

Report and Accounts For the Year Ending 31st July 2025

Charity Details

Name: The Dylan Howells Foundation
Registered charity number: 1174188
Address: 28 Oaken Lane, Claygate, Surrey, KT10 0RG

Trustees:

Brian Howells (Chair)
Bethan Smith
Warren Saunders
Garry Taylor
Martin Wingfield

Treasurer & Bank Details:

Malcolm Watts
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What Is the Dylan Howells Foundation?

The charity was set-up by family and friends of Dylan Howells who tragically passed away suddenly in July 2016 aged 41 from a heart arrhythmia, leaving behind him a wife and two children. Passionate about sport in all forms, Dylan competed nationally and internationally in Triathlon and Aquathlon, becoming the Welsh National Aquathlon Champion in 2007 and finishing 6th in age group in the 2010 ITU Aquathlon World Championships in Budapest.

Dylan was also a football fan and keen supporter of many sports including swimming, athletics, boxing and rugby. As well as spectating and participating he was committed to helping others maximise their own potential, working with countless children and young adults who competed and trained at sports clubs in the Southwest London and Surrey area. It is our aim in the DHF to continue the work he started, by funding aspiring young athletes across a range of disciplines, helping them to achieve their goals and maximise their competitive potential. We also provide funding to sports clubs in need of equipment and sponsor events to encourage participation with a view to inspiring communities through activity, teamwork, achievement and most importantly – fun.

Our aims for our eighth year of operation ending 31st July 2025

This year was the quietest for the charity so far in that we held no fund-raising events during the period and as such there was minimal income. However, we continued to fund a consistent group of clubs and athletes and distributed £10,000, utilising funds raised in the previous period.

Despite the lack of activity in 2024/25 the charity remains an ongoing concern and its support is still needed by those we support. We continue to engage with and publish updates on the activities of our athletes on our website and social media accounts, and we are rightly proud of the difference we continue to make. We have also planned the first Dylan Howells Foundation Golf Day which will be held in September of 2025 and hopefully become an annual event moving forward.

Although we have this year spent significantly more than raised, we end the period with a reasonable amount still in the bank of almost £8000 and this will be used to pay deposits etc for the forthcoming golf day and allow us to respond to any urgent requests from athletes. As with prior years there are no ongoing costs to running the charity and everyone involved gives their time freely, we remain incredibly proud of what we have achieved and the lives we have enhanced with the funding raised and distributed.

Fund-Raising Activities

Thames Turbo Triathlon Club held their annual summer Aquathlon in July 2024, which supports and raises funds for the Foundation and gives all their members an opportunity to remember Dylan. Although the event was held prior to the period of these accounts, we did not receive the funds until later in the year and the £1300 raised is therefore reflected here. In addition to that we raised £1000 in gift aid, other donations totalling £300 plus £100 in interest on funds held in the bank.

Beneficiaries

In 2024/25 we made sure that every pound spent was well used and decided to part ways with some of our athletes, including Eva O'Dwyer, who has decided to take a break from karate & the Hutts, both of whom we had worked with for some time. Although we continue to be associated with Abel Karate through their connection with Joseph Clifton, we did not fund the club in 2024/5, we will revisit them in the year ahead. We also did not fund the Elmbridge Eagles this year but again remain close to the club and management and are open to further engagement in the future. Despite a lack of income during this year, we of course remain open to approaches from athletes in need and took on two new athletes – runner Matthew McKenna and dancer Anna Maria Schvet.

Beneficiary from May 2020 – Lilian Musgrove – Figure Skater

18-year-old Lilian has been skating since the age of 3 and qualified for the British Championships in 2020 – coming first at intermediate level. This is our fifth year of working with Lilian and her career continues to go from strength to strength. Her family are making considerable sacrifices to fund her continued ambition, and we are proud to continue to play a small part in her development and growth. During the year 2024/25 she has successfully come back from injury and constantly achieves top three positions in international competition. Dividing her time between the UK and France, where she trains, Lilian is an excellent ambassador for the charity has a bright future ahead of her.

Beneficiary from May 2021 – Joseph Clifton – Karate

Joseph Clifton is a 23-year-old para karate student, living in Surrey with his parents and sister. Beginning by joining a local club at the age of 13, by 2019 Joseph was attending national training sessions, representing England at the Commonwealth Karate Championships in September 2022, coming away with two gold medals. His progress has continued in the current period where he consistently earns medal positions both nationally and internationally. He is still working towards his black belt and his capabilities continue to grow with his consistent training commitments. Working alongside Paul Abel and the team at Abel Karate we see continued success ahead for Joseph.

Beneficiary from January 2023 – Mai Sullivan – Ice Hockey

Mai is a 17-year-old ice hockey player living in Molesey, Surrey. Despite only picking up the sport in her early teens she has made incredible progress, competing nationally for the GB under 16s and under 18s teams and for 3 club teams across the South-East. She has travelled internationally with the GB team to major events including the World Championships in Latvia, January 2025, where they came away with a gold medal having won all five of their games. Mai is also putting something back into the sport, working with the younger children at her club as coach and mentor. Balancing all of this with her college work isn't easy and the travel and equipment costs put considerable strain on her family – which we continue to assist with.

NEW - Beneficiary from September 2024 – Matthew McKenna

Matthew McKenna is without question one of the most exciting young talents in British Athletics today, currently ranked 2nd in the World U18 at 800m and 12th in 1500m. He has recently represented Great Britain at the European U18 Athletics Championships in Slovakia winning gold in the 800m. This astonishing achievement is made even more impressive by the fact that this is the first gold medal a male athlete from Surrey has ever won at these championships. A local athlete, Matthew trains at Walton Athletic Club and has made incredible progress over the last two years, but with this progress

come significant costs, whether for new equipment or travelling between multiple events throughout the long competitive season. We were happy to welcome Matthew to our stable of athletes in the autumn of 2024 as he plans next steps and looks at whether he will go abroad for university – where he is currently investigating potential scholarships.

