

FRIENDS OF IBSTOCK AND DESFORD DISABLED SWIMMERS

England & Wales · Charity number 1165267

Details

Other names FIDDS

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2016-01-22

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE RELIEF OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS WITH A PHYSICAL OR SENSORY DISABILITY BY THE PROVISION OF THERAPEUTIC SWIMMING FACILITIES, TEACHING AND COACHING FOR AND ENCOURAGING, PROMOTING AND DEVELOPING SUCH PERSONS.

Activities: Teaching & developing of aquatic skills from beginners through to competitive swimmers for those with physical , sensory and or learning disabilities by volunteer Level 2 qualified teachers in a sheltered environment. Encouraging social interaction with others wanting to be as safe in water as possible, and have fun.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Other Finance, Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, Amateur Sport, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity, Recreation, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Leicestershire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£4,670	£4,621	-	-
2024-03-31	£3,056	£4,138	-	-
2023-03-31	£1,540	£1,770	-	-
2022-03-31	£268	£20,444	-	-
2021-03-31	£52	£856	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
JILL STIDEVER MBE		2016-01-15
RICHARD william GRUDGINGS		2016-01-15
Robert Haines		2019-05-09
Scott Atkin		2017-01-10

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01/02 /2024 -31/04-2025 - Annual report

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An extra report was added to the Annual return which was returned to the Charity Commission on 04/02/2025. This was the time when many of the families were cautious of the worry of possible harder financial restraints. During COVID many of our older swimmers had joined outdoor activities, and the most popular was football. Others turned to the newer sport of Frame running. This built up during the year when there were more closures of the pool than expected. Most of the swimmers did not return. The initial swimming group of children (maximum of eight) tried to continue with only two coaches. The third coach had to resign after working with the squad 11 years.

The leading coach spoke about the situation to the 4 families who return regularly. Leicester/shire and Rutland Swimming Association (LASA) Health and Safety Officer came and suggested that we needed to consider if the teaching was safe and covered by insurance. Later they distributed a questionnaire of all the County swimming clubs to discover if any of them have physically disabled swimmers.

We, the remaining coaches, together with the trustees, made a decision that as they were unable to work to the terms of the FIDDS Constitution they would notify the Charity Commission that all practical pool sessions would stop at the end of the Financial Year. This duly happened on the 27/03/2025 and the Charity Commission was notified on

2024 - 2025	FIDDS Accounts
Charity 1165267	
Friends of Ibstock and Desford disabled swimmers	
INCOME	
Fees	£4,670.00
Donations	£0.00
Grants	£0.00
Gala fees in	£0.00
Sundry income	£0.00
Pool hire/Lifeguards - refund	£0.00
	£4,670.00
EXPENSES	
Pool hire/Lifeguards	£3,623.61
Gala fees out	
Training	£425.00
Equipment	
Swim England fees / Leicester Penguins	£491.95
Bank charges	£80.20
Fees refunded	
Grant refunded *	
Sundry expenses	
Unknown	
	£4,620.76
Defecit *	£49.24
Expanation of Accounts *	
Balance in FIDDS bank account standing at £16,216.57 on 31/03/2025	
<i>ref. 2024 -2025 Charity commission Accounts</i>	

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2024 Annual Report

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FRIENDS OF IBSTOCK AND DESFORD DISABLED SWIMMERS.

Some of my last sentence for the annual review in 2023 said “we are a fully functioning group again now after keeping our heads above water”. To date this is not the case but we are working on it. Our main need at present is to encourage more volunteer swimming teachers to be able to join us.

We had lost a great deal of water time and although the Trustees had pre planned minor constitution alterations we were unable to fit an AGM in during the above year. This was because of pool closures due to lack of life guards, water not suitable temperature, annual cleaning, coach/teacher’s unreliable health all having a strong influence on regular sessions during this year.

It soon made practical poolside officials of the group fully aware that a more proactive approach will be needed to move forward quickly. They spoke to qualified officials at events to try and interest others but to no avail. One ex swimmer from our group is in the process of updating her data baring certificate and her safety with the Swim England. Other poolside officials spoke to the parents

The competitive swimmers have taken part in local Open events again now with three being accepted in the Regional Squad. Of the six beginners all, except one, can swim at least three strokes and are now concentrating on stroke improvement and water safety skills. The one exception was petrified of going near deep water when she joined us. With very small steps she pushes off into deep water and swims 5+m back to the side. Repeating again from her own choice, with a large beam across her face.

Members of the teaching team have met with the Leicester Penguins committee to discuss ideas for the possible future of more absorbing active competitive members of the disability squad into their sessions, while the others have additional help in improving their swimming and the parents time to chat about difficulties, when your son or daughter have additional needs. Learning safety skills are high on our list of activities, in a County with lakes, canals and rivers all around. Some young swimmers joined us temporally as

a Second club member to have a short spell of small group instruction while remaining in their main local club.

Since the Paralympics in 2012, that were outstanding, until 2024 the definition of Para swimmer changed every four years with all credit to many swimmers and coaches.

It is wonderful to see so much change and so many new opportunities opening. These can be in the majority of sports, education, building design and garden, volunteering and too many other activities to name. Many in swimming look at the Paralympians and feel they can not do that, but who knows until they try.

We became a Charity in 2016 but did not apply for any grants during the COVID years. We knew that we were a not-for-profit charity and were without immediate financial need. Increasing teacher/coach ratio before more swimmers is vital.

We would like to continue with our original vision from when we started in Leicestershire in 1972.

