
ST GEORGE'S DANCE CLUB
(Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
ANNUAL REPORT
and
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED
31 December 2024

Charity Number 1181823

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

The Trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name	St George's Dance Club
Principal office address	St. George's Dance & Sports Cub St. George's Road Harrogate HG2 9ER
Charity registration number	1181823

The Trustees

The Trustees who served the charity during the period were as follows:

Rob Dixon (Appointed February 2024)
John Fear
Gail Howard (Appointed February 2024)
Paul Howard (Appointed February 2024)
Judith Staniland (Resigned March 2024)
Paul Staniland

Club Committee

Rob Dixon
Helena Dobie
David Critchley
John Davies
Lynne Davies
Sue Fear (Resigned March 2024)
John Fisher (Resigned March 2024)
Kath Fisher
Alison Elgie Heaton
Denis Heaton
Gail Howard
Paul Howard
Elaine Richards
Peter Richards
Steph Sartin (Resigned March 2024)
Judith Staniland
Paul Staniland
Christine Todd (Resigned May 2024)

Bankers	Nat West Bank PLC 3 Cambridge Crescent Harrogate HG1 1PE
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Structure, governance and management.

St George's Dance Club was constituted on 31 January 2019 as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and is governed by a constitution approved on that date. The charity is managed by a committee of its Trustees with the assistance of an elected club committee that arranges club meetings and dances.

Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

The Trustees may appoint a person who is willing to be a Trustee either to fill a vacancy or as an additional Trustee.

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Risk management.

The Trustees review the major risks to which the charity is exposed on an ongoing basis. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces.

Objectives and activities.

1 To provide for the benefit of the inhabitants of, and visitors to, Harrogate and the surrounding area, the provision of facilities for recreational dancing for the occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities and for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving both the physical and mental condition of life of the said inhabitants and visitors.

2 To advance for the public benefit the art of dance in particular but not limited to traditional sequence and ballroom dances as part of our cultural heritage and to maintain the traditions of dancing by organising and promoting social dance events on a regular basis.

The aims of St George's Dance Club are undertaken specifically to ensure the charitable objectives meet the public benefit requirement and the Charities Act 2011.

Achievements and performance.

On the 19 December 2024 the previous Chair of the management committee received a letter from a new owner of the site and building giving a notice to quit the site. As reported in previous annual reports the long-term prospects for the club to continue at the current location are uncertain pending the outcome of the sale and any other developments relating to the building. The abrupt notice to quit was not an outcome that was expected. The trustee's initial reaction was to take legal advice and explore the rights of the Trust to the building and sites. Negotiations and correspondence between the Charity's legal representatives and new owners continued until April 2025.

What became clear was that the Charity's rights to the use of the building were not as clear as the Trustees previously understood. There are legal grounds to indicate that the Trust had rights to use the building but with legal costs mounting toward £20,000 the Trust was not able to take further legal action to enforce these rights.

The new owners intend to demolish the building and replace it with a block of flats using the planning permission granted to the previous owner, Mitre. The approved planning permission included the construction of a hall that Mitre had agreed to lease to the St George's Dance Club. The club and Trustees were told that providing the new building for the dance club was a condition of the planning approval and to comply with the community order on the site. While this certainly was the case, i.e. the planning permission requires a 'community facility' on the site there is no requirement that St George's Dance Club should occupy it or that it should be a facility for 'dancing'.

In the circumstances the Trustees have come to an arrangement to vacate the building by the end of April 2025. The Trustees have made initial arrangements to continue the Trusts activities on rental terms at an alternative venue. The most probable

During 2024 the club continued to meet in the afternoons weekly on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and once a month on afternoons of Saturdays and Sundays. Following the pandemic when numbers at the dance meetings reduced compared to pre-pandemic years, numbers have continued to pick up and are at a level that generates a lively and enjoyable atmosphere for all who attend. 3552 members and 197 non-members attended 119 dance meetings during 2024.

During the year the club organised two charity dances that resulted in making a £500 donation to two local charities and hosted three other dance/exercise groups at the club hall. Sadly, these groups will have to find other venues after April 2025.

