

**CHARITY NUMBER: 1161190**

**THE SABRE TRUST**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

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Charity Registration Number: 1161190

**TRUSTEES**

Mrs Phillipa Farmer  
Mr Kevin Masters  
Miss Vivien Mills  
Ms Katrin Moon  
Mr John Chambers (resigned 28th July 2022)  
Mr Kenneth Jamieson  
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**ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

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**THE SABRE TRUST**  
**TRUSTEES' REPORT**  
**FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

The Trustees present their report and examined financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, The Charity's Act 2011 and 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 published on 16 July 2014, as amended by Bulletin 1.

**Reference and administrative details**

The Sabre Trust is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, and its registration with the Charity Commission under number 1161190 was approved on 7th April 2015. The company registration number is CE003857.

The trustees acting during the year were:

Mrs Phillipa Farmer (Chair)  
Mr Kevin Masters (Treasurer)  
Miss Vivien Mills  
Ms Katrin Moon  
Mr Ken Jamieson  
Mr John Chambers  
Mr William Porter

**Structure, governance and management**

The governing document of the Trust is a Constitution and the governing body is made up of seven Trustees, who are the only voting members of the organisation.

The six original Trustees were hand-picked by the Founding Trustee, based on her knowledge of each individual through their work together as volunteers for the Prince's Trust. Three new Trustees were appointed by the Board in accordance with the Constitution. Six of the Trustees perform the task of assessing the grant applications. The purpose of selecting the Trustees is to provide an unbiased and independent assessment of each applicant for funds. This process ensures fairness and openness. The assessors check the integrity of each application but also add value to the process by using their years of experience dealing with young people to make suggestions or offering other support to the applicants. All applications are discussed at regular meetings, when decisions are made about which applications should be approved and for how much.

When the need arises alternative or additional trustees will be appointed in accordance with the Constitution. New Trustees will be appointed by a vote at a Board meeting. Trustees will be sought to add value by their skill base and knowledge. A Member of the Executive Committee wishing to resign during the term of their appointment could do so by notifying the Secretary in writing, and their resignation took effect from the date their resignation was received by the Secretary. In the event of a casual vacancy among the Honorary Officers or Additional Members of the Executive Committee, the Executive Committee could appoint another eligible person to act for an appropriate period but not beyond the next Annual General Meeting.

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**Objectives and activities**

The objects of the CIO are, for the public benefit, the advancement of amateur sport, in particular, but not exclusively, by providing funds to assist disabled athletes to participate, coach and train in the sport of wheelchair fencing.

***Our Vision***

The Sabre Trust's mission is to help disabled persons to access a positive fencing experience and so enhance their quality of life.

***Our Culture and Values***

We have recognised that in order to achieve our vision we must continually improve the way we communicate with the disabled community using a variety of means.

The Sabre Trust is a registered charity, and our volunteer network is critical to our success in all we do. Our goals and vision are set out above and below. We are clear that we need to engage with:-

- Disabled people who are currently engaged in fencing;
- Disabled people who would like to fence.
- Disabled people who would like to be involved in fencing as a coach or official;

And our stakeholder are:-

- British Fencing and British Disability Fencing;
- WheelPower
- Why Sports
- Any sponsors we may have;
- our celebrity supporters;
- our suppliers.

The principles apply to each and all of the above. Inevitably there may be differences of approach to and for the specific

***Our Mission***

We will always be "people-centred" concentrating our efforts and resources where we think we can make a significant difference. We are committed to the values of honesty, equality, integrity and helpfulness.

We recognise we live in an increasingly diverse society and will endeavour wherever practical to carry out Grant Application assessments in a manner so as not to disadvantage through socio economic backgrounds.

We have as a primary focus, disabled people interested in fencing, so have a duty of care to make reasonable adjustments to the way we communicate so that people with all disabilities are able to access the organization through the Grant Application process. We are also committed to sharing information that is within our knowledge regarding aspects of daily life that may benefit the disabled people we deal with.

The way we relate to one another, with key partners and the wider community, will be characterised by a respect for the views of others and the integrity of our approach. We will treat people with fairness and equality at all times.

***Public Benefit Statement***

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Trust's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

## **THE SABRE TRUST**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT**

#### **FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

##### **Achievements and performance**

In June 2021, with the opening up of sport facilities and activities, British Disability Fencing ran some training camps for new and existing fencers, at Stoke Mandeville Stadium and Moulton College. Several new athletes took the opportunity to try the sport.

This was enhanced by a wonderful performance by the Great Britain Wheelchair fencers at the Tokyo Paralympics, where they achieved one gold, one silver and three bronze medals. Four athletes qualified for the championships and of these, three were previous recipients of Sabre Trust grants.

Two days before the athletes were due to fly out to Tokyo, two athletes were training on Tokyo time in Bath. They rose at midnight and went out in their wheelchairs for exercise. Around 2am, they encountered a young man on a bridge about to do himself serious harm. The athletes stopped and spent several hours talking to the man, until he eventually was persuaded to come off the bridge and return home to his wife and family. The athletes were traumatized by the event, so it's to their huge credit they managed to go to Tokyo and win medals.

The sudden high profile given to wheelchair fencing was used to good advantage. Training camps were organized with the help of WheelPower, a charity based at Stoke Mandeville Stadium. New fencers from all over the UK, including Scotland, attended, and many are now established with coaches in clubs, and are enjoying the pleasures the sport brings. Several new athletes have been helped with fencing equipment, and coaching fees.

