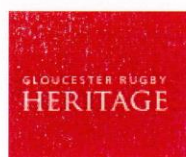


GLOUCESTER RUGBY HERITAGE CIO

CHARITY NUMBER 1168980

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023



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ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

The Trustees present their report for the period from 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023.

Trustees

The Trustees during the year were as follows:

Malcolm James King	Chairman
Alfred John Theyers	Treasurer
Clive Lawrence Major	Secretary
Christopher Thomas Collier	
Richard Knight Williams	
Ronald Etheridge	
Philip Leslie James Pritchard	

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity was registered as a CIO on 31 August 2016. The CIO's official address is Gloucestershire Heritage Hub, Alvin Street, Gloucester GL1 3DW.

The charity has a membership which is open to anyone who is interested in furthering its purposes. No annual subscription is charged.

The constitution provides for a minimum of six and a maximum of twelve trustees. The constitution sets out the powers of trustees, the manner of appointment, resignation and removal of trustees, and the procedures and controls which govern the administration of the charity. The Trustees have most recently been reappointed for the following terms of office:

Malcolm James King	1 September 2022 until 31 August 2025
Alfred John Theyers	1 September 2023 until 31 August 2024
Richard Knight Williams	1 September 2023 until 31 August 2026
Clive Lawrence Major	1 September 2021 until 31 August 2024
Christopher Thomas Collier	1 September 2021 until 31 August 2024
Ronald Etheridge	12 December 2022 until 31 August 2025
Philip Leslie James Pritchard	21 August 2023 until 31 August 2026

An additional trustee, Michael Anthony Curran was elected a trustee at the meeting of 11 March 2024, bringing the total up to eight.

Public benefit

The trustees of the Gloucester Rugby Heritage CIO have paid due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The trustees believe that the requirements of the public benefit test are being met.

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Risk management

The trustees periodically review the operational, financial, regulatory, legal and strategic risks affecting the charity. Appropriate measures to mitigate the effects of identified risks are in place and remain under review.

Objectives

The object of the charity is to advance the education of the public in the history of Gloucester Rugby Club and the part it has played in the life of the City of Gloucester and the County of Gloucestershire, by collecting, preserving and sharing its heritage.

Activities, Achievements and Performance

There have been no changes to the constitution of the CIO. During the sixth year of the CIO from September 2022 to August 2023 there were four formal meetings of the trustees. Existing trustees were re-appointed when their terms of tenure ran out, and two new trustees were appointed. During the pandemic, meetings of the trustees were held on Zoom, but face-to-face meetings resumed during this reporting period.

Eight volunteers contributed 2,019 hours of work to GRH CIO activities. The majority of these hours were expended on two books. "Gloucester Rugby: The Players" was published towards the end of 2022, some costs defrayed by funding from six sponsors. Complimentary copies of this book were donated to every public library in Gloucestershire. Publication of the book saw a drop in demand for our previous books and our DVD. Throughout the year, research and drafting of our next book, "150 Years of Gloucester Rugby" was underway; the book is scheduled for publication by the end of 2023, and will cover both men and women teams.

We identified two further Gloucester players who were killed in WW2 and added their names to the war memorial at Kingsholm.

We received several collections of memorabilia, the most significant following the deaths of Allan Townsend and Andy Mitchell, both of whom had been leading officers of the Club.

Material continued to be produced and loaded onto the GRH website, including approximately 350 programmes and 200 match reports. Our massive website now comprises approximately 10,400 items. Over 16,000 visits were made to the website during this reporting year, and multiple visitor comments and queries were followed up.

Articles on the history of the Club were published in the digital match programme for every home fixture. The skills of volunteers have been enhanced in digital systems, image restoration and presentation of material on the website.

The relationship is expanding with the Gloucester Rugby Foundation, who send a representative to all meetings of our trustees. The Foundation use GRH resources in carrying out their community, welfare and schools activities.

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Future plans

It had been agreed that the CIO would provide both visual and audio displays to fill a room at The Folk, a new museum in Gloucester. Although displays have been prepared, another year has passed with no progress made towards mounting them, because The Folk has continuing structural and health and safety issues with their grade 2 listed buildings.

The CIO is assisting Gloucester Rugby with celebrations to mark the 150th anniversary of the Club in 2023-24. We plan to develop more access to our material on social media through the Gloucester Rugby Foundation.

It is planned to resume interviews of former players, which were suspended during the pandemic, since these are one of the most popular features of our website. We will continue to give talks to other organisations, including the Gloucester History Festival.

Financial Review

Reserves policy - the trustees aim to retain a minimum of £2,000 as a reserve.

The attached accounts show the current state of the finances which the Trustees consider to be sound. The independent examiner is Miss S.E. Brown, who is a Chartered Accountant.

On behalf of the Trustees



Malcolm King, Chairman
29 May 2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF GLOUCESTER RUGBY HERITAGE CIO

I report on the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 31 August 2023, which are set out on pages 5 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The CIO's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

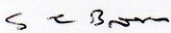
Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the CIO 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 the 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 matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements:
 - to keep proper accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirement of the Charities Act; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.


S.E. Brown FCA, CTA

29 May 2024

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Funds	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Sale of books and DVDs	6,967	-	6,967	-
Sponsorship	-	1,000	1,000	500
Total receipts	<u>6,967</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>7,967</u>	<u>500</u>
Payments				
Website Hosting & Maintenance	432	-	432	432
Engraving of Commemorative Plaque	86	-	86	-
Photograph for "The Players" book	-	394	394	-
Photograph for website	35	-	35	-
Printing and publication "Players" book	3,973	1,510	5,483	-
Total payments	<u>4,526</u>	<u>1,904</u>	<u>6,430</u>	<u>432</u>
Net Receipts/ (Payments)	2,441	(904)	1,537	68
Cash Funds last year end	8,491	904	9,395	9,327
Cash Funds this year end	<u>10,932</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,932</u>	<u>9,395</u>

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

31 AUGUST 2023

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Funds	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£
Cash Funds				
Cash at bank	10,932	-	10,932	9,395
Total Cash Funds	<u>10,932</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,932</u>	<u>9,395</u>
Other Monetary Assets				
Debtors	484	-	484	966
	<u>484</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>484</u>	<u>966</u>
Other Assets				
Stock of Books	1,980	-	1,980	2,094
Stock of DVDs	-	-	-	47
	<u>1,980</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,980</u>	<u>2,141</u>
Assets Retained for Charity's own use				
Cost				
Laptop	500	-	500	500
	<u>500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>

For and on behalf of Trustees

John Theyers
Treasurer
29 May 2024

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

1. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Player Profiles Book £	Total £
Balance 1 September 2022	904	904
Receipts	1,000	1,000
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	1,904	1,904
Payments	1,904	1,904
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Balance 31 August 2023	-	-
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