

Helford River Gig Club

Charity No 1186229

Receipts and Payments Accounts

30th September 2023

**Helford River Gig Club
Administrative Details**

Charity name	Helford River Gig Club
Charity registration number	Charity No 1186229
Trustees	Anna McClaren John Peter Duckworth Stephen Bagshaw Philip Badger Stephen Paul Edwin Solomon
Independent Examiner	Whyfield Limited Ground Floor, Building A Green Court Truro Business Park Threemilestone TR4 9LF

Sustainability

The volunteer Trustee's and Committee work continues and includes reviewing and managing governance, safety, welfare, training provision, providing rowing for all members of the club, insurance, providing a website, email communication and a newsletter. We are working and developing structures and procedures to maintain and improve governance and management of the club. The Trustees are meeting with better information from the management committee. This has enabled the Board of Trustees to be more focussed on the objects of the charity and ensuring we remain compliant to our Constitution. We are constantly seeking new 'blood' to help and keep Helford alive to the challenges it faces.

Risk

Risk is both physical and operational. We have a published Safety Policy, Risk Assessment forms and an Incident Reporting process. We are currently looking at Data Protection, Communication and our capacity as a club to choose to grow or not. The larger the club the greater the risk. Financially we are in a good position but as a large club we potentially will have greater outgoings. If we want to be highly competitive and embrace the benefits of rowing for all, we need to consider and manage our resources to the benefit of both, this might cost more. We are at risk of burn out among volunteers, if their tasks become too onerous, with out enough volunteers we cannot run the club effectively. Our biggest risk currently is our size, this having management implications.

Membership

The club still represents a mix of age and ability, and we feel that we meet our objectives of providing healthy recreation for all the community. Currently 189 (14 juniors) members. Over half the club (125) are over 50 , 75 ladies and 40 men! We need to encourage more younger rowers both male and female to ensure a healthy mix of ages. We run a recruitment program under 'New rowers' , this has been successful in terms of recruitment, but has introduced pressures on the availability of popular slots. We need to ensure ongoing support for the new rowers. Our membership has stabilised at just under 200 members. We need to consider the size and scale of the club as we go forward as its growth has implications on management. Our junior membership has grown, however some juniors have moved to Cadets and continue to train and compete.

Competition

1. Mini Scillies 2023, was well attended and produced some promising results for our crews.
2. Scillies Results 2023, Ladies Open A Crew 1st in the world, Ladies Super Vets 2nd in the world, Mens Vets 4th in the world, Mens A crew 5th in the world, Ladies SV 12th all finish in top heats! The results for all crews were outstanding.
3. Local Summer events, here rowers have the opportunity to race in crews they might not otherwise be selected for. All great days out that are about rowing, friendships and having fun. Devoran, Cadgwith, Mounts Bay, Coverack, and Fowey .
4. Other important events for us included: Newquay Championships; Head of the River Race, a significant fundraiser for HRGC; National County Championships, winning lots of gold medals; Mixed Championships; Lyme Regis Masters, winning 2nd and 3rd; London River Race, 1st Ladies V Gig; JNR u14 Hayle, 2nd plate race; JNR u16 Newquay, 3rd in plate final.

Training

1. 12 members took Open-water Cox Training based on the British Rowing Coastal Steering Course, additional courses planned for 2024.
2. 9 members took HRGC subsidised First Aid Training course in October 2023.
3. Drone usage in selection and ongoing training of pilots planned.
4. The CPGA provide training courses which HRGC encourage members to attend.
5. Rowing training happens during Scillies selection and this year post selection over the summer.

6. Cross fitness training is encouraged for all competitive rowers, provided at a cost to the rowers by local qualified providers.
7. HRGC provides initial ergo training from a H&S perspective with Mel Williams.

Resources

The club continues to ensure that it maintains its facilities and equipment. To this end we have a very proactive maintenance policy. Both Morgawr and Helford are in good condition but will need annual winter maintenance. Pedn Billy our oldest gig needs ongoing maintenance with a view to selling her to fund a new gig. A new gig is on order and due for completion at the end of 2024.