From April 2021 British Disability Fencing entered into negotiations with British Fencing for a merger. The move made good sense, but a lot of work had to go into preparing the right environment to achieve the goal, and funding had to be sought to pay for all the administrative and legal work. The merger was completed on 1st April 2022.

The main organization linking disabled people with disability sports is WheelPower and The Sabre Trust is developing a stronger working relationship with this organization to enhance future activities, and encourage more people to take up the sport.

In the New Year's Honours, (January 2022) the very first recipient of a Sabre Trust Award, Piers Gilliver was awarded the MBE for services to wheelchair fencing.

##### ***Marketing and Communications***

We have improved our website and produced a newsletter (Cut and Thrust). Most recently we have produced a sequel children's book (Wheelchair Musketeers: Pret) which is being prepared for publication. We are committed to meeting the needs of customers in a professional manner and we have developed a Customer Charter to show that commitment.

##### ***Engaging our Partners and Stakeholders***

The Sabre Trust has worked alongside a number of stakeholders in an effective manner, and will continue to do so to deliver this plan over the next year. We continue to work closely with British Fencing and WheelPower.

## **THE SABRE TRUST**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT**

#### **FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

##### **Financial review**

Income for the year amounted to £8,033, an increase of around £2,044 on the previous twelve-month period. The main source of income during the year was donations £8,033.

Expenditure for the year amounted to £9,224, a increase of around £4,748 on the previous twelve-month period. This resulted in a loss for the year of £1,191.

The Trustees established that funds would remain capped at £500 per person for new applicants, and priority would be given to athletes competing in the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics this financial year. Where an experienced athlete required additional funds, the Trustees would measure the needs against available funds. Athletes qualified for the Tokyo Paralympics have to increase their training and upgrade their equipment.

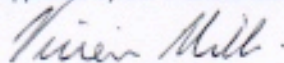
##### **Reserves Policy**

The executive committee will confirm and review on an annual basis the policy in respect of the reserves held by The Sabre Trust and to ensure that these are normally maintained at a minimum level equivalent to the essential activities of the organisation for a minimum three months, should all other income, including but not limited to: grants, donations and sponsorship fail to materialise. The trustees believe that the level of free reserves is necessary in order to safeguard the future of the charity. The trustees aim to keep at least one year's average general expenditure, equivalent to around £5,000.

##### **Plans for the future**

1. To review the objects of the charity following the decision by the International Wheelchair and Amputee Sports Federation (IWAS) to change the name of the sport from wheelchair fencing to Para Fencing, thereby enabling athletes with a visual impairment to partake in a form of fencing.
2. Increase the available resources to assist people with all disabilities who would like to take up the sport of fencing.
3. Secure funds to help pay for new wheelchairs for talented athletes who want to become international wheelchair fencers.
4. Improve the IT for the charity, - the website, e-Newsletters and GDPR compliant emails.
5. Improve communication to the disabled community via e-Newsletters and the book.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Miss Vivien Mills

Date: 30th January 2023.

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**  
**TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SABRE TRUST**

I report to the charity's Trustees on the examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022 which are set out on pages 4 to 5.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and 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;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

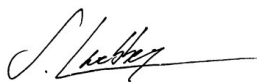
**Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no material matters have 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 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting recordshave 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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**Date: 30 January 2023**



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**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

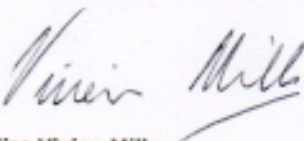
	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>2022</b>	<i>2021</i>
	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>	<i>Total</i>
	<b>£</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<i>Funds</i>
		<b>£</b>	<i>£</i>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>			
Donations	8,033	8,033	5,989
<b>Total receipts</b>	8,033	8,033	5,989
 <b>PAYMENTS</b>			
Grants made	7,804	7,804	3,300
Insurance	-	-	-
Just giving charges	216	216	216
Subscriptions	220	220	-
Legal and professional fees	984	984	960
<b>Total payments</b>	9,224	9,224	4,476
 <b>Net (payments)/receipts</b>	(1,191)	(1,191)	1,513
 Cash and bank deposits at 1 April 2021	8,876	8,876	7,363
 Cash and bank deposits at 31 March 2022	7,685	7,685	8,876
 <b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>			
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	<b>8,876</b>	<b>8,876</b>	7,363
 <b>Net (payments)/receipts</b>	<b>(1,191)</b>	<b>(1,191)</b>	1,513
 <b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>7,685</b>	<b>7,685</b>	8,876

The Sabre Trust has not acquired or discontinued any fundamental activities during the above financial year. The Charity has no recognised gains and losses other than those included in the above Receipts and Payments Account. Therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses is needed.

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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**AT 31 MARCH 2022**

	<b><u>2022</u></b>	<b><u>2021</u></b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current Account	7,685	8,876
	<u>7,685</u>	<u>8,876</u>
<b>REPRESENTED BY</b>		
General Fund	7,685	8,876
Restricted Fund	-	-
	<u>7,685</u>	<u>8,876</u>
<b>MOVEMENT OF FUNDS</b>		
Balance at 1 April 2020	8,876	7,363
Excess of receipts over payments	(1,191)	1,513
Transfer of funds	-	-
Balance at 31 March 2021	<u>7,685</u>	<u>8,876</u>

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on 23/11/2022 and signed on its behalf by:



Miss Vivien Mills  
Trustee