

Helford River Gig Club

Charity No 1186229

Receipts and Payments Accounts

30th September 2024

## **Helford River Gig Club Administrative Details**

<b>Charity name</b>	Helford River Gig Club
<b>Charity registration number</b>	Charity No 1186229
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## Chair's Report -2024

### Sustainability

The 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.

The Trustee, Committee and Officer positions are all carried out by volunteers who devote much time to the management of the Club. We are constantly seeking new 'blood' to help and keep Helford alive to the challenges it faces.

The club trustees and committee are working and developing structures and procedures to maintain and improve governance and management of the club. The Trustees work with the management committee to focus on the objectives of the charity and ensure we remain compliant to our Constitution.

### Risk

Physical risk - clubhouse, boats, oars, trailers, covers, access to the resources on the Helford.

Operational risk - size and scale of the club, management, volunteers availability.

1. Published and updated Safety Policy.
2. Risk assessment forms,
3. An Incident Reporting process.
4. Introduction of better Data Protection including GDPR awareness training, which all committee members have to do, and will be rolled out to our full membership.
5. Our website is outdated and a risk ( to be updated 2025)
6. Ongoing major works on the club house makes us both financially and physically vulnerable. We have received some grants and monies from an insurance claim however we have had to spend some of our own reserves to fund a new roof. We need to continue to be proactive with our fundraising to support all of our physical resources.
7. A new gig commissioned again could be a strain on our financial resource.
8. Increases in costs of launching, stowing and transporting gigs could put a strain on finances.
9. Our membership is over 200, which brings logistical issues on boat access, communication, equality, welfare and parity of experience.
10. Our clubhouse needs ongoing urgent repair as long as we continue to use it for events, boat storage and boat maintenance.
11. Our volunteers, Trustees, Committee and Officers work hard to maintain a club that promotes competition and fitness for all. The management of sectors of the club are potentially at risk without enough volunteers.
12. Our membership profile is made up of competitive and non-competitive rowers, we need to continue to ensure both are catered for.
13. Our biggest risk currently are our old buildings and the general increase in costs of launching and procuring new gigs and associated equipment.

### Membership

The club represents a mix of age and ability, and we feel that we meet our objectives of providing healthy recreation for all the community. 209 members (126 female, 83 male), 180 row.

Previous concerns over the age range and lack of male youth in the club has diminished, there is a healthy mix of rowers of all ages. Juniors continue to be successful in recruiting and represents the club at various events.

'New rowers' provides a platform to learn how to row, we also provide an 'Improvers' crew for new rowers to progress to. Those who want, can then go on to make new crews or join existing crews. New rowers operates when required, not all year round.

Our junior membership is healthy. Juniors can progress to Cadets and actively pursue training and competitive rowing. Some go on to row in Scillies World Championships.

There are over 30 crews out each week, with an equal split between competitive and non competitive.

## Competition

### Mini Scillies 2024

Was well attended and produced some promising results for our crews. Mini Scillies allows focus for ours and other competitive clubs to get a sense of where they are in relation to other similar crews. Giving renewed focus to training for the final weeks before Scillies.

**Scillies Results 2024.** 6 of 10 crews all finished in top heats, with significant results in: Ladies A 2nd, Ladies SV 4th, Ladies Masters 1st, Mens Masters 1st.

### Local Summer events

Gives less experienced rowers 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. Many new to rowing get initial race experience at these events.

### Newquay Championships

4 ladies crews attended, 2 made it to the second day. **Ladies A won overall**, receiving Gold. No Mens crews this year.

### Hayle Championships

Jnr u14. Attended

### Newquay Championships

Jnr u16. Attended

### Head of the River Race: HRGC Juniors 1st

Always lovely to invite other clubs and rowers to enjoy our river and hospitality. A great fundraiser for HRGC. A handicapped race, crews mixed ability from across the club. 21 gigs entered. 1st across the line was Morgawr.

### National County Championships : All won Gold

HRGC rowers were selected included U18 Girls; U15 Girls; U16 boys and SV Ladies .

