

**GREYSTOKE & DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATION**  
(A Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 September 2025



## GREYSTOKE & DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATION

### Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees:	Sue Richardson, Chair Rosie Illingworth, Secretary Tara King, outgoing Treasurer Andrea Raper, incoming Treasurer Moirra Dudson Trish Hawkyard Emma Nielsen Dominic Rhodes Jane Thompson Janice Weatherill-Timmins
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Charity Registration Number: 1177906	

# **GREYSTOKE AND DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATION**

## **Chair's Statement and Trustees Report for the year ended 30 September 2025**

### **Our Charity**

The Greystoke & District Sports Association (G&DSA) was set up to establish and run recreation facilities in the centre of the village of Greystoke in Cumbria, and to promote it for the benefit of the local community and visitors. In April 2018 we became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

We operate an open-air heated swimming pool and community café. We are also responsible for two children's playgrounds and a playing field that is well-used by the village football team and local primary schools.

In accordance with Charity Commission guidance, the organisation is able to demonstrate our public benefit in carrying out our objectives. The swimming pool facility, sports pitch and children's play areas benefit the physical and mental well-being of local residents as well as providing many opportunities for social cohesion.

### **Annual Summary**

It has been a good year for the Greystoke & District Sports Association community: meteorologically, financially and sustainably. The army of around 100 volunteers (impressive for a village of 720 residents) have once again turned out in all weathers, at all times of the day and night to keep the show on the road.

Meteorologically, the weather has been much better this year resulting in warmer water, happier children and more work for our lifeguards.

Financially, the accounts have had a boost from increased numbers in public swim sessions with over 1300 extra swims (4235 in 2025 compared to 2919 in 2024) and subsequently more sales in the café. There was a slight increase in season ticket sales (157 in 2025 compared to 153 in 2024) with more men and more travelling from Penrith and Keswick.

In addition, there has been some welcome funding. Grants from Westmorland and Furness Council have been spent on a new Air Source Heat Pump, Lifeguard training and equipment. Thanks also go to the Parish Council for their support and a contribution towards playground maintenance. Money has also been saved by donations of materials (wood chips from A W Jenkinson), time from trades (Scott Morgan of RSM, Ben Davies for tree surgery, Gav Aris for dolphin surgery) and others who have given discounted rates.

Vital funds were raised by the committee with lots of volunteer help: the annual Beer Festival, regular Film Nights, weekly winter cafes, booty mornings, a band night and wonderful wine tasting evening (thanks to Rebecca Gibb). Extra money was raised from the Pool Draw, with many households buying one or more tickets; thanks to all those who contribute and to the intrepid door-knocking team. Additional funds were donated from some talented young people in Greystoke selling their artwork.

Sustainability has once again been the key driving force for the committee this year. The swimming pool is at the end of its life; the concrete is now over 50 years old and leaks, the energy bills are high and the layout is a barrier for those with poor mobility and small children. Our aim is to create a pool fit for all members of our community for the next 50 years. Grants from Scottish Power

Electricity North West and from the Net Zero Community Energy Fund (CEF) are paying for a feasibility study by Stead & Co giving us some different options for us to explore.

We aim to:

- install renewable energy,
- reduce carbon and water usage with a leak-proof pool
- improve accessibility
- act more sustainably and look after nature on our land for the benefit of people
- research the feasibility of a community energy network (additional grant from CEF)

## **Outdoor Heated Swimming Pool**

Grateful thanks go to the work done by the pre-season maintenance squad for sanding, cleaning and painting the pool ready for opening on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2025, one of earliest dates yet, giving an 18 week season. Thanks also go to the water quality team for the clarity and quality of water which has attracted many compliments this year.

Four young people were recruited and trained for the Royal Lifesaving Society Pool Lifeguard qualification to supplement the existing three lifeguards. We are very proud of our lifeguards; they worked well as a team, provided excellent safety cover and kept the facilities clean. There has been lots of positive feedback over the season and fortunately there were no major incidents.

It was a delight to host a gala for our two closest schools again. Children and parents packed the poolside seating to cheer the swimmers in their races. There were many impressive performances and a few funny moments as they chased plastic ducks in the novelty races.

We are grateful to Roo Bannister for running the weekly Aquafit classes supported financially by Westmorland & Furness council and Eden Primary Care Network and it was a pleasure to host a mini-Triathlon once more, organised by R9Coaching. Three new activities were introduced this year: a weekly Splash Squad session for local school children, an introduction to scuba diving and two very popular Floating Sound Baths.

## **Community Café**

Greater use is being made of the café. A fantastic team of 45 volunteers have contributed to operate pool admissions and run the café on a daily basis over the summer season. The winter café is popular as a social hub; serving delicious homemade soups and cake once a week. A new development is our Footy Café, selling hot drinks and snacks when the footballers have a home match on a Saturday.