NEW - Beneficiary from June 2025 – Anna Mariia Shvets

Anna Mariia Shvets has been doing ballet classes for about 9 years now, attending both Kingston Ballet School and Royal Academy of Dance. She commenced ballet lessons at Kingston Ballet School in April 2022 when her family moved to England at the start of the war in Ukraine. Having been previously trained in the Vaganova method, Anna Mariia has adapted to learning the RAD method and in three years has taken her Intermediate, Advanced Foundation and Advanced 1 passing all with 70% or above. Anna Mariia also attends classes at the Royal Academy with RAD examiner June Mitchell. She takes a total of five classes a week, these are both syllabus and free classes showing her commitment to ballet and training. We have funded her for the first time this year and hope to continue our association with her in future periods.

Beneficiary from 2022 Foley Boxing Club

Foley Boxing club is a long-established local boxing club which provides valuable support for the local community. The DHF have been working with them for the last three years, funding medicals for the young boxers and we remain involved with the club and are particularly impressed with the work they are doing in the community to support children from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Finances & Admin

The Charity met regularly during the year – with meetings of the trustees held monthly as a rule, but less frequently if there were no pressing issues or funding decisions to be made. We have continued to keep the stable of athletes relatively consistent in terms of numbers and generally bring new athletes on board as others move out. As the gala dinner in 2024 was not hugely successful we took the decision to delay the next one until autumn 2026 and in the meantime establish the golf day as an alternate source of income. We continue to believe in the ethos and principles of the charity and the athletes we work with are all great ambassadors for the foundation and their chosen sports.

The trustees would again like to thank the efforts of treasurer Malcolm Watts, Mark Hards, Lee Martin, Michael Smith and of course Julia Howells who have put in an enormous amount of work and without whom the charity would not have been able to achieve its goals. We remain incredibly proud of the fact that we have a team of people with complementary skillsets that enable us to carry out all our activities and promotion without any cost to the charity, meaning that every penny is invested in the athletes and in fund raising.

Looking forward to the next year

As we look towards 2026 we plan some further events including the introduction of the golf day to broaden both awareness and funding reach. We realise that another year with minimal income would not allow us to continue to take on new athletes and as such are committed to revamping the dinner and looking at other funding options including grants or collaborations with other funds/foundations. We are also increasingly careful in terms of who we fund – making sure that we are targeting real need, so that every pound makes a difference. We believe that fundamentally the scale of the charity remains optimal in terms of both effort required and ability to generate support and fund local athletes, everyone

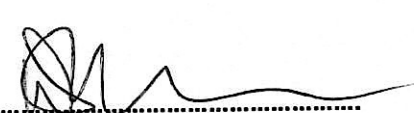
involved has jobs/other charity involvement, but we come together as needed to make decisions and work with our athletes.

In essence our goals remain, as they always have, true to our vision of enabling and encouraging young talent in the sporting arena. As cost-of-living challenges increase, we fundamentally believe that ability to pay should not be a barrier to sporting excellence and will continue, in our small way, to do what we can to help alleviate this issue.

Signed on behalf of the Trustee Board

Signed: 
Brian Howells, Chair

Date: 23/4/26

Signed: 
Warren Saunders, Trustee

Date: 26/4/26

Independent examiner's report to the Trustee Board of The Dylan Howells Foundation

I report on the accounts of The Dylan Howells Foundation for the eighth year of their operation ending 31st July 2025, which is set out on pages 8 and 9.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and whilst an independent examination is also not required, the trustees wish such an examination to be undertaken.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters require my attention.

This report, including my statement, has been prepared for and only for the charity's trustees as a body. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purposes. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body for my examination work, for this report, or for the statements that I have made.

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 charity 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 you as 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 requirements
 - a. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent Examiner:

Roger D. Hiddle

Name and Address of Independent examiner:

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Date: 24. 4. 26

Receipts and payments

for the year ended 31st July 2025

	2024-25	2023-24
	£	£
	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds
RECEIPTS		
General Funds	2,621.18	19,238.91
Bank Interest	102.28	139.38
Total Receipts	2,723.46	19,378.29
PAYMENTS		
Funding recipient	-9,500.00	-16,100.00
Expenses to run events	0.00	-8784.99
Committee expenses		
Bank Charges	-290.00	-240.00
Total Payments	-9,790.00	-25,124.99
Net receipts for the Period	-7,066.54	-5,746.70

Funds

Balance brought forward	14,983.82	20,730.52
Net receipts for the Period	-7,066.54	-5,746.70
Closing balance	7,917.28	14,983.82

Balance Sheet

as at 31st July 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Current Assets		
Deposits	0.00	0.00
Cash in Bank	7,917.28	14,983.82
Net Assets	7,917.28	14,983.82
Funds		
General Funds	7,917.28	14,983.82
Balance of Funds at Period End	7,917.28	14,983.82
	0.00	0.00

Notes to the Accounts

Accounting Policies

Accounting Convention

Financial statements are prepared on a receipts and payments basis, under the historical cost convention. This is consistent with Charity Commission Guidelines whereby CIOs with income less than £250,000 can prepare receipts and payments accounts.

Fixed Assets

At 31st July 2025, The Dylan Howells Foundation had no fixed assets. The policy is to recognise fixed assets if they can be used for more than one year, recording them at cost or, if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt; and to write them off on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives.

Income Recognition

Income is recognised after the completion of individual fund-raising events