**Mixed Championships - Caradon - Spirit of Helford Crew.**

**London River Race :** 3 crews entered all finishing at the front of the fleet.

## Training

- 1.A 'Helford version' of the *British Rowing Level 1 Coxing & Steering* course was held on 26/27th Oct. 12 member rowers took the 2-day theory and on-water training.
2. Mobile Phone Video footage is increasingly used to help with rowing selection. Revisiting sessions, crews, rowers allows more to see and more to be seen.
3. CPGA COURSE Whats App Community Course.
4. CPGA COURSE Junior Welfare in Sport.
- 5.The CPGA provide an increasing number of training / knowledge courses (Newsletter and Website). If of interest and helpful in running our club we would encourage members to attend.
6. Pre Scillies Selection Rowing Oct - Dec provides rowing training for all interested.
7. Cross fitness training is encouraged for all rowers, and this has been provided at a cost to the rowers by local qualified providers.
8. Ergo training from a H&S perspective continues to be provided.

## Resources

The club continues to ensure that it maintains its facilities and equipment. To this end we have a very proactive maintenance policy. A team continue their excellent work on the maintenance of the gigs, oars, trolleys and trailers. Both Morgawr and Helford are in good condition but will need annual winter maintenance. Pedn Billy our oldest gig is now for sale to help fund a new gig. A new gig is on order and due for delivery at the end of January 2025.

Our oars constantly need maintaining, they are receiving much use with over 30 crews out per week. We have received 2 new sets of oars, these will be used on scillies 2025. With so many crews the replenishment of oars will be ongoing. Each set cost over £3,600. The trailers remain in good order.

The clubhouse Kitchen has suffered a collapsed ceiling and revealed a roof that has deteriorated beyond repair. The club has funded a new roof 12k, insurance has paid for the ceiling and associated electrical work 10k. The clubhouse continues to need repairs due to its age and construction we have secured 4k grant towards this. The clubhouse serves as a youth club, an events venue and a valuable resource for club meetings, social events and boat maintenance. We have a small gym which houses our ergos. A new club house is under discussion with some planning already underway. HRGC site at Gweek is our greatest asset, by developing it thoughtfully we envisage it will remain so.

## Communication

We need to have a new website.

News letter which also needs to be rebuilt. Facebook / social media are used for publicity. Stripe payment system makes payments easier. Spond allows for racing events to be published easily. Whats app groups are working well for most, 'fill my crew' brings competitive and non competitive rowers together. As a club we are looking 'Whats App Community' as a platform to communicate with. Both the committee and trustees work with IT to publish documents and club information on the Website.

## Sponsorship

Club racing vests were provided by sponsors for all Helford crews entering events this year. Sponsors provided the New Masters Trophies and have their name alongside ours as the supporters of this trophy. Sponsors also provide prizes at the Mini Scillies and Scillies events. Our sponsors are a small family-run business based close to the Helford River. We are currently looking at developing / expanding our sponsorship relationships.

## Oar shed, Car Park Trust & 200 Club

The Oar Shed is kindly provided by the Helford Passage Car Park Trust and funded by the car park tickets. The Trustees of Helford Passage Car Park Trust have donated £2900 to Helford River Gig Club. This is less than last year, we would encourage all to purchase a ticket as the car park trust doubles what ever we purchase.

'The Trustees would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those people and organisations who have purchased tickets for the upkeep of the car park at Helford Passage and whilst doing so, would ask these individuals and organisations to urge others to likewise purchase tickets, as it is only, they who have made it possible for the Trustees to donate any profits to local organisations.'

The car parking annual tickets will remain at £50 per car but reduced to £25 for gig club members, running from 1<sup>st</sup> April to March 31<sup>st</sup>.

In 2024 the '200 club' sold 79 tickets, but only to 29 people! This is not many when we have a membership of over 200! Money raised £948, money given to gig club £474. Tina Walker will be emailing everyone in the next month or so explaining how to get involved. In the past this has been a great money maker for the club and fun for participants who can win cash prizes. Please sign up. Half the money is won by a ticket holder the other half goes to the club.

## Launch Facilities

The owners of Pednbilly allow us to store and launch our 2/3gigs from their foreshore, Pednbilly Beach. This exceptional concession allows us to row throughout the year without the need to tow and launch, so please respect the beach and tranquillity of Pedn Billy. HRGC have presented the owners with a gift as a thank you.

We also launch / retrieve from Ferryboat. We pay a fee to Helford River Boats for this, which includes the storage and launching of our regatta dinghy. At busy times or due to river / weather conditions and h&s implications we change over or launch the dinghy at Bar beach. We pay the same as other users and have the same rights as other users.

We also launch / retrieve from Gweek for a fee, this is run on a trust basis, the club are happy to support a local business. When we reach our quota we have to pay again for the facility to launch and retrieve our boats.

