

South Worcester Lifesaving and Lifeguard Club report 1st October 2022 – 30th September 2023

Club Chairpersons

This is my first year as Chairperson of the club and we have had another great year.

The club has continued to grow, teaching skills of rescue and personal survival to our younger members at the pool, providing safety cover and First Aid to local community groups. Our flood team too has been called to assist with National floods.

We have been represented by our competition squads at National events, having lots of personal best times, members have represented their country at The Commonwealth Lifesaving Championships. The rookie teams have been fantastic also winning the Regional Rookie event and having great fun at our own Rookie Gala

I would like to say thank you to all our swimmers, teachers, committee members and parents who help make the club a success.

It is a great pleasure that I tell you that 2024 will be the club's 50th year.

To celebrate we will be holding an Anniversary event:

50 years of Lifesaving 50 years of saving lives

Thank you all for your continuing support.

Teresa Myatt

Treasurers report 2023

The balance in the bank at the start of our financial year, 1st October 2022 was £5838.84.

Most of our Income this year has come from our members monthly subscriptions. At the start of the year before our club kit website was set up, we received the money from members for their club kit purchases. We also received the money for awards prior to our including this money into the monthly subscriptions. We also received money for those members taking part in several competitions and the annual Poole trip.

We also received £37.08 from Amazon Core.

Our Fund Raisers raised a total of £1405.82 from the Christmas raffle, our Club rookie competition, Pershore Carnival Tombola, The Talbot Pub Pershore and Evesham River Festival tombola.

We received a donation of £300 from Pershore round Table.

Our Patrol/Flood team brought in £1140.00 from patrols they took part in with Malvern town Council Christmas light switch on and a First Aid event, Pershore Carnival and the Midsummer brass festival in Pershore.

The price of the pool hires this year rose from £60 an hour to £66 an hour.

We brought awards for all those completing the RLSS Survive and Save awards at the end of the summer term as well as the Rookie awards.

We paid the competition fees; individuals pay for their fees with the club covering the costs of relays and group team events.

We bought new fins during the year.

Those who one the club trophies were presented with a small replica trophy for them to keep.

The Patrol/Flood team expenses were to cover the cost of boat fuel, boat oil, a few minor boat engine repairs, the oxygen cylinders, and a new tail gate board.

The trip to Poole covered all the expenses with a slight profit of £100. We needed to refund the cost of the trip to a few members not being able to make the date when the weekend was changed by the Youth hostel. Redditch Lifesaving Club helped to fill these spaces who also paid us for these spaces.

The balance at the end of the club's financial year September 30th, 2023, is £6214.78.

The balance sheet and club report will be sent to the Charity commission in the next few weeks.

Secretary's report

We have had another busy year with lots of different activities taking place within our club.

We are receiving many new members enquires through our club website some of whom will hopefully be joining us in the new year.

The email system is working well, if anyone is not receiving them, please let me know and I will rectify this.

Junior Organizers report

This year there have been some background changes which have impacted on the sessions which the teachers and helpers have embraced and adapted to very well. Whilst the Rookie Award is unchanged the Survive and Save Award has been replaced with the new RLSS NLA awards which is now taught on a 2-term basis. With this new introduction the teaching structure of all the sessions has been amended to try and be more varied, which has received positive feedback to date.

I cannot stress the importance of the teachers and helpers; without their time and effort no sessions could take place.

This year we have had a healthy influx of new teachers which is welcome and will secure our future teaching ability. We have also welcomed new members in sessions 1 and 2 and will welcome more in the new year.

Many thanks to all the teachers and helpers and I hope all the junior members have enjoyed their lessons and will continue to join us each Sunday.

Flood Team AGM report 2023

In the Last 12 months the team have undertaken various training through online theory tests and face to face practical sessions. As well as training at our home base at Sankey, training has taken place at Cardiff International White-Water Centre and in Anglesey. Some members of the team also took part in a National Flood Deployment Exercise in South Wales.

The team has been on Standby several times this year and was recently deployed to Devon and Somerset during Storm Ciaran.

The team has run the patrol cover this year and has provided cover along with other members of the patrol team, between them completing over 370 patrol hours. This year safety cover has been provided for the Pershore Duck Race, Malvern Mayor's Peaks Challenge, Pershore Carnival, Midsummer Brass Festival, Evesham River Festival, Pershore Bike Nite, Pershore Plum Festival and Malvern Xmas Festival. We have received positive feedback from the organisers of those events and from the family of one of the casualties we treated. Thank you to all those who have supported the patrols this year.

We are always looking for new members, so if anyone over the age of 18 is interested please make contact and we can talk you through the role.

Fundraising Report

This year has seen a mix of Tombola, raffles and the ever-popular Santas Sleigh which have all proven effective methods of fundraising. Our Rookie Gala also created a new source of revenue through payment of team and parent entry fees.

We have been granted a Small Society Lottery licence, and I will be establishing a '100 Club' ready to hand over to the new Fundraising Officer. In other initiatives, we have also applied for permission to collect at Strensham Services Northbound on June 30th as all the Glastonbury revellers head home.

None of these initiatives would be possible without parental and family support through donations of prizes and time, for which we are immensely grateful.

Competition report

2023 we have had members of South Worcestershire Lifesaving competition squad at 7 different competitions: SLA Welsh at Swansea, RLSS Speeds at Sheffield, SLA at Cardiff, Yorkshire Speeds, NATIONAL Lifesaving Championships (Simulated Emergency Rescue) including international competitions Commonwealth of Lifesaving Championships in Canada and the European Lifesaving Championships in Belgium. We won many gold, silver and bronze medals and plenty of personal best times at all of the competitions we took part in.

As always, a big thank you to the parents that help ferry their kids around to all these competitions and time keep when asked.

South Worcester Lifeguards Balance Sheet 2023

Opening Balance 1st October 2022

£5,838.84

Income

BACS & Money taken			£17,937.05
(subscriptions, kit, badges, books etc)			
Patrols and Donations			£1,477.08
Fund Raising			£1,405.82
Flood Callout income & Grants			£0.00
Interest			£19.17
			£20,839.12

Expenditure

Garage, Pool hire, YHA, room bookings		£9,055.82
Club Kit, equip, badges & books		£3,573.16
Flood rescue, patrol expenses and boat repairs		£1,404.01
Flood callout expenses		£0.00
Competitions, club/individual memberships & courses		£1,756.50
Poole trip, Incidentals, zoom, website		£4,673.69
		£20,463.18

Balance at 30th September 2023

£6,214.78