

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date			
From		Day	Month	Year	To	Day	Month	Year
		01	01	2024		31	12	2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Solihull Wheels for All		
Other names charity is known by			
Registered charity number (if any)	1181993		
Charity's principal address	Tudor Grange Leisure Centre		
	Blossomfield Road		
	Solihull		
	Postcode	B91 1NB	

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	Gary Christian	Chair		
2	David Williams	Treasurer		
3	Arthur Salisbury			
4	Alan Thomson			
5	Graham Hewson			
6	Mark Shah			
7	Rob Cull			
8	Nigel Roberts		29/01/2024-31/12/2024	Trustee election
9	Paul Robinson		01/01/2024-21/10/2024	Removed by resolution Oct 2024
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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 <i>(eg trust deed, constitution)</i>	Constitution
How the charity is constituted <i>(eg trust, association, company)</i>	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods <i>(eg ballot, election, nomination)</i>	Election

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.

As a Board of Trustees, we are well aware of the needs of many of the Charity's service users. Consequently, we aim to ensure that each session is run by an experienced lead instructor and that volunteers are DBS checked. Towards the end of 2024 we carried out an audit of volunteers and have closed out any DBS gaps. During 2025 we will have a programme to identify and complete any missing training requirements.

We have developed comprehensive risk assessments for our operations and work with Tudor Grange Leisure Centre in the event of any incidents. The Charity has insurance to cover the risks of any on track incidents and loss of equipment.

We continue to enjoy significant additional funding from the National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF) for a three-year project to develop the charity, starting mid 2023.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

To promote community involvement in healthy recreation through cycling for the benefit of those living or working within Solihull and surrounding areas. We aim to support people to increase their participation in society and by enabling social inclusion. We support people of all abilities and ages to adopt healthier lifestyles to improve their quality of life.

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)

The main objective of Solihull Wheels for All charity is to provide accessible cycling with maximum inclusivity. The Charity has a range of bicycles and adapted tricycles that allow everyone to become involved in a cycling session, whether or not they have a physical or learning disability and of any age (our age range is from 3 to 98 years). A high proportion of our service users live in deprived areas of the Borough. Our volunteers help the service users to cycle in safety, often supported by their carers.

We work with other institutions including day centres, schools for adults and children, old peoples' homes and care homes. We also engage with other charities in the local area either through welcoming their clients to our open sessions or, where requested, arranging private sessions specifically for the clients of the particular charity. Currently we work with SENSE, for people with impaired sight and hearing, Autism West Midlands and SOLO, an organisation that enables children, young people & adults with learning disabilities to enjoy social & leisure activities.

Our inclusive sessions enable people with or without disabilities to ride together in a safe sheltered environment and be treated equally. This enables families with a disabled member to cycle together and is often the only activity they can do as a family group.

We also aim to reduce social isolation for people and help to remove barriers between groups of our clients who may find making friendships difficult as a result of disability, mental health issues or just general loneliness. Further we encourage carers who attend on a regular basis to talk to one another, often forging friendships and gaining support that continues outside the sessions. We aim not to exclude anyone based on physical, learning or behavioural difficulties.

A key objective over the life of our National Lottery funded project is to expand the service to offer sessions in the community rather than just at our base at the Tudor Grange Leisure Centre. We have introduced monthly sessions at North Solihull leisure centre as well as Merstone School. We hope to expand these off-site activities over the year.

We, the trustees, have taken great care to fulfil our objectives as set out in the Charity's constitution and follow the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

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.

Volunteers

The Charity is grateful for the hard work and enthusiasm of its volunteers who freely give hours of their time to supporting the cycling sessions. The Charity has a range of bicycles, many specially adapted for physical disabilities and mental health issues, including wheelchair transporters, hand cranked bicycles and two seat bicycles that allow a carer or volunteer to ride with the service user. As each service user is unique it is sometimes necessary to adapt a machine to meet their individual needs, this is done in consultation with the client and carer using the skills of the trustees and volunteers.

Many of the volunteers benefit through their work with the charity including through working as part of the team which provides social inclusion and, often, the opportunity to use their skills perhaps acquired through many years working.

It is critical to our future plans that we are able to recruit more volunteers. To this end we continue to work with CAVA, local cycling clubs, recruit by word of mouth and are actively seeking other recruitment opportunities.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

This project has been in existence since 2014. It was initially run by the Local Authority but became a charity in February 2019.

We have continued to run Monday & Wednesday morning open sessions and, during BST, on Monday evenings. These sessions are open to all, with the morning sessions running year-round (subject to the weather). The Wednesday morning session was previously a private session for Sense, but we have now extended all our sessions to Sense clients for the same weekly fee. Again, we saw a growth year over year in the number of service user contacts. In 2023 there were 2462 service user session attendances. In 2024 there were 2628, an increase of 7%, a slower increase than the previous year as there were no significant changes to the session arrangements.

Using our grant from the National Lottery Community Funding (NLCF) we set out to expand our service to more locations away from our base at Tudor Grange Leisure Centre, targeting care and residential homes, schools and other community groups. Our progress was slowed, however, by the unexpected resignation of our Project Lead in May following a long period of ill health. As a consequence, the charity trustees need to focus on supporting the administrative functions of the charity through the summer and autumn rather than prioritising development.

The charity would like to thank Lydia Robinson for her massive commitment to the charity since its inception and for her contribution to the successful lottery bid.

In September 2024 we appointed our new Project Coordinator, Joe Read, and we are confident he will successfully lead us forward over the balance of the lottery funding period.

