



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st October 2022 To 30th September 2023

Charity name: Gravesend Rowing Club

Charity registration number: 117601

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The Charity's purpose is to make provision for, and expand participation in, the amateur sport of rowing in Gravesham and the surrounding area.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>The charity has approximately 60 members, who regularly partake in, or support, the sport of rowing. This covers a range of activities, including fine boat rowing, coastal rowing, and indoor rowing. Such activities are overseen by volunteers qualified in the teaching of rowing. Membership of the club is open to all residents of Gravesham and the surrounding area, who are aged 13 years over, on the payment of the membership fee.</p> <p>The club additionally offers concessionary rates to those who would otherwise be unable to participate in the sport, and for those learning to row through its school outreach programmes.</p> <p>The club encourages participation in the sport throughout maintenance of its fleet of boats, indoor row machines, and clubhouse (funded through various social and fundraising events).</p> <p>It encourages competitive participation through entering members into rowing races including the Danson Dashes regatta, which it jointly runs with Erith Rowing Club.</p> <p>The club has worked to bring rowing to non-members, primarily through its links with local schools. As well as offering school training sessions, the club hosted for a fourth year an indoor rowing competition for local schools. This allows non-members to participate in the sport of indoor rowing at no cost to the individual.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity	Para 1.18	We confirm the trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Commission on public benefit		
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Gravesend Rowing Club is completely run on the contributions by volunteers, with no paid members or coaches. As well as the contribution of the elected committee we recognise the contribution from those who have organised fundraising events, helped run rowing and training sessions and assisting at races.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>This year the charity has endeavoured to grow the skill set of its adult and junior members. The club has continued to increase its presence in the local rowing community by running an amateur rowing event in Bexley alongside Erith Rowing Club, which was open to all British Rowing affiliated clubs.</p> <p>The club has additionally expanded the experience of its members by entering cruise into racing events across the Southeast. These range from at local events open to all, to more challenging events and those open to crews from across the world, such as the Head of the River Race in London and the Junior Inter-Regional Regatta.</p> <p>Closer to home, the club has held a number of events that aim to develop links with the local community including the schools indoor rowing championships and friendly indoor rowing events with teams invited to join from the PLA and the RNLI.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Gravesend Rowing Club consider the financial position of the club healthy at the end of the year with a value at approximately £125,000. This is £10,000 lower than the start of the year, however, the charity still consider this to be a healthy amount of reserves.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The honorary treasurer each year recommends that the charity endeavour to hold approximately £10,000 in reserves, wherever possible within usual cycles of income and expenditure, to account for any unexpected spending requirement this has been maintained throughout the reporting period.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£0
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	The charity operates with zero reserves held. This has been decided to allow the charity to invest within itself and be able to spend any savings for charitable purposes without restrictions. The treasurer has recommended an unofficial £10,000 reserve.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	The charity has no such benefit.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	There is no uncertainties about the charity's continuation in the future.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The main source of funding for Gravesend Rowing Club is from membership fees paid by members.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Election by fully paid adult members

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Gravesend Rowing Club
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	117601
Charity's principal address	Gravesend Rowing Club Gordons Promenade Gravesend Kent DA12 2BS

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Matthew Johnson	Captain		By election of membership
2	Melissa Stanley	Membership Secretary		By election of membership
3	Amelia Page	Safety Adviser		By election of membership
4	Dave Wellard	Honorary Treasurer		By election of membership
5	Stephen Cason	Bar Manager		By election of membership
6	Bradley Smith	Premises Manager		By election of membership
7	Richard Hopperton	Chairman		By election of membership
8	Jonothan Ackroyd	Honorary Secretary	05/02/2023 to 25/08/2023	By election of membership
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	There are no assets held in this capacity
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	There are no assets held in this capacity
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	There are no assets held in this capacity

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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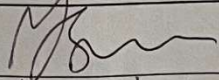
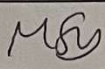
Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	MATTHEW JOHNSON	MEL STANLEY
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Captain	MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY
Date	7/7/24.	

GBP														
GRAVESEND ROWING CLUB														
Movement	-10,070.39	Oct 22	Nov 22	Dec 22	Jan 23	Feb 23	Mar 23	Apr 23	May 23	Jun 23	Jul 23	Aug 23	Sep 23	TOTALS
Beginning of year balance	135,732.43													
End of year balance	125,662.04													
INCOME														

