it goes about its business but this simply reflects its continued adaptability to meet changing circumstances. These changes are detailed in the various reports set out below and have left us with what we hope is a leaner, more streamlined operation.

This Report is in five parts:

1. **Chairman's Report** – a summary of the principal activities of Sport Newcastle in the financial year ended 31 March 2022.
2. **Fundraising Report** – a summary of the major income raising projects run by Sport Newcastle in the financial year ended 31 March 2022 along with details of the support provided by sponsors.
3. **Awards Report** – a summary of the work undertaken and awards made by Sport Newcastle in the financial year ended 31 March 2022.
4. **Annual Accounts** – the Annual Accounts of both the Sport Newcastle Charity and the Sport Newcastle unincorporated association for the financial year ended 31 March 2022.
5. **Trustees' Overview**

Kingsley Hyland Secretary

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2020/21

Major COVID 19 restrictions in 2021 created further challenging circumstances for both grassroots and elite sport. Despite these challenges Sport Newcastle continued to offer support to clubs and individuals throughout the year as sporting activity returned to something approaching normal levels.

Mile Booth again organised another brilliant Golf Day on the 8th July at Ponteland, thoroughly enjoyed by all participants. Many foursomes return annually to the event, generously giving freely of their hard-earned cash. Barclays Bank yet again match funded the day with another £1,000 cheque.

Mathew Squires, assisted by Claire Finn, again promoted all fundraising and sponsorship, against a general climate of financial hardship in every facet of society. A superbly organised and presented Annual Awards Evening was held on the 21st October at a new venue, Newcastle Eagles Vertu Arena. Roger Tames, assisted by Ian Payne delivered a diverse and entertaining programme recognising not only the region's sporting talent but also paid tribute to the work of the army of sports volunteers – unsung heroes all. Patron Jonathan Edwards presented the prizes.

Long time supporter, Simon O'Rourke, Tyne Tees TV sports editor, kindly recorded the event, transmitted during the next evening's Sports Report on TV. Awards evening sponsor, Tier One Capital, presented a further cheque for £2,515 from a sponsored Coast to Coast cycle ride by their cycle team, well done.

Sports Newcastle's officers continue to promote a clear core message that the organisation exists to provide support, financial or otherwise, to the whole sporting community in Newcastle and across the region. Kingsley Hyland OBE, our secretary, provides vast sporting knowledge, legal expertise and drive to the mission. David Appleby's advice as treasurer is as always highly valued, we remain grateful to his and auditor Gavin Purvis's time and support to maintain our financial security. Roger Tames is a prime mover for our stated mission, leading the media group and chairing a strong independent Board of Trustees. All members are volunteers, totally committed to both the Charity and the cause, thank you all.

2022 has been identified as the 'Year of the Coach' with 12 grants totalling £10,810 earmarked to increase participation, coaching and resultant high-level attainment.

Sadly this year marked the passing of two great supporters of our cause. President, Malcolm Dix, whose service over five decades has been exemplary and our Vice President, the mercurial Steve Black. Both will be greatly missed.

Moving forward, I transfer to the role of President. Our two long serving trustees, Karen Chapman and Ros Miller, now join the prestigious list of Vice Presidents. Roger Tames will incorporate the role of Executive Chair to his portfolio, his enthusiasm and commitment adding impetus to the programme of modernisation. Gillian Sanders steps down after three decades of meritorious service to become, by tradition, an Associate member.



Mike Booth receives a cheque from Ian McElroy, CEO of Tier One Capital from their sponsored Coast to Coast Cycle Ride. Behind him are fellow cyclists Brendan O'Grady, Paul Crowley and Paul Blight.

I remain proud to be associated with such a fine organisation and everything it does to promote all sport.

Alan Younger,
Chair, Sport Newcastle.



Malcolm Dix 1942-2021

FUNDRAISING REPORT

In a second year where the world felt the significant impact of Covid-19 Sport Newcastle have continued our vital role supporting grassroots sport across the North East.

The 2021 Sport Newcastle Golf Day moved to Ponteland Golf Club which proved popular with competitors who praised the excellent condition of the course and the friendliness and efficiency of the staff.

