

ISLE OF ELY ROWING CLUB CIO
Registered Charity Number: 1174226

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date

Day	Month	Year
01	Jan	2023

Period end date

Day	Month	Year
31	Dec	2023

From

To

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Isle of Ely Rowing Club

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1174226

Charity's principal address

2 Collier Close

Ely

Postcode

CB6 3WX

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Susan King	Chair		
2	Teresa Aslett	Trustee		
3	Kasia Brzoska	Trustee		
4	Christian Schosland	Trustee	Started July 2023	
5	Nicholas Johnson	Trustee		
6	William Bertram	Trustee		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document	Constitution, Scheme of Delegation
How the charity is constituted (eg:	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods	Election by members at AGM

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Members are actively encouraged to support the club by becoming either a member of the management committee or a trustee. This is done by emails to all members on the run up to our AGMs, offering to have a chat with those interested and also providing a link to the Charities Commission website.

Once appointed as a trustee the club has a Trustees' Handbook giving help and guidance to new trustees.

The trustees delegate the day-to-day running of the club to the management committee (who are elected by the members at the AGM). However, some matters are reserved to the trustees as set out in our constitution.

Ely Village College holds a corporate membership with the club which enables us to support our College Rowing session giving students access to our sport through weekly rowing sessions.

Through regular meetings and reporting by the management committee the trustees have an active oversight of any risks.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The promotion of community participation in healthy recreation for the benefit of the inhabitants of Ely and surrounding areas by the provision of facilities for rowing.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Our work with Ely College (which began in 2018) continues and in 2023 we offered around 40 students the opportunity to row, and 32 students continued rowing that year. Some of these students entered head races and regattas and now row for the club.

We also ran taster sessions during the February half term and the Easter holidays. 16 students attended each taster session and the students were from Littleport and East Cambs Academy Soham Village College, Neale-Wade Academy and Ely College

We have also developed links with East Anglia Youth Rowing an organisation which has been setting up partnerships between clubs and schools starting in the Cambridge area (its aims are to reach further into Suffolk & Norfolk).

We ran 2 learn to row courses for adults in 2023 and had 32 people attend. These courses are open and there are no restrictions to participation on these courses and they appeal to a wide range of people. The people that attended ranged in ages of between 23 and 57.

Once our learn to row courses are finished we get together with 2 other local rowing clubs and hold a New to Rowing event. This is open to anyone who has learned to row that year, the events range from skills on the water, side by side races and timed races and fancy-dress hats – points given for all. These really are friendly events; our newest members get to visit other clubs and row with people at the same stage of their rowing experience.

Our club junior sessions take place on Sunday mornings. These are attended by children of all different backgrounds and sporting ability.

For regular members we hold timed rowing sessions on a monthly basis. These are well attended not only for those who use it as a training tool for racing but those who are wanting to challenge themselves to improve each month. These sessions are in addition to the regular sessions giving members as many opportunities as possible to enjoy their sport.

When organising any of the above events and also as part of our service provided to established members the trustees (and the management committee) give regard to the club's charitable purpose of providing our services for the public benefit, a requirement which we believe we continue to meet.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Contribution made by volunteers

Our club is entirely volunteer led. This extends to keeping the site tidy, assisting with coached sessions, DIY jobs around the club, coaching, launch driving, being a member of the management committee, being a trustee, running coached sessions, we fundraise, we run open races for the entire racing community, the list goes on, with far too many to mention. Without the regular support of our members, we simply would not run.

Section D

Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The club continues to grow and we have increased our membership by 9 members since 2022.

We continue to offer rowing opportunities to members whether for competitive rowing or fitness and/social benefits.

We have refurbished one of our quads and one double this year and also bought new quad blades, We have obtained another launch which was donated by Cambridge University Boat Club and was refurbished by our members.

We have ordered 2 new Cadet boats for our juniors which should arrive in 2024 and were partially grant funded.

We have continued our schools rowing sessions bringing rowing to students from state funded education which is such a rare opportunity in the UK.

We have improved our site facilities and repaired our landing stage.

Two of our members have obtained launch driving qualifications and 5 members completed their coaching assistant accreditation.

We have run two events – the head race and also marathon in 2023 .