## **Children's Playgrounds**

The play areas continue to be popular; and are the go-to destination for local children on a sunny, Friday afternoon. Maintenance work has been carried out and further work is due to be carried out over the winter following an inspection.

## **Playing fields**

Two football teams are regularly playing on the pitch. Maintenance of the fields provides us with a valuable open space which is well-used by the school, locals and visitors. Thanks again go to Dave Simmons, Anthony Bainbridge and team for grounds maintenance.

## **Conclusion**

The sporting and social activities based around our sports facilities continue to have a significant impact on the social fabric of the area. Many residents use the facilities and are reaping benefits

to their physical and mental well-being. The committee are driven to keep our unique community-led facilities operating for the next 50 years with our Future Pool project. Over the coming year we are applying for planning permission and capital grant funding, so hope to have much progress to report in next year's annual report.

### **Committee:**

Sue Richardson (Chairperson)  
Rosie Illingworth (Secretary)  
Andrea Raper (Treasurer)  
Moirá Dudson (Pool Manager and Lifeguarding)  
Trish Hawkyard (Lead for Grant Applications and Future Pool Planning, Café management)  
Janice Weatherill-Timmins (Team App and Volunteer Trainer)  
Jane Thompson (Fundraiser and Playground Lead)  
Jenny Summerfield (assistant to Treasurer and Volunteer Trainer)  
Dominic Rhodes (Plant room)  
Mike Bousfield (Insurance/Utilities)  
Emma Nielsen (Website/100 Club)  
Adrienne Eyre  
Tara King

With thanks to our committee members, who have worked together to support a busy summer season as well as fundraising with a number of events and grant applications.

## **Financial Performance**

### **Grants**

During FY25 we received grant monies in the total £36,564 of which £22,505 are restricted with the balance of £14,059 being unrestricted.

The 2024/25 season saw us undertake substantial work in relation to the feasibility of a new pool to provide accessibility to all, ensure the future pool is sustainable and continue to provide a social hub for the community.

We were able to secure a restricted grant of £15,000 from Electricity Northwest Ltd (now SP Electricity Northwest). Some of this (£8,666) has been used during FY25, towards the costs of a land survey, legal advice and pool design; the balance will be used during the next year.

We have also received a restricted grant of £4,752 from Community & Environmental Fund (CEF). These monies were used in respect of various surveys, feasibility report and pool design.

Other Restricted grant funds secured this year were used to support the purchase of equipment for ongoing training of the lifeguards across the Eden area:

- Cumbria Community Foundation £1,251
- Westmorland & Furness Council, Community Grant £1,500

Furthermore, we received unrestricted grants from the following:

- Westmorland & Furness Council, Community Power – Community Rural Pools Support Grant £11,000 – Used to purchase a new air source heat pump, compatible with any future development
- Westmorland & Furness Council £1,559 – Annual Eden Rural Pools
- Greystoke Parish Council £1,500 – For playground equipment maintenance

### ***Summer Operational Income***

The pool itself had a better year than FY24 given that the weather was much warmer/drier this year. Season tickets were up 12.7% and there was an increase in swimmers of 21% from FY24 (£40,965).

We estimate a daily cost of £266 (127 days) to operate over the summer months, compared to previous years (£285). Our water costs increased this year by 109% due to the water retailer price rising and a leak in the pool walls meaning more use of water. Lifeguard costs increased by 27% as they were kept busy working due to such sunny weather. Our electricity costs decreased by 26% as we signed a new contract with better pricing.

### ***Winter Operational Income***

We opened the Café on a Saturday afternoon when the local football team played at home on the football pitch (for which we are responsible) during October through to April 2025. This provided income of £482 (FY24).

In addition, we continued with the Winter Café on a Monday lunchtime from October to March 2025. This was very successful this year and provides a social hub for the community. We made £2,723 (FY24 £1,147).

### ***Fundraising***

We held some very successful fundraising events during the year which included, four film nights, a gig night, a wine tasting evening and a two-night beer festival. Thanks must go to all the volunteers and the committee members for organising these events; they are an important part of the village social calendar as well as raising needed funds for the pool.