That is;

TO FOSTER AND PROMOTE THE SPORT OF DISABILITY SWIMMING AT ALL LEVELS by providing details for fun, recreation, fitness and early competition

20.01.2025
Jill Stidever
Trustee

21.01.2025
Phil Freeman
Lead Coach

2023 - 2024	FIDDS Accounts
Charity 1165267	
Friends of Ibstock and Desford disabled swimmers	
INCOME	
Fees	£3,000.00
Donations	£0.00
Grants	£0.00
Gala fees in	£0.00
Sundry income	
Pool hire/Lifeguards - refund	£55.77
	£3,055.77
EXPENSES	
Pool hire/Lifeguards	£2,657.44
Gala fees out	£0.00
Training	£0.00
Equipment	£0.00
Swim England fees / Leicester Penguins	£1,415.95
Bank charges	£64.80
Fees refunded	
Grant refunded *	
Sundry expenses	
Unknown	
	£4,138.19
Defecit *	-£1,082.42
Expanation of Accounts *	
Balance in FIDDS bank account standing at £15,716.41 on 31/03/2024	
ref. 2023 -2024 Charity commission Accounts	

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Report for Charity Commission 2022 -3

Over the past year, we have fortunately managed to return to the water with a larger group of swimmers and continue to grow as the year progresses. With the removal of all restrictions post-Covid, we were able to return to the pool with a group of swimmers previously with us. Since then we have managed to attract new swimmers. This has mainly been due to the launch of new advertisements including a newly designed poster. We continue to attract new interest and are hoping to continue to grow. With this new confidence, we have been able to acquire more pool time. Now we are now able to offer two one hour sessions to prospective swimmers and are looking to progress this further dependent of staffing availabilities. With the increase in swimmers, we have also been keen to professionally progress some of our volunteers with most recently a volunteer completing a course as a Level One Assistant Swimming Teacher. The lifeguards are staff members of our community pool sessions where they know the difficulties and aspirations of our group. They recognise the achievements of all the swimmers and appreciate the very small steps.

During COVID we underwent many restrictions as did so many people. We were not able to work dependently even when other outdoor sport's groups were open. The planning of meetings were discussed and had to be postponed and time progressed. Whenever the pool was open we used it, if staff were available, but with caution.

Now we are fully functioning group again after "keeping our heads above water" for the last three years. The way is forward, with first 2023-24 Trustees meeting next week 08.07.2023 to be followed buoyantly by our AGM, new swimmers and increased publicity .

Lauren Freeman Lead Coach
Jill Stidever Trustee
08.-6.2023



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Charity 1165267	
Friends of Ibstock and Desford disabled swimmers	
INCOME	
Fees	£1,540.00
Donations	£0.00
Grants	£0.00
Gala fees in	£0.00
Sundry income	
Unknown	
	£1,540.00
EXPENSES	
Pool hire/Lifeguards	£1,387.14
Gala fees out	£0.00
Training	£0.00
Equipment	£0.00
Swim England fees	£344.75
Bank charges	£38.20
Fees refunded	
Grant refunded *	
Sundry expenses	
Unknown	
	£1,770.09
Defecit *	-£230.09
Expanation of Accounts *	
Balance in FIDDS bank account standing at £17,244.43 on 31/03/2023	
ref. Docuements - 2022 -2023 Charity commission Accounts	

J. St. John

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2021 – 2022 FIDDS Trustees report for the Charity Commission

Over the past year, we have slowly returned to the swimming pool at Desford. We were unable to return to Ibstock as before. This left us with only one hour a week swimming time rather than the three hours we had filled pre the COVID restrictions. The swimmers who could swim 50m consistent sets were able to return earlier while some moved to other swimming clubs, a couple to football and volley ball leaving the rest to re-establish the squad. This temporally changed the emphasis of the group when we completely returned, in June 2021.

Earlier in 2019 we had been awarded a grant from the Peter Harrison Foundation to install a hoist for use by our group plus other clubs using the facilities. At that time some of their members were unable to open their sessions to all their members, without means of entrance and exit to the water. This grant we returned in full to the Foundation in May 2021. We would re assess the need in future years.

During this period our staff continued with their training as well as COVID moving through their families. This caused some restrictions on growing as quickly as we hoped. We did not meet during lockdown or have an AGM.

Lauren Freeman (Lead Coach) and Jill Stidever (Trustee)

21.11.2022

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The months of January 2020 started with hope for the majority of our swimmers that their individual targets whether for competition or Learn to swim could be achieved after the uncertainty of the end of the previous year. A different picture began with emerging large events such as galas being cancelled. For the first time the Leicestershire County Age groups were postponed and later cancelled twice when possible dates were suggested.

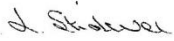
Like the majority of swimmers we had a few sessions early in the year but then on 20th March 2020 the anticipated full lockdown to "COVID" started. At that point all our activities ceased. At all stages until then the coaches had encouraged our swimmers to follow the advice from Swim England.



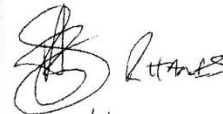
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TO DATE SUMMARY

Jan 2020-2021

REF:AR21-CIO-REM-8b

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FRIENDS of IBSTOCK AND DESFORD DISABLED SWIMMERS

Income

Fees	£30.00
Donations	£22
Grants	
Gala fees in	
Sundry income	
Unknown	
Total	£52.00

Expenses

Pool hire / lifeguards	£389.00
Gala fees out	
Training	
Equipment	
Fees refunded	
Sundry expenses	
Unknown	£467.00
Total	£756.00

Surplus / (Defecit) **-£804**

During the financial year 2020 we closed down almost completely when lockdown commenced in full (20th March) For January and February a few of the more competitive swimmers continued when the pool was open. During the whole of the COVID restrictions we followed the guidelines of Swim England. The £467 showing on the accounts was for membership of Swim England for the year as a squad within Leicester Penguins. The deficit was met from within our balance in FIDDS bank during this time.

J.Stidever 30.09.2022