

Helford River Gig Club

Charity No 1186229

Receipts and Payments Accounts

30th September 2025

Helford River Gig Club Administrative Details

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| Charity name | Helford River Gig Club |
| Charity registration number | Charity No 1186229 |
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HRGC Chair's Report 2025

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, platforms for communication including a Website, Emails, Whats App and Spond. The Trustee, Committee and Officer positions are all carried out by volunteers.

The club trustees and committee are working with 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.

Membership of the CPGA provides a valuable resource for both Club management and rowers expectations.

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.
5. Our website remains outdated and a risk .
6. Ongoing major works have been completed at the clubhouse, We now need to look at other aspects that need repairing / replacing, this has financial implications.
7. A New Plastic gig has been approved, this could be a strain on our financial resource.
8. The costs of launching, retrieving and transporting gigs could put a strain on finances. However this is be covered by realistic membership and event fees.
9. Our membership is over 200, which brings logistical issues on boat access, communication, equality, welfare and parity of experience.
10. Our clubhouse and storage units need ongoing 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 and too ensure we meet our objectives of providing healthy recreation for all the community.
13. An ongoing risk are our old buildings and the general in costs of launching and procuring new gigs and associated equipment.
14. The biggest risk at present is the lack of involvement from membership in the daily running of the club.

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. 214 members total.

We have had an influx of U40 rowers wanting a competitive club experience. We have also attracted rowers of various ages from other clubs off the back of our successes in recent years. New rower recruitment has slowed, but is still offered. There is a healthy mix of rowers off all ages.

Juniors are an important sector, Younger rowers are being encouraged with the addition of Mini Juniors 9-12, being supported by parents and coaches.

There are over 26 regular crews out each week, to enjoy the Helford River for training, for picnics, for fitness and for fun, rising to 40 crews when Scillies crews are training.

The membership application process is due to be updated to better fit the needs of the club and ensure we know who are applicants are.

Competition

We attended 22+ events over the year. Summer events included less experienced rowers; at championships we were well represented and well placed, achieving top heats with many crews receiving medals.

The Atlantic Invictus Row row was supported by HRGC, an Atlantic crossing raising funds for charity.

Scillies World Championships Results

- Ladies A World Champions 2023, 2024 2025 (1st , 2nd, 1st)
- Mens A top heat 2023, 2024, 2025 (5th, 7th, 4th)
- Ladies Masters World Champions 2024, 2025(1st, 2nd)
- Mens Masters World Champions 2024 (1st)

Training

1. A 'Helford version' of the *British Rowing Level 1 Coxing & Steering* course.
2. Mobile Phone Video footage is increasingly used to help with rowing selection.
3. First Aid.
4. Welfare officers are well trained with qualifications suitable for their role.
5. The CPGA provide an increasing number of training / knowledge courses
6. Summer Wednesday Training Technical rowing sessions.
7. Cross fitness training is encouraged for all rowers, provided at a cost by local qualified providers.
8. Fitness training is encouraged. Ergo training is provided by the club when required.
- 9 Fitness programmes have been provided on request.
- 10 Mini Juniors (new initiative).
- 11 Womens Development Squad.
- 12 New Rowers - trial rows and introduction to rowing.

Resources

The club continues to ensure that it maintains its facilities and equipment. Our top two gigs Voose and Morgawr attend key events over the year, these race gigs need to be conscientiously looked after during the summer months. Helford our third gig is in good condition but needs annual maintenance. Helford is our general race gig and will be used at local events as well as on the Helford when required. Pedn Billy has been sold. The proceeds of which helped us buy Voose. A new plastic gig is in our sights, we hope to be able to keep 3 plastics at PB, subject to consent. Grants and fundraising efforts will be encouraged. 3 gigs will make slots easier, a new gig we hope will be easier to handle when launching and stowing.

Our oars constantly need maintaining, they are receiving much use with over 30 crews out per week. 2 new sets of oars, were used at Scillies 2025. We have ordered some new mens oars for Scillies 2026. With so many crews rowing, the replenishment of oars will be ongoing. Each set cost over £3,800. We are refurbishing existing oars so that all can row with reasonable oars. The trailers remain in good order.

Last year 2024 we replaced the Kitchen roof and ceiling; electrical work was also completed in the kitchen and trophy room. This year 2025 the main function room received a new outer roof costing us 6k off which we received a 4k grant. The clubhouse will continue to need repairs due to its age and construction. 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 proposed, we currently are waiting on planning approval for outline planning permissions. The HRGC site at Gweek is our greatest asset, by developing it thoughtfully we envisage it will remain so.

Our resources are our buildings, our gigs and our human resource.