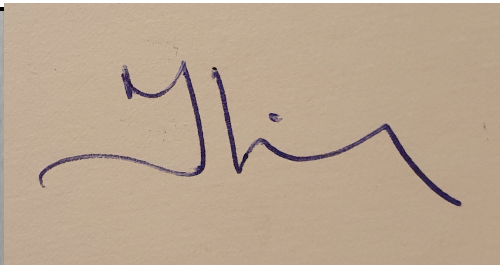
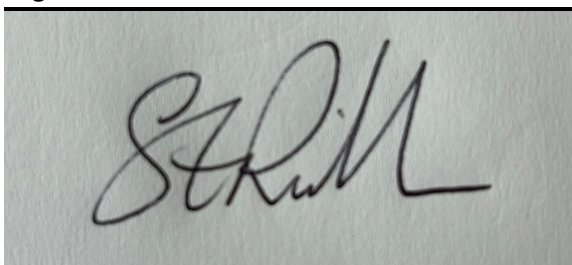
The monthly draw raised slightly less income than the previous year, £3,694 (£3,800 FY24).

With our operating costs remaining similar to last year, the reserves figure was reviewed at the start of the 2025 season and it was decided to stay at £40,000.

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signatures:



Full name: Mrs Susan Richardson

Full name: Miss Tara King

Position: Chairperson

Position: Trustee

Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2026

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**Income and Expenditure Account for year ended 30 September 2025**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
<b>Income</b>				
Takings & Season Tickets	41,516	-	41,516	39,214
Grants	14,059	22,505	36,564	7,259
Donations	950	-	950	1,945
Monthly & Grand Draws	3,954	-	3,954	3,798
Fundraising Events	-	-	-	-
Beer Festival	11,143	-	11,143	9,905
Film Night	5,436	-	5,436	2,769
Other	9,291	-	9,291	7,002
Facility Hire	3,285	-	3,285	3,524
Other	578	-	578	-
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>90,210</b>	<b>22,505</b>	<b>112,715</b>	<b>75,416</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Café Stock	3,841	-	3,841	3,371
Chemicals	3,553	-	3,553	3,986
Draw	1,479	-	1,479	1,745
Electricity	18,683	-	18,683	22,923
Fundraising Events	-	-	-	-
Beer Festival	4,431	-	4,431	4,183
Film Nights	2,331	-	2,331	2,011
Other	2,282	-	2,282	3,170
Insurance	4,903	-	4,903	4,761
Lifeguard Pay	8,975	-	8,975	7,088
Other Lifeguard Expenses	2,156	-	2,156	1,457
Lifeguard Equipment	1,517	1,251	2,768	-
Playground Maintenance	-	-	-	1,914
Repairs/Maintenance	4,058	-	4,058	11,122
Pool Equipment	11,752	-	11,752	-
Pool development	-	15,071	15,071	-
Sundries/Other	874	-	874	254
Telephone	335	-	335	303
Waste Collection	229	-	229	191
Water	3,944	-	3,944	1,801
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>75,344</b>	<b>16,322</b>	<b>91,666</b>	<b>70,280</b>
Net of receipts/(payments)	14,866	6,183	21,049	5,136
Cash Funds brought forward			44,983	39,847
<b>Cash Funds at 30 September</b>			<b>66,032</b>	<b>44,983</b>

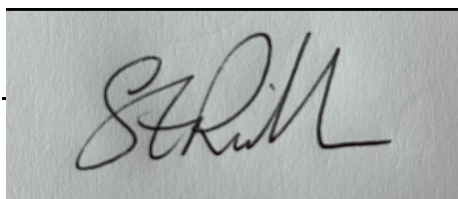
### Statement of assets and liabilities as at 30 September 2025

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL 2025	TOTAL 2024
<b>Cash Funds</b>				
Bank accounts	59,597	6,183	65,780	44,814
Cash in hand	252		252	169
Total cash funds	<u>59,849</u>	<u>6,183</u>	<u>66,032</u>	<u>44,983</u>
<b>Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>				
Pool equipment and buildings	11,752		251,297	239,545
	<u>11,752</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>251,297</u>	<u>239,545</u>

The pool equipment and buildings reflect the depreciated value at 1st October 2018 and expenditure since then. The charity prepares receipts and payments accounts and therefore does not make provision for depreciation.

If such a provision was to be made, at 10% reducing balance basis, the pool equipment and buildings would have a year end accounts value of £137,089 after depreciation of £13,747 (£137,470 in 2024).

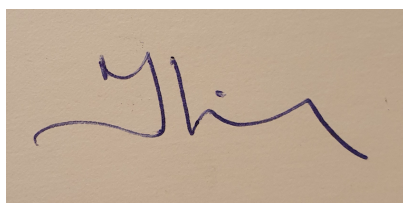
Signed and approved on behalf of the board of trustees



Full name: Mrs Susan Richardson

Position: Chairperson

Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2026



Full name: Miss Tara King

Position: Trustee

Date: 22nd Jan 2026



## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Greystoke & District Sports Association**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Greystoke & District Sports Association for the year ended 30th September 2025.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

I report in respect of my examination of the Greystoke & District Sports Association accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Greystoke & District Sports Association as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed:



Date:

20<sup>th</sup> January 2026

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