However, the real winners were ourselves, Sport Newcastle, who managed to raise over £5,250 which will be used to provide grants to local amateur clubs and individuals to help them recover from the impact of the Covid pandemic. The event organised by Mike Booth and supported by the fundraising committee was a sell-out success and helped raise valuable funds. The 2022 Golf Day is scheduled to take place on 30th June at Ponteland Golf Club.

The Sport Newcastle Annual Awards took place in October 2021 at the Vertu Motors Arena, the event recognising those clubs and individuals who have made a significant contribution to North East sport over a number of years and also those Covid Heroes who have kept their clubs going in such challenging circumstances. The highlight of the evening was the Wilkinson Sword Award for Lifetime Achievement that was presented to Ros Miller for her contribution to Disability Sport across our region. The event was hosted by Roger Tames and Ian Payne, while the awards were presented by Sport Newcastle Patron, Jonathan Edwards CBE.

The Sport Newcastle Awards will return to the Newcastle Civic Centre in 2022 on the 17th November. We have strengthened our existing relationships with Tier One Capital and SOS Group and continue to offer local businesses a great opportunity to support grassroots sport across the North East. The Covid pandemic has resulted in some businesses cutting their community support and marketing budgets.

As a fundraising committee we now have three well established events in the calendar but are keen to add a fourth event from 2022 to help generate more income. We are also focusing on building stronger local business connections to attract additional Sport Newcastle Partners.

We have also benefitted from the personal generosity of a number of individuals and organisations who made private donations and organised fundraising challenges in aid of Sport Newcastle including a team from Tier One Capital who took on the Coast-to-Coast bike ride that raised over £2,500. Ponteland Golf Club also chose Sport Newcastle as their Captain's Charity of the Year which will see fundraising events across the course of the year including a quiz night in May.

A new communication strategy is to be developed to ensure existing and potential supporters of Sport Newcastle are aware of the work we are doing to support North-East sport and as part of this we are currently developing a new website that will act as a hub for information.

We will also be focusing our efforts on developing relationships with local and national charitable trusts and grant making bodies with a focus on grassroots sport, mental health and youth, a potential area of funding we are yet to maximise.

Thank you to all the Fundraising Committee members for the continued support, time and effort during the year, a special mention to Gillian Sanders who stepped down from the committee this year after many year's supporting Sport Newcastle. The committee recently welcomed Amy Kirsopp, Manager of Tyneside Badminton Centre who brings with her a wealth of experience in events and fundraising.

Matthew Squires Chair, Fundraising Committee

AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT TO AGM

The Awards Committee met four times between 1st April '21 and 31st March '22 – all via Zoom. The on-going pandemic restrictions resulted in reduced sporting activity for everyone and consequently fewer grant requests from clubs and especially individuals.

During this period a total of **£13,550** was awarded in grants.

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| • Grants to 7 clubs: | £ 3,590 |
| • Grants to 12 individuals: | £ 4,750 |
| • Grants to 3 platinum Scholars: | £ 4,000 |
| • 2022 Year of the Coach grants (to date): | £ 1,210 |

The seven different clubs receiving grants included Throckley Bowls Club who received a grant to set up a youth section, Northern Squash who used the grant to run sessions to attract young women to play squash and Walbottle Badminton Club who used the grant to promote and provide kit for their new venue.

The 12 individuals receiving grants came from nine different sports: athletics, badminton, fencing (2), judo, kick-boxing, pistol shooting, Taekwon-do (3), TeamGym and tennis. Yet again we are seen to be covering a wide range of sports, including several that could be described as 'minority'. The gender split was fairly even with five males and seven females making up the 12 grant recipients.

We added a third scholar, Daniel Dixon, to our list of athletes who have graduated to the platinum rung of our grants ladder. He has joined Nick Pyle and Joy Eze who have both been excellent ambassadors for Sport Newcastle over the last two years or more. Nick is a double European gold medal winner at swimming but due to injury and illness he has been unable to replicate his form this year and consequently missed out on qualification for the Commonwealth Games. Joy has received plaudits ever since she received her platinum award at the 2020 Awards Dinner. She is a British under 20s 60m (indoor) and 100m champion at the age of 17 and was recently voted British Junior Athlete of 2021 by British Athletics' writers.

Daniel was presented with his platinum award at the **Awards Evening** held at the Vertu Arena in October, along with his Young Sporting Achievement of the Year Award. Early signs this year are that he will soon be making a name for himself in the senior ranks of triathlon after a stellar last season as a junior.



