

Trustees' Annual Report

6 April 2024 – 5 April 2025



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Section A - Reference, Governance and Administration Details

Charity name:	Purple Warriors
Registered charity number:	1169153
Registered office:	69 Station Rd Persore, Worcs WR10 1PE
Financial Year:	From 6 April 2024 – 5 April 2025
Charity Trustees:	Peter Li (Trustee from 19/10/19, Chairman from 01/07/22) Jennifer Henderson (from 23/09/17, resigned 06/01/25) Charles Ryder (from 03/02/22) Dan Windsor (from 19/10/19) Bernard Broadhurst (from 19/10/19) Natasza Telfer (from 01/09/22) Ian Mapp (from 06/01/2025)
Admin Committee:	Natasza Telfer (Committee Chair) Sutton Yeung Glyn Barrell Paul Cutmore Sarah McBride Craig Winskill-Hales Nicki Winskill-Hales Jez Ryan Charlotte Chapman
Bank:	Santander 2 Triton Square, Regent's Place, London, NW1 3AN
Type of charity:	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Trustee selection:	Ian Mapp was elected Trustee at the AGM.

The Trustees Confirm that the Charity has been administered in accordance with its constitution & charity law.

Contribution by volunteers: Purple Warriors has no remunerated posts.

The Trustees wish to particularly acknowledge the contribution of:

- All those who were involved in winning the silver medal at the Club Crew World Championships, Ravenna
- Clubs who supported us this year, including Pershore Phoenix, Bradford Barracudas, Manchester DBC & Raging Dragons

Section B - Charity Object and Activities

Object per constitution: *For the public benefit, the preservation and protection of the physical and mental health of serving and retired members of HM Forces who have some form of physical or psychological impairment because of their service by providing and assisting in the provision of opportunities to take part in the sport of dragon boating.*

Public benefit The trustees confirm that they have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and believe the charity's activities provided public benefit.

Main activities undertaken in support of the Charity Objects

The opportunities available to take part in the sport of dragon boating cover three distinct areas:

1. Training Sessions
2. Racing Events
3. Social Events & Support Systems

Full Members are disabled and impaired veterans and pay no fee. Associate Members are friends, family, other veterans, serving personnel and supporters who pay a small associate fee of £25 per annum.

Training Sessions

a. Centralised training sessions are organised about once a month and last for a full day.

They are held primarily at Arden Sailing Club, supported by Pershore Phoenix Dragonboat Racing Club. These sessions are available to both full members and associate members and those wishing to give both the sport and the Club a go

with a view to joining as either an associate or full member. Members are encouraged to attend as many training sessions as they can, and the coaches provide a mix of classroom theory and on-water training.

Racing Events

- a. Purple Warriors is a full member of the British Dragon Boat Racing Association ("BDA") and takes part in its racing events around the country.
- b. Purple Warriors also participates in charity race events in the UK and in international events.
- c. Purple Warriors did not compete in many race events in the period 6 April 2024 – 5 April 2025. However, the Purple Warriors did compete at the BDA National Finals and achieved remarkable results with some help from friends from Bradford Barracudas & Raging Dragons and won the Most Improved team award presented by Three River Serpents.
- d. The most notable success in racing was at the Club Crew World Championship, Ravenna, where the Purple Warriors Crew won the silver medal in the 2K race.

Social Events & Support Systems

- a. A key element of the charity and our objectives is to provide a team ethos and safe environment for our members. It is important that we do not overlook the social events and support systems that are in place to help foster this.
- b. After training sessions, we always try to provide a meal for members and families; these are well attended and allow members the opportunity to relax and socialise. In August, we held a Purple Warriors family day, which was hosted by Pershore Phoenix Dragon boat club and was attended by members and their families, as well as local residents.
- c. We appoint team captains who are responsible for making sure everyone has what they need during events and are available for members if needed.
- d. A buddy system is in place for members and potential members who have expressed an interest in joining the club to ensure they are given full information and feel secure about joining a training session.
- e. We also organise online social events for the full members, associate members, and members' families, including a quiz night and a Christmas festive get together.

To date we have undertaken numerous email campaigns to raise the visibility and awareness of Purple Warriors and will continue with this activity to help introduce new members into the sport and into the club. We also use Facebook extensively and have a large following on this platform.

During the year 2024-2025 the Trustees and Management Committee focused on three key areas:

1. Retention & Support
2. Fundraising
3. Club crew world championship in Ravenna, Italy

Retention/Support

Purple Warriors is a membership organisation and as such we will always have fluctuations in our membership. This is no different to any other membership organisation and any other Dragonboat club that always go through peaks and troughs in membership levels. This year has been a tough year, with many clubs losing members and the BDA membership is down overall. As we want to support as many people as we can, maintaining our membership and how we can help our members is critical.