Throughout the year the club encouraged non-members to attend the dances thereby providing exercise opportunities to the residents of North and West Yorkshire and beyond. The Club also made its existing facilities available to other community groups and local dance groups thereby providing further public benefit. The most probable venue will be a care home situated in what was once a hotel. It is envisaged that this will have benefits for the residents by inviting them to the dance meetings, meeting club members and for those who are able join in the dancing and tuition sessions.

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Financial review.

During the period the Trust received £31,574 (2023 £24,790) income and incurred expenditure of £31,480 (2023 £28,971). The small surplus was largely a result of rental of the premises.

Reserves policy.

Following vacating the building used by the club for over 60 years the reserves policy will be reviewed and updated when the club has settled into a new venue

The Trustees recognise the need to hold reserves and allow for fluctuations in member receipts and/or expenditure costs. The Trustees have set the reserve policy at twelve months operating costs (excluding dance events expenses) at £7,500. In previous annual reports a sum of £8,000 was set aside on the basis that the club would occupy the hall on the site built by owner/developer, Mitre. This amount was the equivalent of the annual cost of the proposed lease payments to cover the notice period of two years to terminate the agreement. Since this designated reserve is no longer required the £8,000 has been consolidated into the unrestricted reserves.

The charity's free reserves, excluding fixed assets, at the year-end were £50,550. It is expected that the reserves will reduce significantly in 2025 because of the legal costs incurred in relation to the landlord's notice to quit the building and site.

Plans for future periods.

The Trustees and management committee will continue to arrange weekly dances after April 2025 as soon as the rental space becomes available in May 2025.

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty under section 7 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

Trustee's remuneration.

The Trustees did not receive any remuneration for their Trustee services.

Going concern.

The trustees have assessed the charity's ability to continue for at least 12 months from the date that the accounts are approved and conclude that no material uncertainties exist that cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. By ceasing further legal costs relating to the current dance hall and finding an alternative venue the trustees have attempted to ensure that the club can continue to operate. They are confident that future dance income will be sufficient to cover the additional costs of renting a new hall, offset by no longer needing to repair and maintain a building in an increasing state of disrepair. A proposal to increase the entrance fee to the dance meetings will be put to the members at the AGM. Income and expenditure at dance meetings will be monitored monthly to ensure that the dance meetings at the rental premises are not reducing the financial reserves of the club.

Responsibilities of the Trustees.

The charity's Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the Trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.

observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP.

make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent.

state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

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prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees.



Mr P Staniland

Trustee

23 April 2025

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of St George's Dance Club

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 5 to 10.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the CIO, 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 my examination of the CIO's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. 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 charity as required by section 130 of the Charities Act: or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) 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.

Frances Kingsnorth



9 May 2025

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Statement of financial activities

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Total Funds 31 Dec 2024	Total Funds 31 Dec 2023
Incoming resources		£	£	£	£
Incoming resources from generating funds:					
Voluntary income	2	31,574	-	31,574	24,790
Total incoming resources		31,574	-	31,574	24,790
Resources expended					
Charitable activities	3	31,479	-	31,479	28,971
Total resources expended		31,479	-	31,479	28,971
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources for the year		95	-	95	-4,181
Reconciliation of funds					
Transfer between funds		8,000	-8,000	-	
Total funds brought forward		42,339	8,000	50,339	54,520
Total funds carried forward		50,434	-	50,434	50,339

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year and therefore a statement of total recognised gains and losses has not been prepared.

All of the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

The notes on pages 8 to 10 form part of these financial statements.

