

# TEESDALE SAILING AND WATERSPORTS CLUB

Registered charity number 1159463



## TRUSTEES 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

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### **Objects and activities**

The objects of the CIO are, for the public benefit:

- (1) To promote the community participation in healthy recreation for the benefit of the inhabitants of Teesdale and the surrounding area by the provision of facilities for sailing and other water sports and other such activities as the club shall from time to time decide.
- (2) To advance the physical education of young people, especially but not exclusively, of Teesdale and the surrounding area by providing and assisting in the provision of coaching, equipment and facilities for sailing and other water sports.
- (3) To help young people, especially but not exclusively through leisure time activities, so as to develop their capabilities that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society.

Our primary activities have focussed on expanding our membership and watersport delivery to our local area, based on a wider use of Grassholme Reservoir.

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## Achievements and performance

2024 was a year in which participation increased by 21.5% on 2023 and by 89% on 2022.

Membership is also up by 43% on 2023 and 37% on 2022. The breakdown is as set out below:

	2024	2023	2022
Wednesday Total	125	210	80
Saturday Total	172	92	194
Sunday Total	706	573	462
Other Total	142	67	29
Total	1,145	942	765
Adult members	69	53	51
Junior members	33	18	23
Total members	102	71	74

The decrease in Wednesday participation levels has been partly due to completion of the programme of club improvement works, particularly to the Club's Wanderer.

Similarly to 2023, the year seems to have been particularly unfortunate with poor weather impacting the training courses with more than expected cancellations and low attendance.

What has been encouraging this year is the weekend participation figures (878) which has increased by 32% from the previous 2 years (665 and 656) notwithstanding the reduced training programme.

Experience of the junior training in previous years has informed the allocation of instructor time to operate this on more focussed basis. This has resulted in less overall training sessions for the juniors to facilitate more support for senior members where retention of attendees as members has been better.

The current membership numbers are encouraging, and retention will be a key focus in 2025. To this end there has been liaison with the RYA to discuss improvements in participation. At the end of the season the committee agreed to move to a monthly training programme with an increase in social only sailing, to remove the pressures which some new members might feel when there is racing taking place. It also allows more experienced members to mentor and support those new to the sport, outside a formal training session.

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## **Club Improvements**

The Committee has reviewed it's fleet of boats and whilst satisfied with them at the current time, recognises that it's Picos are likely to need to be replaced in the coming years as parts for the boats are increasingly expensive. In time, this will most likely make the ongoing maintenance of these boats prohibitive and an alternative but equally versatile craft is likely to be needed.

There has also been a sale of 2 safety boats, surplus and unused equipment. The club successfully obtained funding to acquire a new RIB which will arrive for the 2025 season. This will mean that there will be 2 safety boats and a coach boat available.

In addition, significant time from a small group of members has achieved the reconstruction of the gable end to the clubhouse. At the end of the season a rotten wall plate was discovered under a localised part of the clubhouse which has resulted in slight settlement of the floor and displacement of the timber wall. This will require repair ahead of the next season.

As there are less than 5 years left on the club lease attempts have been made to engage Northumbrian Water (NWL) to negotiate a new agreement. The short nature of the term remaining under the current lease will preclude grants being made available for investment in the built infrastructure of the club. Sadly NWL have yet to respond at all over the course of the year.

At the end of the season, a fibre internet cable was laid in the road next to the club and an internet connection has been secured with Go Fibre for 2025. This will enable wi-fi calling which will be a significant safety improvement and it will also broaden the appeal of the club, especially to shore based members.

## **Club Activities**

Our approach to providing watersport opportunities continues to be very much community focussed. The charity had a fleet of sailing dinghies enabling people to participate, whether or not they own a boat. The Club sold a racing Optimist during the year as there was not current demand for this, and it was unlikely to be used productively in the foreseeable future. It was therefore decided to sell the boat and reinvest the funds in the maintenance of the current fleet. The Club maintains a fleet of boats and those currently available to sail are:

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|--------------|------------------|----------------|
| • 6 Picos    | • 2 RS Fevas     | • 1 Laser Vago |
| • 4 Toppers  | • 1 GP14         | • 3 Toppers    |
| • 6 Optibats | • 2 Laser Bahias | • 3 Solos      |
| • 1 Optimist | • 1 Wanderer     |                |
| • 1 RS Tera  | • 1 Laser        |                |

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## **Financial review**

We aim to balance our income (excluding grants and financial awards) with our expenditure (excluding grant funded purchases).

In 2024, the Club posted a deficit on our normal activities of £322. After grants received and depreciation, the deficit was £3,093.

Our cash reserves are primarily used to pre-fund major purchases that are wholly or partially covered by grants and awards. The bank balance effective at the end of the year was £42,345, up on the previous year (£34,106).

In light of the reserves available to the Club, we see no reason to change the way in which we operate and manage our finances however retention of members to ensure that the membership fees cover our revenue expenditure is a key priority. In 2025 we will introduce a monthly subscription for members rather than an annual up front fee. This should make it more attractive for new members and improve the affordability of the fees.

Our aim remains to maintain our position of being one of the most accessible community water sport clubs in the region.

## **Governance, structure and management**

The charity is governed by a constitution first prepared on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014, approved by the Charity Commission on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2014 and subsequently amended on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

The charity is registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

New charity trustees are usually drawn from the Club's membership and are approached by the board of Trustees. Our constitution also allows for the proposal of Trustees by members. All Trustee appointments are governed by the conditions as laid out in the constitution.