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 and trustees have put in an exceptional amount of work to maintain and drive the club, helping us all find a place in which to thrive, be that enjoying the lovely river or training for big rowing events..

Lets continue to work together to support HRGC as a club that is about friendship and the pleasure of rowing be that competitive or non competitive.

## 10. Club Development Plan

### Purpose of the Club

To promote community participation in healthy recreation by providing facilities for the participation in pilot gig rowing benefiting people residing in and around the Helford River as well as the wider public residing in the county of Cornwall ('facilities' means land, buildings, equipment and organised sporting activities)

### Key Objectives for 2025

#### Sustainability

- Ensure sustainability through good governance and management of the club.
- To be informed about CPGA developments / initiative's

#### Risk

- On-going review and control of risk through Risk Assessment and Procedure.
- Continue to provide insurance policies for personal, public and management liability in addition to insurance of physical kit. All insurance reviewed annually.
- Apply GDPR across the club
- Maintain pathways for new rowers.
- Approve updated Welfare policy .
- Repair and maintain HRGC buildings
- Build new website.
- Continue to fundraise to support and maintain the clubs resources.

#### Membership

- To promote and support CPGA Strategy Plan.
- To provide to safe and balanced access for rowing, for all rowers.
- To encourage active membership both on the water and in the management of the facility.
- To encourage and support rowers at all levels.
- To encourage a range of rower profile, competitive/non competitive; youth/experience.
- To have fun.

#### Finances

- To keep the club on a sound financial footing. Fees need to reflect expenditure.
- To further develop and expand sponsorship relationships .

- To actively seek / access funding streams and grants for club equipment and maintenance.
- To further review the sale of the land at Gweek to create a fund for clubhouse development.
- To seek match funding for clubhouse development.
- Encourage on going fundraising.

### **Competition**

- To achieve top twelve finish positions in the Open and top three placings in the Vet, Super Vet and Masters World Pilot Gig Championships 2025
- To encourage and support junior rowing. Enter well trained t U14s & U16s into County Champs'.
- To attend local Gig events throughout the season.
- To attend significant competitions with our top crews.
- To be informed of CPGA developments in competitive rowing.

### **Training**

- To provide structured professional development / training to enhance both seamanship and competitive skills.
- To develop confidence and competence in rowing.
- To attend a range of CPGA training programs.

### **Resources**

- To provide up to date and competitive rowing equipment.
- To progress the development of the clubhouse facility.
- Human resource in management - ensure the workload is spread.
- Maintain clubhouse to ensure facilities are safe and can support club and community activities.

### **Communication**

- Be mindful of the different platforms for communication, embracing new forums for the sharing of information.
- The Newsletter to be continued.
- Develop new website.

### **Club Kit**

- Role out New Kit (clothing range), for entire club.

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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 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 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: Tabitha Lawer  
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**Receipts and payments accounts**

<b>Section A: Receipts and payments</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>Last year</b>
Income	29,480	700	30,180	28,080
Sub Total	<u>29,480</u>	<u>700</u>	<u>30,180</u>	<u>28,080</u>
<i>A2: Asset and investment sales</i>				
Asset and investment sales	-	-	-	-
Sub Total	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<u>29,480</u>	<u>700</u>	<u>30,180</u>	<u>28,080</u>
<i>A3: Payments</i>				
Cost of charitable activities	27,462	-	27,462	17,848
Sub Total	<u>27,462</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,462</u>	<u>17,848</u>
<i>A3: Asset and investment purchases</i>				
Asset and investment purchases	10,684	-	10,684	2,006
Sub Total	<u>10,684</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,684</u>	<u>2,006</u>
<b>Total Payments</b>	<u>38,146</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>38,146</u>	<u>19,854</u>
Net of receipts/(payments)	(8,666)	700	(7,966)	8,226
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	<u>46,786</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,786</u>	<u>38,560</u>
Cash Funds this year end	<u>38,120</u>	<u>700</u>	<u>38,820</u>	<u>46,786</u>

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**Statment of Assets & Liabilites**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds
<i>B1: Cash funds</i>		
Bank current accounts - 780	2,462	700
Bank account - 629	33,625	
Bank account - 616	1,642	-
Cash balance	390	-
Total cash funds	<u>38,119</u>	<u>700</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	142,972	-
<i>Value of assets has been reviewed within the financial year and updated where appropriate</i>		
Deposits of £8,484 were paid in relation to 2 new sets of oars and a new gig within the period. The full cost will be applicable within the next set of accounts.		
	<u>332,972</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

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