Vin Pearson, Chairman of Hebburn Town, Sport Newcastle Team of the Year interviewed by Ian Payne at the Awards Evening in October.

Other award winners on the night were:

- Hebburn Town F.C., Team of the Year,
- Christopher Bunten, Newcastle Eagles Women, Coach of the Year,
- Darius Defoe, Newcastle Eagles, Sporting Achievement of the Year,
- Rosalyn Miller, for services to disability sport, Lifetime Achievement Award.



Ros Miller with the Wilkinson Sword, the Lifetime Achievement Award conferred at the Awards Evening in October.

The evening also served to recognise the 'Unsung Heroes' of sport – particularly pertinent as many of the winners had made significant contributions to their clubs during the previous 18 months of the pandemic. Awards went to:

- Beau Pape, Young Unsung Hero, Kenton Amateur Boxing Club,
- Neil & Myra Jamieson, Gosforth R.F.C.,
- Paul Netherton & Ian Chapman, City of Newcastle Gymnastics Club,
- Karen Davison, Northumberland Badminton Association.

A special group Unsung Heroes Award was presented to members of the Newcastle Eagles Wings team who worked tirelessly throughout the pandemic to maintain community activities and organise the venue as a vaccination centre.

Awards were presented jointly by Jonathan Edwards C.B.E. and Ian McElroy, C.E.O of event sponsor, Tier One Capital. Roger Tames and Ian Payne did a very professional job presenting the event, which was a step towards returning to the traditional Annual Awards Evening this year.

The reduced demand for grants over the last two years, coupled with some very generous donations allowed us to establish a fund of £10,000 specifically to fund coaching. Local clubs were invited to apply, bids were considered and due to the demand and high quality of bids we ended up allocating £10,810 to 12 clubs. An estimated 49 individuals are scheduled to gain additional coaching qualifications due to our 2022 Year of the Coach initiative. We plan to make this the theme of the 2022 Annual Awards Dinner on 17th November.

Finally, thanks as always to the efforts of members of the Awards Committee who give up their time to scrutinise grant applications and help to make decisions on how our limited funds can be best utilised.

Mike Booth Chair, Awards Committee



Sport Newcastle Unsung Heroes and Award winners with Jonathan Edwards CBE and Ian McElroy of event sponsors Tier One Capital.

Back from left: Gary Forster (Newcastle Eagles Wings Team), Neil Jamieson, Beau Pape, Paul Netherton, Ian Chapman, Karen Davison, Myra Jamieson.

Front: Jonathan Edwards CBE, Daniel Dixon, Ros Miller, Maddison Defoe, with brother Reggie, Chris Bunten, Vin Pearson, Ian McElroy.

TRUSTEES' OVERVIEW

The trustees have continued to oversee the work of all of the Charity's committees in accordance with the constitutional model and have been active in identifying ways in which we can adapt to the challenges provided by the Covid-19 pandemic which have clearly persisted longer than had been anticipated this time last year. The trustees have continued to oversee the change in approach to applications for grant awards targeted at specific individuals and have approved the initiative of the Awards Committee to support the work of grassroots coaches to restore and increase the numbers participating in sporting activity.

The way that the Charity is constituted means that it is important to be able to demonstrate that the trustees play an active role in taking the key decisions and this is achieved by involving the trustees in the two main sub-committees. The Charity has long benefitted from the support of Karen Chapman and Ros Miller but their other commitments have often prevented them from becoming involved in committee work as often as they would like. They have therefore stood down as trustees. In recognition of the contribution they have made, and continue to make, on behalf of the Charity they have been invited to become Vice-Presidents and we are delighted to report that they have accepted.

The trustees have also recognised that occasionally decisions have to be made speedily and before it is possible to confer fully with all of the trustees. It is proposed that where such situations arise an initial decision will be taken by a group containing the Secretary, Treasurer, Committee Chairs and Claire Finn (Events) but all such decisions will be subject to endorsement by the trustees as a whole.

In consequence of this and following the passing of our previous President Malcolm Dix, the driving force behind Sport Newcastle since it's foundation, former Chair Alan Younger has agreed to be our new President. We are fortunate to have his experience and dedication to the Charity on tap. With our two new Vice Presidents appointed, Alan will be looking to strengthen the contributions where

possible from our esteemed VPs. We will not be looking to replace Alan's position of Chair as the direction Sport Newcastle since attaining charitable status means previous responsibilities can now be appropriately covered by the Chair of Trustees.