Our oars constantly need maintaining, over 30+ crews using them each week. New sets are on order. The trailers remain in good order.

The clubhouse continues to need repairs due to its age and construction. It serves as a youth club, an events venue and a valuable resource for club meetings and social events. We have a small gym that is used to house our ergos. A new club house is planned. HRGC site at Gweek is our greatest asset, by developing it thoughtfully we envisage it will remain so.

Communication

Thank you to those who continue to look after our web site, membership system and Newsletter. Stripe online payment system is used for membership payments. The club has a Facebook and Instagram profile. The whole Committee work with IT to publish documents and club information on the Website. These are all run by volunteers.

Sponsorship

Club racing vests and feather flags were provided by Rosemullion Distillery. We thank Rosemullion for their support with this and for providing refreshments at the Mini Scillies and Scillies events. Rosemullion is a small family-run business set close to the Helford River. Since launching in 2018 they have won numerous national and international gold awards for their home-produced range of Cornish gins, rums and spirits.

Oar shed, Car Park Trust & 200 Club

The Oar Shed is kindly provided by the Helford Passage Car Park Trust, the Trust has donated £3,500 to Helford River Gig Club. The car parking annual tickets will remain at £50 per car but reduced to £25 for gig club members, running from 1st April to March 31st.

'200 Club' provides funds into our club but also the chance to have a flutter and win prizes. This is run by a HRGC Member.

Launch Facilities

1. We store and launch our gigs from Pedn Billy Beach, by kind permission of its owners.
2. We also launch from Ferryboat off season, weather and tides permitting. We must be mindful of other users at all times.
3. We also launch from Gweek Boatyard, a recent contract means that this is no longer free, the club are happy to support a local business. This does increase the cost of running the club.

We would like to say a massive thank you to all in the club who make her such an enjoyable club to be a member of. The Committee (some retired) and Trustees who have put in an exceptional amount of work to maintain and drive forward our club and help all find a place to thrive, be that enjoying the lovely river or training for big rowing events..

We have an incredible club, and it is an honour to be involved in helping to manage HRGC.

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Independent Examiner's Report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30th September 2023.

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 Examiners' Statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
2. 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.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Name: _____

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

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Receipts and payments accounts

Section A: Receipts and payments	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds	Last year
Income	28,080	-	28,080	15,097
Sub Total	<u>28,080</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,080</u>	<u>15,097</u>
<i>A2: Asset and investment sales</i>				
Asset and investment sales	-	-	-	-
Sub Total	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Receipts	<u>28,080</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,080</u>	<u>15,097</u>
<i>A3: Payments</i>				
Cost of charitable activities	17,848	-	17,848	20,677
Sub Total	<u>17,848</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,848</u>	<u>20,677</u>
<i>A3: Asset and investment purchases</i>				
Asset and investment purchases	2,006	-	2,006	8,484
Sub Total	<u>2,006</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,006</u>	<u>8,484</u>
Total Payments	<u>19,854</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,854</u>	<u>29,161</u>
Net of receipts/(payments)	8,226	-	8,226	(14,064)
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	<u>38,560</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>38,560</u>	<u>52,624</u>
Cash Funds this year end	<u>46,786</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,786</u>	<u>38,560</u>

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Statment of Assets & Liabilites

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds
<i>B1: Cash funds</i>		
<i>Bank current accounts - 780</i>	12,577	
	32,714	
	1,314	-
Cash balance	181	-
Total cash funds	<u>46,786</u>	<u>-</u>
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))		
<i>B2: Other monetary assets</i>		
None	-	-
	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
<i>B3: Investment assets</i>		
None	-	-
	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
<i>B4: Assets retained for the charity's own use</i>		
Buildings	190,000	-
Gigs, other boats and equipment	121,871	-
	<u>311,871</u>	<u>-</u>
	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
<i>B5: Liabilities</i>		
None	-	-

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

Signature 1: 

Print name: JOHN PETER DUCKWORTH

Signature 2: 

Print name: PHILIP BADGER