We are also aware that expanding the project does require more volunteers. During 2024 we recruited 8 new volunteers but lost 6 owing to other commitments, health issues and so on. Volunteer recruitment remains a key task.

We continually review the range of bicycles available and purchase new machines to ensure our fleet matches the requirements of the service users.

During 2024 our income was £40,740, including money from the lottery grant, with expenditure of £22,543 giving us a nett income of £18,198. We plan to invest in a new wheelchair carrier with electric assistance and a new social bike in 2025 and have a Tomcat trike on order for delivery early 2025.

We continued our relationship with Cyclists Fighting Cancer, donating bikes which we no longer require to them, and with Solihull Cycling Club who ran a number of fund-raising events with us. We also received generous donations from local businesses and sports clubs.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity aims to hold the equivalent of 6 to 9 months operating costs in reserve to meet the costs of facility hire and the Project Coordinator should we have no funding. To this end we opened a saving account in 2024 to hold the necessary funds. The treasurer manages the allocation of funds between the current and savings account to best meet the needs of the charity.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

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 Charity is mainly financed by session fees and the grant from the National Lottery. We also run fund raising activities throughout the year, including two in partnership with Solihull Cycling Club. Further support is provided by donations from other local charities, local businesses and individuals or through applications to grant providers. We are grateful for this support without which we would not be able to run our sessions.

We use the money raised to maintain and upgrade the fleet of bicycles, to provide insurance for the riders, and to pay the costs of sessions such as track hire and instructor costs.

Bikes no longer needed have been donated to another charity, Cyclists Fighting Cancer, who renovate them before donating them to children suffering from cancer, or to their families. We believe this is a worthy cause and a sustainable way of reusing such bicycles. We have also donated bikes to other Wheels for All groups.

Section F

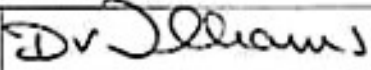
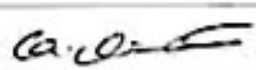
Other optional information

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)	David Williams	Gary Christian
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	Chair
Date	06/03/2025.	06/03/2025

Solihull Wheels for All		1181993	
Receipts and payments accounts			
For the period from	01 January 2024	To	31 December 2024

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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations and fund raising	£ 4,501	£ -	£ -	£ 4,501	£ 9,961
Public and private client track sessions	£ 11,655	£ -	£ -	£ 11,655	£ 9,520
National Lottery Community Fund grant	£ 24,359	£ -	£ -	£ 24,359	£ 19,170
Savings account interest	£ 225	£ -	£ -	£ 225	£ -
	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Sub total (Gross income for A1)	£ 40,741	£ -	£ -	£ 40,741	£ 38,650
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table)					
Not applicable	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Sub total	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Total receipts	£ 40,741	£ -	£ -	£ 40,741	£ 38,650
A3 Payments					
Professional instruction for public and private client track sessions	£ 11,011	£ -	£ -	£ 11,011	£ 7,944
Track hire for year	£ 3,666	£ -	£ -	£ 3,666	£ 2,801
Sundries, equipment, insurance, bike maintenance and minor spends	£ 7,595	£ -	£ -	£ 7,595	£ 21,486
Fund raising events	£ 269	£ -	£ -	£ 269	£ 312
	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Sub total	£ 22,543	£ -	£ -	£ 22,543	£ 32,504
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Not applicable	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Sub total	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Total payments	£ 22,543	£ -	£ -	£ 22,543	£ 32,504
Net of receipts/ payments	£ 18,198	£ -	£ -	£ 18,198	£ 6,146
A5 Transfers between funds	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
A6 Cash funds last year end	£ 26,551	£ -	£ -	£ 26,551	£ -
Cash funds this year end	£ 44,749	£ -	£ -	£ 44,749	£ 6,146

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
B1 Cash funds	Bank balance at year end	£ 44,749	£ -	£ -
	Petty cash	£ -	£ -	£ -
		£ -	£ -	£ -
	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	£ 44,749	£ -	£ -
	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds

B2 Other monetary assets

None

£	-	£	-	£	-
£	-	£	-	£	-
£	-	£	-	£	-
£	-	£	-	£	-
£	-	£	-	£	-
£	-	£	-	£	-

Details

Fund to which
asset belongs

Cost (optional)

Current value
(optional)

B3 Investment assets

None

£	-	£	-	£	-
£	-	£	-	£	-
£	-	£	-	£	-
£	-	£	-	£	-
£	-	£	-	£	-
£	-	£	-	£	-

Details

Fund to which
asset belongs

Cost (optional)

Current value
(optional)

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use (In clarification, the details described, are the essential equipment items utilised for running the charity, on an operational day to day basis, for our clients)

Specialist bicycles, safety equipment and storage facilities

£	-	£	-	£	-
£	-	£	-	£	-
£	-	£	-	£	-
£	-	£	-	£	-
£	-	£	-	£	-
£	-	£	-	£	-
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Details

Fund to which
liability relatesAmount due
(optional)When due
(optional)

B5 Liabilities

None

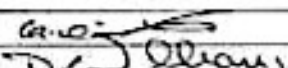
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Signed by one of two trustees
on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print name

Date of
approval


D. Williams

G. Williams
DAVID WILLIAMS

06/03/25
06/03/25



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Solihull Wheels for All

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 December 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1181993

Set out on pages

Bank Account Statements, Income Account, Expenditure Account,
Statement of Account and Charity Commission Form CC16A

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above
charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/ 12 /2024.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out
under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I
have followed 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with
the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material
respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of
the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection
with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a
proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

6.3.2025

Name:

Philip Rosenbloom

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Address:

19 Thornby Avenue

Solihull

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.