

GRASSROOTS TO GREATNESS

England & Wales - Charity number 1170655

Details

Other names G2G

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2016-12-09

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, TO PROMOTE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN HEALTHY RECREATION BY PROVIDING FUNDS, INFORMATION AND ADVICE FOR THE LEARNING, TEACHING AND PLAYING OF ATHLETICS TO CLUBS IN CHESHIRE, GREATER MANCHESTER, MERSEYSIDE, LANCASHIRE AND CUMBRIA ('THE NORTH WEST') NOTHING IN THIS CONSTITUTION SHALL AUTHORISE AN APPLICATION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE CIO FOR THE PURPOSES WHICH ARE NOT CHARITABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH [SECTION 7 OF THE CHARITIES AND TRUSTEE INVESTMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005] AND [SECTION 2 OF THE CHARITIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2008].

Activities: For the public benefit, to promote community participation in healthy recreation by providing funds, information and advice for the learning, teaching and playing of athletics to clubs in Cheshire, Greater Manchester, Merseyside, Lancashire and Cumbria ('the North West'). Current projects include Computers for Clubs and 'North West Athlete Fund', all to help grassroots clubs survive and thrive.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Amateur Sport
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** IN CHESHIRE, GREATER MANCHESTER, MERSEYSIDE, LANCASHIRE AND CUMBRIA ('THE NORTH WEST')
- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£4,125	£3,882	-	-
2024-03-31	£496	£573	-	-
2023-03-31	£8,368	£8,481	-	-
2022-03-31	£0	£0	-	-
2021-03-31	£0	£0	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ALLAN JAMES WORT	Chair	2016-09-17
JAN LISHMAN		2016-09-17
MARGARET MARY GRAYSTON		2016-09-17

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Declines at grassroots level in participation, depth of fields and achievement continue although we have begun to see some positive steps being taken by a few clubs in the region to address these issues. Promoting and expanding these signs of growth has occupied much of our time this year.

Despite huge efforts our attempt to stage the North West Combined Events championships were marred by the lack of officials; numbers have dropped hugely and those who remain have been corralled into supporting few events outside the national and regionally organised ones.

However we have undertaken much background work with clubs and County organisations to prepare the ground for our initiatives in the future. We also remain in control of costs and resources while building plans for significant fundraising initiatives to come.

A.J.Wort on behalf of the trustees

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Income for the period was £4,124.50

Expenditure for the period was £3,881.50

Our cash holdings are £2,471

A.J.Wort on behalf of the trustees

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Staging events in the post-Covid environment remains difficult especially against a backdrop of decline in participation and achievement in the technical and field events sections of athletics. We achieved some success in piloting a younger age-group indoor training concept held at Deeside stadium in North Wales; the '3-events-in-3-hours' concept proved to be welcome for athletes and coaches while parents and supporters found the cost and travel time to be acceptable.

The full NWCE due to be staged in June 2023 was a difficult event to bring together. Support from the County organisations who understood that the opportunity to hold their own County championships within ours meant they enthusiastically took it up, officials recognised the worth of the event to the sport and supported it well, and huge sections of the sport from all age-groups up to Masters athletes enjoyed the cross-sectional nature of our staging of the events. However facility-providers remain unmoved by athletics' claim to require specialist equipment at the highest level of competition and unaware of the lack of funding for grassroots competition; the result was a tripling of facility costs demanded from our usual venue which made the event at a late stage of planning infeasible. We will try again in 2024.

The staging issues we face all revolve around facilities and equipment availability. We're sure this will continue to be a major hurdle in staging future events but a challenge we accept on behalf of the athletes, coaches, parents and supporters. It does however mean we will need to address the funds we can bring to bear in developing Combined Events in the future.

A.J.Wort on behalf of the trustees

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Income for the period was £496

Expenditure for the period was £573

Our cash holdings are £2,228

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Staging events in the post-Covid environment was difficult but we achieved some success in piloting a younger age-group competition with the help of Stockport Harriers at their track and then staging the return of the North West Combined Events championships in August.

The Junior NWCE was a success and provides us with some confidence to attempt it again. A minimal investment was required as even in pilot form the event almost covered its staging costs.

The full NWCE in August was a difficult event to bring together but a number of facets were encouraging; support from the County organisations who understood that the opportunity to hold their own County championships within ours meant they enthusiastically took it up, officials recognised the worth of the event to the sport and supported it well, and huge sections of the sport from all age-groups up to Masters athletes enjoyed the cross-sectional nature of our staging of the events.

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A.J.Wort on behalf of the trustees

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Income for the period was £8,368

Expenditure for the period was £8,481

Our cash holdings are £2,305

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In the view of the trustees for the report period concerned the provision of athletics events remains infeasible during pandemic conditions. However we continue to monitor the situation and hope that our activities will resume during the Summer of 2022.

A.J.Wort on behalf of the trustees

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There were no transactions in the period.

Our cash holdings remain at £2,418.

A.J.Wort on behalf of the trustees

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Financial statement for the period;

Financial period start date: 01/04/2020

Financial period end date: 31/03/2021

We can confirm that no activity occurred in this period.

The financial results are; NIL

Annual Report;

We are sorry to report that the conditions in the country during the Covid pandemic are such that no effective events and activity can be safely undertaken to further the charity objectives.

We will continue to monitor the situation closely and hope that Covid guidance allows us to resume activity soon.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees

A.J.Wort

Allan Wort
Trustee