

# **Cheltenham Powerchair Football Club –** **Annual Report - 11.10.2020 to 10.10.2021.**



## Activities and achievements during the year

Many of our beneficiaries were isolated and they combat this issue by attending our sessions on a regular basis, to benefit from the inclusion, regular commitment, socialisation with friends and having a focus or goal. However, the national lockdowns took all these positives away, creating more barriers to social inclusion than ever before. Like most charities and organisations, we had an extremely challenging 12-month period, due to the Covid-19 pandemic spreading across the UK rapidly. Following the previous accounting period, our sessions remained cancelled due to keeping our participants safe. Unfortunately, many leisure centres, sports clubs and teams were beginning to return to play, however following the Government and WFA (Our national governing body for Powerchair football) guidance, we ensured we kept our participants and volunteers safe and remained patient. As a result of this, we continued to adapt our work, knowing that the pandemic was here to stay and would have a severe impact on our beneficiaries physical and mental wellbeing, continuing online zoom calls, hosting various activities such as quizzes, competitions, and drop-in sessions.

We had been in a mixture of lockdowns or complying with set regulations which has restricted us from getting back to what our participants love best. However, we knew that when restrictions were eased and guidance was allowing us to return safely, that this would look very different to pre pandemic sessions, so we made sure we were ready to ensure we could deliver covid safe sessions, focusing on how we could adapt our processes and procedures at face-to-face sessions to keep everyone safe. During lockdown, we also worked hard to ensure our funding was in place to return whenever that may be, and worked hard on a rebrand of our teams, including new match kits and training kits for our participants, to boost their spirits on their return to Powerchair football. This helped them realise that there will be a time where normality resumes, and they can return to football.

In May 2021, the time came where we could return and thankfully, we did so successfully with a very smooth transition back to face-to-face sessions. Some participants were extremely anxious however, being proactive and ensuring we had everything in place for when the participants were allowed to return to Powerchair football enabled us to help them come back into the community, boosting the physical and mental health.

We are fully aware that this will be a long process and we must support our participants throughout. We have increased the frequency of sessions to ensure we can have a significant impact on our participants and offer them support unconditionally.

Our Development and competitive teams have all now fully returned and are excited to be able to begin competing again when the league begins, which is likely to be 2022. Our national league team have restarted their league and are loving the opportunity to play powerchair football as they did before.



### Aims and objectives

Cheltenham Powerchair Football Club aims to provide a club which facilitates recreational and competitive powerchair football opportunities for people with a physical or learning disability. We are determined to continue growing as a club, being able to provide specialized powerchairs, equipment, coaching and support for people with disabilities in Gloucestershire.

The club is committed to providing a development pathway within the county and facilitating participants of all ability levels.

### Future plans

Our main aims, especially for the next accounting period is to ensure we can support participants post pandemic, with anxiety and any other worries. We aim to return to pre pandemic participation rates with players returning when they are ready. We also aim to have teams competing across 3 different leagues, which will enable us to have a competitive team for every ability and ensure we are creating and offering as many opportunities as possible for our participants. As an organisation, we also aim to grow our volunteer base, upskilling volunteers and ensuring the club and committee very much remains the core of players and parents/carers, so they can help to guide the club forwards.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Brian Dix'.

Brian Dix

*Chairman*

**INDEPENDATE EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEE'S OF**  
**Cheltenham Power Chairs**  
**Charity number 1169564**

Report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year  
11.10.2020 to 10.10.2021.

**Responsibilities and basis of the report**

As the charities trust 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 the examination of the charities accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable direction given by the Charities Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiners statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which give me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- Accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- The accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- The accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities 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.

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.



Mrs E Miller FMAAT, ACMA, CGMA

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23.07.2022

# Cheltenham Power Chair Football Club

Charity Number 1169564

## Financial Activities

11 October, 2020 - 10 October, 2021

	<u>Total</u>
Income	
100 Club	120.00
Accessible sports	36.00
Funding	6,457.00
Grant	3,000.00
Monthly Subs	2,100.00
Sales	110.00
Total Income	<u>£11,823.00</u>
Total	<b>£11,823.00</b>
Expenditures	
Advertising/Promotional	989.57
Coaching Costs	8,000.00
Computer Costs	115.20
Equipment	5,140.00
kit	310.00
Other Professional Services	96.00
Salaries and Wages	315.00
Travel and Accommodation	585.00
Total Expenditures	<u>£15,550.77</u>
Net Operating Income	<u>- £3,727.77</u>
Net Income/(Expenditure)	<b>-£3,727.77</b>

Bank Opening Balance 11.10.2020 8757.76

Bank Closing Balance 10.10.2021 5029.99

Approved by the trustees on 23.07.2022

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Brian Dix



Emma Miller FMAAT, ACMA, CGMA  
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