The trustees once again extend their thanks to all of the volunteers who have ensured that the Charity has continued to function in a manner approaching normality.

Roger Tames Chairman of Trustees



Chairman of Trustees Roger Tames 'in action' at the Awards Evening in October.

DIARY DATES 2022-23

30 th June 2022	Annual Golf Day
4 th July 2022	Awards Committee Meeting
8 th August 2022	Fundraising Committee Meeting
26 th September 2022	Awards Committee Meeting
17 th November 2022	Annual Dinner
5 th December 2022	Fundraising Committee Meeting
9 th January 2023	Awards Committee Meeting

SPORT NEWCASTLE NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS 2021-22

General

Once again for Sport Newcastle there are two sets of accounts but with agreement, for presentational purposes I will deal with them with a combined approach. At the 2021-22 year end on 31st March there was a total of £47,736.67 in the two accounts. The General Account held £37,007.38 and the Charity Account £9,729.29.

It what has continued to be difficult and testing times, particularly with the tragic loss of our President Malcolm Dix, Sport Newcastle made a continued commitment to support local athletes and clubs financially. We made awards totalling £13,550 in the form of Sports Scholarships, Grants, Club Sponsorship and Promotion from the accounts.

As previously reported at the close of business on 31st March we had £37,007.38 in the [General] Community Account, with known commitments, debtors and liabilities of £23,585.29 this leaves us with a useable balance of £13,422.09 in the Community Account and similarly accounting for commitments we had £9,729.29 in the Charity Account. This gives us a total useable resource of £23,151.37 for 2022-23. It is important to note that within this balance we have commitments of £8,789 as part of our Year of the Coach initiative and £5,000 for Sports Scholars which represents a significant ongoing investment in sport in the North East.

Sport Newcastle has been fortunate to continue to receive superb support from our commercial partners at Tier One Capital and Smart Office systems who have continued to provide invaluable financial assistance. We also received specific donations from individual donors.

Dinner

Due to the pandemic there was no Annual Dinner held in the 2021-22 financial year. We did however stage a successful presentation night which generated a small surplus. The 2022 dinner is scheduled for November and will hopefully enable us to generate some additional income to maintain our investment in sports people, clubs and coaches.

Golf Day

The accounts show the Golf Day organised by Mike Booth and the Special Events team returned an in year profit of over £5,082. This figure included a pound for pound contribution from Barclays Charity of £1,000 and the event sponsorship from SOS. This is proving to be a hugely important element of the Sport Newcastle fundraising process.

Sports Scholars

At the close of the financial year 2021-22 we were directly supporting three scholars at a total cost of £4,000. The awards are administered through the committee on receipt of satisfactory progress reports and are reviewed quarterly at the committee meetings.

Expenditure

Grants and Financial Assistance

The expenditure within this category primarily includes applications for support from sports people and clubs which are considered by our trustees. Recipient sports in the year included athletics, boxing,

golf, badminton, swimming, triathlon, basketball, taekwondo, gymnastics, judo, rugby, bowls, fencing, shooting, and bowls. Excluding grants to Scholars we made payments totalling £9,550.

Office Expenses

Within the accounts I have identified costs of £190 associated with the operation of Sport Newcastle. This includes website hosting and domain name and all printing, stationery, and postage costs. This figure represents 0.95% of total expenditure or 0.67% of turnover which by any standards is extremely cost efficient and recognises our commitment to directing as much of our income as possible towards sport and sports people.

Overview

In 2020-21 I said it was a year like no other and hopefully one that we will never have to repeat. Unfortunately, I was wrong, and we did have to repeat it. However, as an organisation we made a commitment to continue to support sport, sports people, clubs and coaches in the region. We proactively established a COVID Support Fund to help clubs cope with the pressures resulting from the crisis. In 2021-22 we continued this approach and extended it to establish our Year of the Coach initiative where we have made a specific commitment to invest in the development of coaches at clubs across the region and across a range of sports.

As previously noted, we currently operate two accounts, one for the General Account and one for the Charity Account. It is proposed that these will be merged during 2022-23. We are currently in the process of validating the accounts with Barclays which will enable this to take place and also enable the full use of online banking systems which will further reduce our operating costs.