Fundraising and Compliance

Charities have been hit very hard over the past few years. Fundraising is always a constant challenge for any charity. We are very fortunate that we have support and an adequate bank balance that has been built up over the past few years and with limited operational costs.

We do have access to the Give As You Live system where we can use graphics and links for people to use to donate money and we are now registered for Facebook (and other) donations via the PayPal Giving Fund, JustGiving and Benevity platforms.

Purple Warriors members are highly resilient, and we have yet again gone through another difficult year with our core members and come out on top due to the bond and strong relationships created as a team.

We would like to acknowledge three very successful fundraising events in the period, the efforts of James Harland and ROCC who raised funds for us during their paddle event, Natasza Telfer for leading the activities of the Purple Warriors Family Fun Day and Paul Cutmore for organizing event T-shirts for the CCWC, Ravenna.

No fund raising complaints have been received.

Club Crew World Championship

The event in Ravenna, Italy took up a lot of our time this year, many people pulled together to ensure that the charity could participate. With the help of our Associate Members (including Paul Cutmore's Senior B crew), we competed in the PD1 and PD2 categories in both small and standard boat formats.

We came away with a silver medal which was amazing and we made a lot of new friends amongst the other competitors.

Section C - Key External Relationships

Purple Warriors has developed ongoing relationships with a range of individuals and organisations. Worthy of special mention:

Race The Dragon Race the Dragon is a corporate company that organises charity dragon boat races throughout the country. It supports Purple Warriors with reduced/free entry into certain races in the year and, during the day, raises awareness of the charity to visitors of the events.

Section D – Financial Review

Treasurer: The role of Treasurer throughout the period covered by this report has been undertaken by Sutton Yeung and latterly Charlotte Chapman. They are authorised to expend monies up to £250 at their own discretion; purchases over £250 required the approval of Peter Li (Chairman).

Financial Overview: The Accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis. An independent examination is not required as income is under £25,000.

- Total Income for the Year £11,098
- Total Expenditure for the year £20,741

The Trustees approved the Accounts.

Assets, liabilities and reserves: Cash at bank and in hand at year end £ 8,199.

Other assets £1,825.

Policy on reserves: The Trustees aim to maintain modest reserves sufficient to meet running costs and future plans and unforeseen future expenditure.

The Trustees consider the current level of reserves to be adequate

The Trustees have determined that £3,000 is to be maintained as a financial reserve until such time that the account is back to a higher amount at which point the intention would be to increase the reserve to £5,000.

As of 14 January 2026, Purple Warriors held £13,674.27, cash at the bank of which £3,000 were restricted funds (mainly for hardship support).

Additional information: The main source of funds has been:

Associate Membership fees
Donations (for unrestricted club use)
Sponsorship
Hardship support (restricted)
Fundraising as highlighted above

Section E – Declaration

**The trustees confirm that the information in this document is accurate and complete and approve its use to support submission of the Charity Commission Annual Return.
The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' report above.**

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature:

Charles Ryder

Full Name: Dr Charles Ryder

Position: Chairman

Date: 29/01/2026

Charity Name

Purple Warriors

Charity number

1169153**Receipts and payments accounts**

For the period from 6 April 2024 to April 2025

Section A Receipts

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts				
Membership fees	200	-	200	375
Donations	2,900	-	2,900	4,745
Training & Race fees	505	-	505	1,158
Sale of merchandise	1,810	-	1,810	560
Hardship	-	-	0	0
CCWC Ravenna 2024	5,682	-	5,682	1,477
Other receipts	-	-	0	0
Sub total	11,098	0	11,098	8,316
A2 Asset and investment sales	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	11,098	0	11,098	8,316
A3 Payments				
Administration	1,262	-	1,262	1,064
Training & race events	613	-	613	976
Marketing	-	-	0	243
Hardship	1,433	-	1,433	2,792
Purchase of merchandise	3,018	-	3,018	0
CCWC Ravenna 2024	14,415	-	14,415	1,913
Other payments	-	-	0	0
Sub total	20,741	0	20,741	6,988
A4 Asset and investment purchases				
Training and race equipment	-	-	-	-
Office equipment	-	-	-	-
Sub total	0			
Total payments	20741	0	20741	
Net of receipts/(payments)	-9643	0	-9643	
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	
A6 Cash funds last year end	14,439	3,403	17,842	
Cash funds this year end	4,796	3,403	8,199	

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Section B Statement

Categories	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £
B1 Cash funds			
Cash at bank	4,088	3,403	7,491
Cash at hand	708		708
Total cash funds	4,796	3,403	8,199

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	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		
Merchandise stock	1,208	-
Debtors	0	-

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			
		-	-

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			
Training and race equipment	Unrestricted	1376	-
Office equipment	Unrestricted	449	-

	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			
Creditors	Unrestricted		

Signed by one or two trustees on
behalf of all the trustees

Signature



Print Name

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Date of approval

02-Feb-26