The day to day operation of the charity is managed by a Management Committee which meets regularly.

In 2024 our policies were reviewed and our safeguarding, child protection, health and safety, complaints and diversity policies were updated and consolidated into one comprehensive document made available through the website and at the clubhouse.

## **Reference and administrative details**

The name of the charity is "Teesdale Sailing and Watersports Club".

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Other names used by the charity are: "Teesdale Sailing Club" and "TDSWC".

The charity registration number is "1159463"

The principal address of the charity is The Groom's Cottage, Wycliffe, Barnard Castle, County Durham, DL12 9TS

The trustees in post at the end of the year (31<sup>st</sup> December 2024) are:

- Calum Gillhespy (first appointed 19<sup>th</sup> May 2019 and re-appointed 25<sup>th</sup> August 2024)
- Anthony Tubbs (appointed 8<sup>th</sup> July 2020)
- Brian Johnson (appointed 27<sup>th</sup> August 2022)
- Mark Meadows (appointed 25<sup>th</sup> August 2024)

The charity has no corporate trustees.

On 25<sup>th</sup> August 2024 Richard Hewitt retired as a trustee.

There have been no charity trustees holding the title to property belonging to the charity.

There are no charity trustees holding the title to property belonging to the charity on the date of this report.

## **Exemptions from disclosure**

None.

## **Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others**

None.

Signed for and on behalf of the Trustees:

Calum Gillhespy (31<sup>st</sup> October 2025)

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

for the

Year Ending 31 DECEMBER 2024

# TEESDALE SAILING & WATERSPORTS CLUB

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The enclosed Income & Expenditure statement for the year ending 31 December 2024  
has been compiled by *Butler & Gee*  
on our instructions and with information and documentation supplied accordingly.  
we accept these accounts as an accurate representation of my trading year.

Signed .....

Date.....

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'CBG' with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Signed:

on behalf of Butler & Gee

Date.....

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**INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT**

**for the year ending 31 December 2024**

**£**  
**2024**

**INCOME**

Membership Fees	10,256
Donations	150
Other Income	2,875
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**Total Income from activities** 13,281

**Less: EXPENDITURE**

RYA	759
Insurance	4,363
Rent	580
Fuel (Boats)	169
Water	181
Parts and Sundries	1,526
Accounting and regulatory	510
PayPal Fees/Bank charges	255
Social event costs	810
Clubhouse & Galley repairs	2,971
Professional & Subscription fees	1,030
Safety	312
Other	140
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**Total Expenditure from activities** 13,604

**Net deficit on activities** 

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**-322**

Less: Depreciation of assets:

Buildings @ 2%	1,307
Equipment & Kit @ 33%	3,053
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**4,359**

Add: Grants & Subsidies Cashflow:

Durham County Council Grants Received	10,000
Durham County Council Grants Deferred	-8,411
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**1,589**

**TOTAL NET DEFICIT ON ACTIVITIES & FUNDS** 

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**-3,093**



**TEESDALE SAILING & WATERSPORTS CLUB****Registered Charity No. - 1159463****BALANCE SHEET****as at 31 December 2024**

			<u>£</u>		<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	<u>Asset</u>	<u>Accum</u>	<u>Dep'n</u>	<u>NBV</u>	<u>NBV</u>	
	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Dep'n</u>	<u>Charge</u>			
<b><u>Fixed Assets</u></b>						
Changing Room Building	13,669	1,897	235	11,536	11,772	
Storage Building	11,697	1,543	203	9,951	10,154	
Hodgsons Shed	9,232	887	167	8,178	8,345	
Shed Base	15,001	882	282	13,837	14,119	
Safety Hut	2,595	153	49	2,394	2,443	
Solar Panels & Groundworks	19,257	763	370	18,124	18,494	
Equipment & Kit	20,058	19,000	349	709	1,059	
Boats	6,990	6,566	140	284	424	
Boat Shed	529	497	11	21	32	
Kit	1,460	1,328	44	88	132	
Safety Boat	1,595	1,451	48	97	144	
Dinghys	5,790	5,266	173	351	524	
Outboard	3,532	3,213	105	214	320	
New Trailer	950	822	42	86	128	
New Radios	271	234	12	24	37	
RS Tera	2,906	2,321	193	392	586	
Optibats	5,890	4,119	585	1,187	1,771	
Paddleboards	2,283	1,258	338	687	1,025	
Kayak Helmets	156	51	34	70	104	
Kayaks	1,400	462	310	628	938	
Boat Cover	503	166	111	226	337	
CCTV	720	238	159	323	482	
CCTV Additional	180	59	40	81	121	
Laser	1,000	330	221	449	670	
Equipment	624	206	138	280	418	
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>128,288</b>	<b>53,710</b>	<b>4,359</b>	<b>70,218</b>	<b>74,578</b>	
<b><u>Current Assets</u></b>						
Stock				10	10	
Prepayments				1,589	0	
CAF Bank				42,345	34,106	
<b>Total Current Assets</b>				<b>43,944</b>	<b>34,116</b>	
<b><u>Current Liabilities</u></b>						
Accountancy Accrual				-510	-360	
Deferred Grants				-8,411	0	
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>				<b>-8,921</b>	<b>-360</b>	
<b><u>Net Assets</u></b>				<b>105,241</b>	<b>108,334</b>	
<b><u>Retained Surplus</u></b>						
Retained Surplus				108,334	108,020	
Net Surplus (Deficit) for year				-3,093	314	
				<b>105,241</b>	<b>108,334</b>	