Communication

We have not managed to build a new website and have decided to use other of the peg platforms for managing the club. This would be easier and less costly. Our website will remain as a communication tool, for links and a repository for documents and historical club data. Emails would be generated in whatever new site we work with and should be more reliable than our current set up. We are in transition in how we manage the club.

Spond and 'Whats App Community' as are being considered as platforms to communicate with, under the umbrella of HRGC. Payments are handled through Stripe payment system.

Other communications via Instagram / social media / Facebook are handled by volunteers from our membership.

Sponsorship, Grants and fundraising

We are currently seeking new sponsors. Fundraising continues, with over £4,349 being raised for our new gig Voose. The sale of PB brought in £12,000. We need to see fundraising as ongoing to support repairs to our existing clubhouse and the purchase of a new plastic gig. At both our Mini Scillies and Head of the River events we raise money for the club, at our most recent events our raffles have surpassed expectations with fabulous prizes that have helped uplift the takings considerably.

We received a grant of £5,000 towards our new roof over the main function room at Gweek, thanks to Goonhilly Wind Farm Via Cornwall Community Foundation. Grant applications are important to us, but the application process takes time.

Oar shed, Car Park Trust & 200 Club

The Oar shed is kindly provided by the Helford Passage Car Park Trust and funded by the sale of car park tickets, it is shared with the Children's Sailing Trust. HPCP also maintain the village beach punt & the defibrillator and also give donations to several local schools and pre-schools, local Scouts group, One bag beach clean, National Coastwatch, Helford Navigational Marks, Mawnan Park Project and HVMCA.

The Trustees of HPCP have donated £2,900 to Helford River Gig Club in the last year. The car parking Season tickets are £60 per car but reduced to £30 for gig club members, running from 1st April to March 31st.

In 2025 the '200 club' sold 84 tickets - money raised £1008, money given to gig club £504. 50% of the takings goes to the club and 50% goes back to you!

Carparking and 200 club are valuable income streams.

Launch Facilities

The are grateful to be able to store and launch our 2/3gigs from PB Beach. 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. In addition we can launch / retrieve from Gweek River Boats for a fee, this is run on a trust basis, the club are happy to support a local business. Gweek Boat Yard accommodates the retrieval of all the gigs at HORR, they charge no fee, just a donation to charity.

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 2026

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.
- Role out GDPR across the club
- Further develop pathways for all rowers.
- Approve updated Welfare policy .
- Develop an ongoing repair and maintenance programme for HRGC buildings
- Develop existing and new club communication and marketing platforms
- Continue to fundraise to support and maintain the clubs resources.
- Actively encourage members to contribute / volunteer to support their club.

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.
- To further develop and expand sponsorship relationships .
- To actively seek / access funding streams and grants for club equipment and maintenance.
- To further progress 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.
- Annually review membership fees / event fees to reflect the costs of running a successful club.

Competition

- To achieve top 12 in the Open and Womens and top 3 placings in the V, SV and M WPGC 2026.
- 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.

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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 2025.

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
Tabitha Lawer (May 27, 2026 14:25:30 GMT+1)

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Receipts and payments accounts

| Section A: Receipts and payments | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Total Funds | Last year |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Income | 31,659 | 5,000 | 36,659 | 30,180 |
| Sub Total | <u>31,659</u> | <u>5,000</u> | <u>36,659</u> | <u>30,180</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>31,659</u> | <u>5,000</u> | <u>36,659</u> | <u>30,180</u> |
| <i>A3: Payments</i> | | | | |
| Cost of charitable activities | 15,486 | - | 15,486 | 27,462 |
| Sub Total | <u>15,486</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>15,486</u> | <u>27,462</u> |
| <i>A3: Asset and investment purchases</i> | | | | |
| Asset and investment purchases | 33,515 | - | 33,515 | 10,684 |
| Sub Total | <u>33,515</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>33,515</u> | <u>10,684</u> |
| Total Payments | <u>49,001</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>49,001</u> | <u>38,146</u> |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | (17,342) | 5,000 | (12,342) | (7,966) |
| A5 Transfers between funds | - | - | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | <u>38,820</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>38,820</u> | <u>46,786</u> |
| Cash Funds this year end | <u>21,478</u> | <u>5,000</u> | <u>26,478</u> | <u>38,820</u> |

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Statment of Assets & Liabilites

| | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds |
|--|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <i>B1: Cash funds</i> | | |
| Bank current accounts - 780 | - 741 | 5,000 |
| Bank account - 629 | 20,144 | |
| Bank account - 616 | 1,609 | - |
| Cash balance | 466 | - |
| Total cash funds | <u>21,478</u> | <u>5,000</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 | 176,487 | - |
| <i>Value of assets has been reviewed within the financial year and updated where appropriate</i> | | |
| | <u>366,487</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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