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	Notes	31 December 2024	31 December 2023
Tangible Assets			
Fixtures and Fittings	5	-	714
Current Assets			
Other Debtors	6	7,830	3,030
Bank & Cash		<u>44,197</u>	<u>48,448</u>
Total Current Assets		<u>52,027</u>	<u>51,478</u>
Current Liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling after less than one year	7	<u>1,593</u>	<u>1,853</u>
Total Current Liabilities		<u>1,593</u>	<u>1,853</u>
Net Current Assets		50,434	49,625
Net Assets		<u>50,434</u>	<u>50,339</u>
Reserves			
Unrestricted Reserve	8	50,434	42,339
Designated Reserve	9		8,000
Total Funds		<u>50,434</u>	<u>50,339</u>

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 23 April 2025 and are signed on their behalf by:



Mr P Staniland
Trustee

The notes on pages 6 to 10 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Accounting policies.

Basis of accounting.

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) and with the Charities Act 2011.

St George's Dance Club meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

Since the club was given a notice to quit the building in December 2024 the need for a designated fund to cover at least two years lease payments on replacement building was no longer required and is a change to the accounting policies. Other than this change there have been no changes to the accounting policies since last year.

Unrestricted funds.

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity to advance exercise and cultural activities through dance.

Incoming resources.

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Voluntary income is mainly received by way of admittance fees to the meetings of the club and lettings of the hall and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are receivable.

Resources expended.

Charitable expenditure comprises the costs of holding the dance meetings including the music and maintenance of the dance hall.

Cash flow statement.

The Trustees have taken advantage of the exemption from including a cash flow statement in the financial statements on the grounds that the charity is small.

Fixed assets.

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost.

Fixtures and fittings are depreciated on a straight-line basis at 20% per annum.

Taxation.

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and no taxation provision is needed in the financial statements.

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2 Voluntary Income	Unrestricted Funds	2024	2023
	£	£	£
Dance Receipts	14,559	14,559	11,848
Membership Fees	1,230	1,230	1,160
Dance Weekend	7,920	7,920	8,095
Lettings	6,247	6,247	2,871
Fund Raising Dances	670	670	525
Miscellaneous Income	600	600	291
Interest	348	348	-
Total	31,574	31,574	24,790

3 Costs of charitable activities	Unrestricted Funds	2024	2023
	£	£	£
DJ Fees	4,871	4,871	5,490
Premises	3,735	3,735	3,560
Cleaning	2,777	2,777	2,879
Energy	3,866	3,866	2,705
Publicity & Marketing	400	400	704
Water	3,103	3,103	1,042
Hospitality	585	585	548
Rates	439	439	490
Charitable donations	1,000	1,000	1,000
Dance Weekend 2024	7,734	7,734	7,860
Insurance	1,754	1,754	1,364
Admin	154	154	-
Equipment	347	347	-
Depreciation	714	714	782
Dance Prizes	-	-	73
Performance Licences	-	-	437
Misc Expenditure	-	-	37
	31,479	31,479	28,971

4 Staff costs and emoluments

There were no employees during the period and no salaries were paid to the Trustees. No expenses were paid to trustees for their duties as a trustee.

5 Tangible Assets	Fixtures & Fittings	Total
Cost	£	£
1st January 2024	3,909	3,909
Additions	-	-
31 December 2024	3,909	3,909
Depreciation		
1st January 2024	3,195	3,195
Additions	714	714
31 December 2024	3,909	3,909
 1st January 2024	 714	 714
31 December 2024	-	-

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6 Other debtors	2024	2023
	£	£
Takings in arrears	-	583
Debtors	7,330	1,947
Prepayments	500	500
	<u>7,830</u>	<u>3,030</u>

7 Creditors: amounts falling after less than one year	2024	2023
	£	£
Receipts in advance	1,010	1,020
Accruals	583	832
	<u>1,593</u>	<u>1,852</u>

8 Funds	Balance 1/1/2024	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfer between funds	Balance 31/12/2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted fund	42,339	31,574	31,479	8,000	50,434
Designated fund	8,000	-	-	-8,000	-
	<u>50,339</u>	<u>31,574</u>	<u>31,479</u>		<u>50,434</u>

9 Designated income funds	Balance 1/1/2024	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfer between fund	Balance 31/12/2024
	£	£	£		£
Designated fund	8,000	-	-	-8,000	-
	<u>8,000</u>			<u>-8,000</u>	<u>-</u>

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