Hopefully we are now seeing a return to relative normality and have actually held face to face meetings in the early part of 2022. We will once again be staging our Annual Golf Day on 30th June. This represents the first stage of our fundraising in 2022-23 and with the return of the Annual Dinner in November 2022 will hopefully represent a significant boost to our finances. We have already received positive information in respect of a significant private donation in April 2022 which will hopefully be the start of a positive fundraising year.

David Appleby Treasurer, Sport Newcastle

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022**

<u>Income</u>	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
Presentation Night net proceeds		-882		-10,222
Golf Day net proceeds		5,082		2,792
Sports Scholarship Receipts		0		0
Rates		4,364		0
Income in Advance		0		260
Sponsorship		13,287		3,910
Affiliation & Membership Fees		25		75
Donations		0		0
		<u>£21,875</u>		<u>-£3,185</u>
<u>Expenditure</u>				
Grants and Financial Assistance	9,550		10,376	
Sports Scholarship Awards	4,000		4,500	
Sponsorship and Promotion	0		0	
Honoraria and Secretarial Expenses	0		0	
Office Expenses	190		323	
Room Hire and Refreshments	0		0	
Promotional Expenses	0	13,740	0	15,199
Surplus (Deficit) for Year transferred to Balance Sheet				
Accumulated Fund	2,847		-6,434	
Development Trust	5,287		-11,949	
		<u>8,134</u>		<u>-18,384</u>

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BALANCE SHEET at 31st MARCH 2022

<u>Current Assets</u>	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
Cash at Bank				
Barclays Community Account	37,007	37,007	26,883	26,883
Debtors and Prepayments				
Corporate Scholars Credit from Charity	0		1,525	
Income Due - Rates Debtors				
Dinner Debtors	<u>0</u>	0	<u>2,650</u>	4,175
Current Liabilities				
Accruals				
Golf Day Income in advance	500		260	
Year of the Coach Commitments	8,789			
COVID Emergency Grants	400		900	
Indigo Software Advance - Badminton Balance				
Corporate Sports Scholarships	<u>5,000</u>	14,689	<u>3,000</u>	4,160
Creditors				
City Council for Rates	7,146		7,146	
City Council for Dinner	0		0	
Others - Cheques Not Presented	<u>1,750</u>	8,896	<u>3,597</u>	10,743
Net Current Assets		<u>£13,422</u>		<u>£16,155</u>
Represented By				
Accumulated Fund				
Balance at 31 March 2021	349		6,783	
Add Share of surplus/deficit for year	<u>2,847</u>	3,196	<u>-6,434</u>	349
Development Trust				
Balance at 31 March 2021	2,362		14,311	
Add Share of surplus/deficit for year	<u>5,287</u>	7,649	<u>-11,949</u>	2,362
Reserve for Trophy Replacement		£2,577		£13,444
		<u>£13,422</u>		<u>£16,155</u>
Accountants Report				

I have examined the books and records of Sport Newcastle for the year ended 31 March 2022 and confirm they have been properly kept. I have also examined the above balance sheet and attached Income and Expenditure account and confirm that they are in accordance with those books and records, and information supplied.

SPORT NEWCASTLE CHARITY

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022**

<u>Income</u>	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
Donations		9,729		10,747
Sponsorship				
		£9,729		£10,747
<u>Expenditure</u>				
Grants and Financial Assistance	0		1,000	
Sports Scholarship Awards	0		0	
Sponsorship and Club Promotion	0		0	
Honoraria and Secretarial Expenses	0		0	
Room Hire and Refreshments	0		0	
Presentations	0		0	
Promotional Expenses	0	0	18	1,018
Surplus (Deficit) for Year transferred to Balance Sheet		9,729		9,729

SPORT NEWCASTLE CHARITY

BALANCE SHEET at 31st MARCH 2022

<u>Current Assets</u>	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
Cash at Bank				
Barclays Community Account	9,729		9,729	
Treasury Deposit		9,729		9,729
Debtors and Prepayments				
Income Due from Sport Newcastle	£0	0	0	0
<u>Current Liabilities</u>				
Accruals				
Balance in Reserve	0		0	
Corporate Sports Scholarships	0	0	1,525	1,525
Creditors				
Others - Cheques Not Presented	0	0	0	0
Net Current Assets		£9,729		£8,204

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