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The club sets annual budgets to ensure the smooth running of the club and funds are set aside annually to ensure the continued investment in our facilities and equipment for the benefit of members.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The club's principal sources of funds are by way of members' annual subscriptions; breakfast sessions; Learn to Row courses x 2 and our 2 x open races (Great Ouse Marathon & Ely Head Race).

The operational activities and fund raising generated a surplus of funds. The club used those surpluses to invest in developing the club. This provided refurbishment of 2 boats as detailed above and repair of our landing stage – all of which supported our aim to run more coached sessions for all members & the learn to row courses for members of our community who have no prior experience of rowing.

The club does not make financial investments but does hold surplus cash in a savings account with a Nationwide Building Society pending purchase of physical assets for use by the club.

Section F

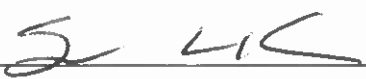

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	SUSAN KING	NICHOLAS JOHNSON
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR OF TRUSTEES	TRUSTEE
Date	21/05/2024.	

Independent Examiner's Report on the accounts of Isle of Ely Rowing Club

For the year ended 31 December 2023

Set out on the following pages numbered 7 to 8

Respective responsibilities of the 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 this period under section 144 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
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the club 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 committee 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:

- to keep 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 requirements of the Charities Act have 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.



Nick Pollington

Dated: 21 May 2024

Isle of Ely Rowing Club - Charity No 1174226
Accounts 1st January to 31st December 2023

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Prior Year
A1 Receipts				
Subscriptions	£34,202		£34,202	£30,397
Member services	£12,113		£12,113	£8,788
Club operations	£4,805		£4,805	£3,067
Fundraising	£23,387	£3,734	£27,121	£13,473
<i>Subtotal</i>	<u>£74,507</u>	<u>£3,734</u>	<u>£78,241</u>	£55,725
A2 asset and investment sales				£0
<i>Total receipts</i>	<u>£74,507</u>	<u>£3,734</u>	<u>£78,241</u>	£55,725
A3 Payments				
Subscriptions	£0		£0	£8
Member services	£8,132		£8,132	£5,153
Club operations	£27,850	£337	£28,187	£24,529
Fundraising	£9,301		£9,301	£4,394
<i>Subtotal</i>	<u>£45,283</u>	<u>£337</u>	<u>£45,620</u>	£34,084
A4 asset and investment purchases	£8,503		£8,503	£20,282
<i>Total payments</i>	<u>£53,786</u>	<u>£337</u>	<u>£54,123</u>	£54,366
<i>Net of payments/receipts</i>	£20,721	£3,397	£24,118	£1,359
A5 Transfers between funds			£0	£0
A6 Cash funds last year end	£97,998		£97,998	£96,639
<i>Cash funds at this year end</i>	<u>£118,719</u>	<u>£3,397</u>	<u>£122,116</u>	£97,998

Signed on behalf of the Trustees



Printed Name

SUSAN KING

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Kasia Brzoska

Printed Name

KASIA BRZOSKA

Date

21/05/2024

Isle of Ely Rowing Club (registered charity No 1174226)
Notes to accounts 01 January to 31 December 2023

1. Accounting period

These accounts cover the 12 months from 1 January to 31 December 2023.

2. Accounting policies

The Trustees have approved two formal accounting policies:

1. Accounts to be prepared on a receipts and payments basis.
2. Assets are defined as boats and blades; and other equipment costing £500 or more.

The accounts are analysed under the following headings:

<u>Subscriptions</u>	membership subscriptions and any associated refunds paid by or to members of the club.
<u>Member services</u>	income and costs relating to services provided to members at an additional cost.
<u>Club operations</u>	revenue costs and any associated income or refunds relating to running the club, including subscriptions the club pays to various rowing organisations.
<u>Fundraising</u>	income and costs relating to other sources of funds, including grants and donations, specific fundraising activities, and organising rowing races open to other clubs.

3. Restricted funds

Restricted funds were received during the period from ECET and used for club operations, but £3,397 received from the rowing foundation will be carried forward to next year and will fund the 2 junior cadet boat purchases

The income and payments relating to this are recorded in the accounts as follows:

restricted income		restricted expenditure	Year-end Balance
restricted funds	tfr from club funds	Club Operations	
£3,734	£0	£337	£3,397