

GLOUCESTER RUGBY HERITAGE CIO

CHARITY NUMBER 1168980

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1 SEPTEMBER 2023 TO 31 AUGUST 2024



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ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

The Trustees present their report for the period from 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024

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	
Michael Anthony Curran	

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 2024 until 31 August 2025
Richard Knight Williams	1 September 2023 until 31 August 2026
Clive Lawrence Major	1 September 2024 until 31 August 2025
Christopher Thomas Collier	1 September 2024 until 31 August 2027
Ronald Etheridge	12 December 2022 until 31 August 2025
Philip Leslie James Pritchard	21 August 2023 until 31 August 2026
Michael Curran	11 March 2024 until 31 August 2027

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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Structure, Governance and Management – cont.

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 seventh year of the CIO from September 2023 to August 2024 there were four formal meetings of the trustees. Existing trustees were re-appointed when their terms of tenure ran out, and one new trustee was appointed.

Nine volunteers contributed c1,000 hours of work to GRH CIO activities. The majority of these hours was expended on the research, writing and editing of a book entitled “150 Years of Gloucester Rugby”, which was published towards the end of 2023, and for which costs were defrayed by sponsorship from the Gloucester Rugby Foundation. The book encompassed the Gloucester-Hartpury women’s team, and their matches are now included in our record keeping. 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. Interviews were given to Radio Gloucestershire.

We received further collections of memorabilia, which included the minutes of Club committee meetings, 1996-2000, which were summarized for our website, and many match programmes, of which originals were scanned and loaded onto our website. All this material was deposited in the Gloucester Rugby archive at the Gloucestershire Heritage Hub. Duplicate programmes were given to the Gloucester Rugby Foundation for use in their community projects.

The GRH website continued to expand and now contains 3,023 programmes, 2,650 match reports and 65 player profiles. Our website now contains approximately 10,600 items; some 15,000 visits were made to the website during this reporting year, and multiple visitor comments and queries were followed up. The skills of volunteers have continued to be enhanced in digital systems, image restoration and presentation of material on the website.

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Activities, Achievements and Performance – cont.

The GRH relationship with the Gloucester Rugby Foundation has further expanded, and a GRF representative attends all meetings of our trustees. GRH took part in a Foundation event celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Club and as part of the Gloucester History Festival. The Foundation uses GRH resources on social media and in carrying out their community, welfare and school activities.

Future plans

We will continue our record keeping of every Gloucester (and Gloucester-Hartpury) match and player, and to collect, catalogue and store archive material. We will continue to build our website, to answer questions and supply information, and give talks as required.

There has been a delay in the resumption of interviews of former players, but they are planned for next year.

GHR had planned both visual and audio displays to fill a room at The Folk Museum in Gloucester, but structural and health and safety issues with their grade 2 listed buildings continue to prevent progress and it is no longer clear whether this will ever come to fruition.

Financial Review

Reserve's 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

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 2024, 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

10 March 2025

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Funds	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Sale of books and DVDs	3,228	-	3,228	6,967
Sponsorship	-	2,160	2,160	1,000
Donations	50	-	50	-
Chairman's donation to Christmas Lunch	272	-	272	-
Total receipts	<u>3,550</u>	<u>2,160</u>	<u>5,710</u>	<u>7,967</u>
Payments				
Website Hosting & Maintenance	432	-	432	432
Postage	3	-	3	-
Engraving of Commemorative Plaque	-	-	-	86
Photograph for "The Players" book	-	-	-	394
Photograph for website	-	-	-	35
Printing and publication "Players" book	-	-	-	5,483
Gloucester Rugby Christmas Lunch	431	-	431	-
Team photographs for "Club" book	74	-	74	-
Photographs for "Club" book	250	-	250	-
Printing and publication "Club" book	280	2,160	2,440	-
Reprinting "Kingsholm" book	360	-	360	-
Total payments	<u>1,830</u>	<u>2,160</u>	<u>3,990</u>	<u>6,430</u>
Net Receipts/ (Payments)	1,720	-	1,720	1,537
Cash Funds last year end	10,932	-	10,932	9,395
Cash Funds this year end	<u>12,652</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,652</u>	<u>10,932</u>

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

31 AUGUST 2024

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Funds	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£
Cash Funds				
Cash at bank	12,652	-	12,652	10,932
	<u>12,652</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,652</u>	<u>10,932</u>
Total Cash Funds	<u>12,652</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,652</u>	<u>10,932</u>
Other Monetary Assets				
Debtors	776	-	776	484
	<u>776</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>776</u>	<u>484</u>
Other Assets				
Stock of Books	2,456	-	2,456	1,980
	<u>2,456</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,456</u>	<u>1,980</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
10 March 2025

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

1. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	150 Years of Gloucester Rugby £	Total £
Balance 1 September 2023	-	-
Receipts	2,160	2,160
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	2,160	2,160
Payments	2,160	2,160
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Balance 31 August 2024	-	-
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