Category	Description													
Membership		1,455.00	1,175.00	1,073.00	1,465.00	1,459.00	1,085.00	1,138.00	1,041.00	1,159.00	1,213.00	1,293.00	1,431.00	14,987.00
Rack Fees		0.00	0.00	0.00	120.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	120.00
Donations (inc Amazon Smile)		100.00	0.00	0.00	12.15	0.00	500.00	5.00	19.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	636.50
Fundraising		120.00	0.00	0.00	417.00	58.00	10.00	115.50	8.00	22.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	774.50
Bar and events Income (inc Paypal)		537.87	1,101.79	875.55	48.59	26.52	131.92	207.53	55.41	570.15	178.32	162.54	176.04	4,072.23
Course Fees		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	628.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	628.00
Services and Gifts in Kind		0.00	0.00	350.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	350.00
Seat Fees		24.00	86.00	0.00	0.00	322.00	249.50	208.00	85.00	473.00	1,096.00	2,100.50	65.00	4,709.00
Club Kit		0.00	576.00	24.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	600.00
Learn to Row		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	320.00	80.00	80.00	1,440.00	160.00	0.00	0.00	2,080.00
Total		2,236.87	2,938.79	2,322.55	2,062.74	1,865.52	2,296.42	1,754.03	1,916.76	3,664.15	2,655.32	3,564.04	1,680.04	28,957.23

Expenditure													
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Category	Description													
Rent		72.50	72.50	72.50	72.50	72.50	72.50	72.50	72.50	72.50	72.50	72.50	72.50	870.00
Electricity		0.00	0.00	70.61	278.51	278.51	251.06	278.51	306.58	317.00	296.16	621.28	495.52	3,193.74
Gas		24.00	24.00	67.00	67.00	67.00	67.00	67.00	67.00	67.00	182.00	182.00	182.00	1,063.00
TV / Music / Bar Licence		0.00	0.00	180.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	157.75	0.00	311.76	0.00	0.00	649.51
Website / Digital Presence		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	52.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	52.38
Insurance		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,047.59	546.29	521.29	521.29	2,636.46
Equipment and Gym (Purchases)		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	32.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	32.00
Coaching Fees / Training Courses		0.00	198.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	198.00
Building Repairs and Maintenance		0.00	12.00	110.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.82	182.82
Boat Repairs		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	926.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	926.40
Boat Maintenance		2,540.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	158.71	0.00	0.00	346.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,045.13
Boat Purchases		2,914.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,594.99	0.00	98.00	722.04	3,562.94	9,891.97
Trailer Costs		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	244.19	244.19
Fuel (Launch and Transport)		0.00	55.93	0.00	0.00	78.53	0.00	0.00	29.48	49.54	41.35	39.55	61.28	355.66
Bar Costs		425.14	0.00	299.23	0.00	0.00	294.54	0.00	0.00	278.16	197.91	0.00	0.00	1,494.98
Cleaning Products		184.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	184.98
Legal and Professional Fees		630.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	459.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	216.00	1,305.10
Seat Fees and Entries		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	284.00	900.92	0.00	887.80	752.00	0.00	859.50	0.00	3,684.22
Club Kit		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	623.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	623.69
Facility Hire / Event Costs		225.00	174.00	1,370.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	316.00	16.00	0.00	1,160.39	132.00	3,393.39
Total		7,015.62	5,536.43	2,169.34	418.01	1,404.23	2,671.13	877.11	4,516.48	2,946.21	1,745.97	4,178.55	5,548.54	39,027.62

Starting balance (Statements)	135,732.43	130,953.68	128,356.04	128,509.25	130,153.98	130,615.27	130,240.56	131,117.48	128,517.76	129,235.70	130,145.05	129,530.54	125,662.04
Ending balance	130,953.68	128,356.04	128,509.25	130,153.98	130,615.27	130,240.56	131,117.48	128,517.76	129,235.70	130,145.05	129,530.54	125,662.04	
Actual balance (Santander)	121,319.40	118,308.78	118,097.35	117,677.01	117,615.15	117,204.61	116,736.88	116,408.87	114,927.11	113,110.49	112,492.11	109,965.84	109,017.78
Actual balance (Barclays)	14,413.03	12,976.90	10,411.69	11,015.24	12,703.83	13,575.66	13,620.68	14,607.61	13,611.65	16,007.21	17,694.94	19,446.70	16,644.26
Statement Movement (Santander)		3,010.62	211.43	420.34	61.86	410.54	467.73	328.01	1,481.76	1,816.62	618.38	2,526.27	948.06
Statement Movement (Barclays)		1,436.13	2,565.21	-603.55	-1,688.59	-871.83	-45.02	-986.93	995.96	-2,395.56	-1,687.73	-1,751.76	2,802.44

Type	Details	Value
Cash Funds	Achievements of its charitable objectives	125,662.04
Assets retained for the Charity's own use	Building at Gordon Promenade	182,190.00
	Fine and Coastal Rowing Boats	105,100.00
	Indoor rowing machines	14,658.00
	Ribs, outboard engines and trailers	16,965.00
	Other Misc. (including trophies, stock etc.)	7,532.00
Liabilities	Outstanding liabilities for the reported accounting	0

For all assets, value given is based on current insurance value.

Date	Position Held	Print Name	Signature
07 July 2024	Captain	MATTHEW JOHNSON	M.Johnson
07 July 2024	Membership Secretary	MEL STANLEY	M.Stanley

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Gravesend Rowing Club

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2023 which are set out on the Trustee's Annual Report sections A-G and the Statement of Financial Activities.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the club's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the 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 charity 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]².

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.

Signed:



J T Durell

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Date 26 July 2024