

SAILABILITY@WHITEFRIARS

England & Wales · Charity number 1187670

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2020-01-30

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO PROVIDE AND MAINTAIN FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES TO PARTICIPATE AT ALL SKILL LEVELS IN THE SPORT OF SAILING AND OTHER WATER SPORTS ACTIVITIES TO IMPROVE THEIR QUALITY OF LIFE AND TO PROMOTE SOCIAL INCLUSION AND EQUALITY.

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Disability
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities

Geography

- Gloucestershire
- Wiltshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£74,340	£35,802	-	-
2024-12-31	£38,938	£35,492	-	-
2023-12-31	£64,497	£40,373	-	-
2022-12-31	£67,897	£72,165	-	-
2021-12-31	£50,245	£28,943	-	-

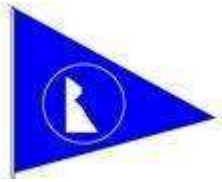
Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
David James Durston	Chair	2020-02-19
Anthony John Wootley		2020-02-19
David William Buffham		2023-05-01
Ian Farthing		2026-01-20
Oliver John Wootley		2020-03-02
Richard James Read		2026-03-17
Timothy Jason Lee		2026-01-20

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Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

01/01/2025 to 31/12/2025

Charity Registration Number: 1187670



Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes: (SORP Ref: Para 1.17)

To provide and maintain facilities, equipment, and support for people with disabilities and long-term health issues to participate at all skill levels in the sport of sailing and other associated water sports activities to improve their quality of life and to promote social inclusion and equality.

Nothing in the constitution shall authorise the application of the property of the CIO for any purposes which are not charitable.

Summary of the main activities: (SORP Ref: Para 1.17 and 1.19)

In developing and running S@W's activities, the trustees have at the forefront of their aims and objectives the Charity Commission's guidance on operating the charity for the public benefit. The charity also uses the Charity Governance Code as a guidance document for the trustees to cultivate good governance and financial resilience.

The beneficiaries of Sailability@Whitefriars (S@W) are people living with disabilities and long-term health issues with whom the charity helps them to participate at all skill levels in the sport of sailing and other associated water sports activities with an aim to improve their quality of life and to promote social inclusion and equality. S@W has access to the facilities, volunteer support, and boats for disabled sailing that can enable people to not only sail leisurely, but to compete on level terms with everybody else in the activity of sailing, including internationally. Families achieve a lot from taking to the water and enjoying the experience and surroundings whilst learning a new skill.

Sailing is a rewarding activity for people of any age with almost any disability and gives independence and well-being to the members of the public that come to S@W's sailing sessions.

The success of the charity's services comes from listening to people, valuing their opinions, and providing non-judgmental support.

Statement regarding public benefit: (SORP Ref: 1.18)

In developing and running S@W's activities, the trustees have at the forefront of their aims and objectives the Charity Commission's guidance on operating the charity for the public benefit. Also using the Charity Governance Code as a reference document, S@W regularly reviews its work ensuring that the charity's aims, objectives, and all activities remain relevant to what it has stated that it will achieve. S@W evaluates its work in relation to the outcomes and benefits it produces for people for whom the charity helps.

Policy on grant making: (SORP Ref: 1.38)

S@W works hard to maintain its income whilst keeping charges at a minimal level to the members of the public who use the charity's facilities. Consequently, apart from a relatively small amount of self-generated income, the major source of revenue is requests for grant funding to other public bodies and private organisations. For these reasons S@W cannot make grants to others although would readily consider a hardship request in respect of the

sailing charges from someone wanting to participate in the charity's activities but could not financially do so.

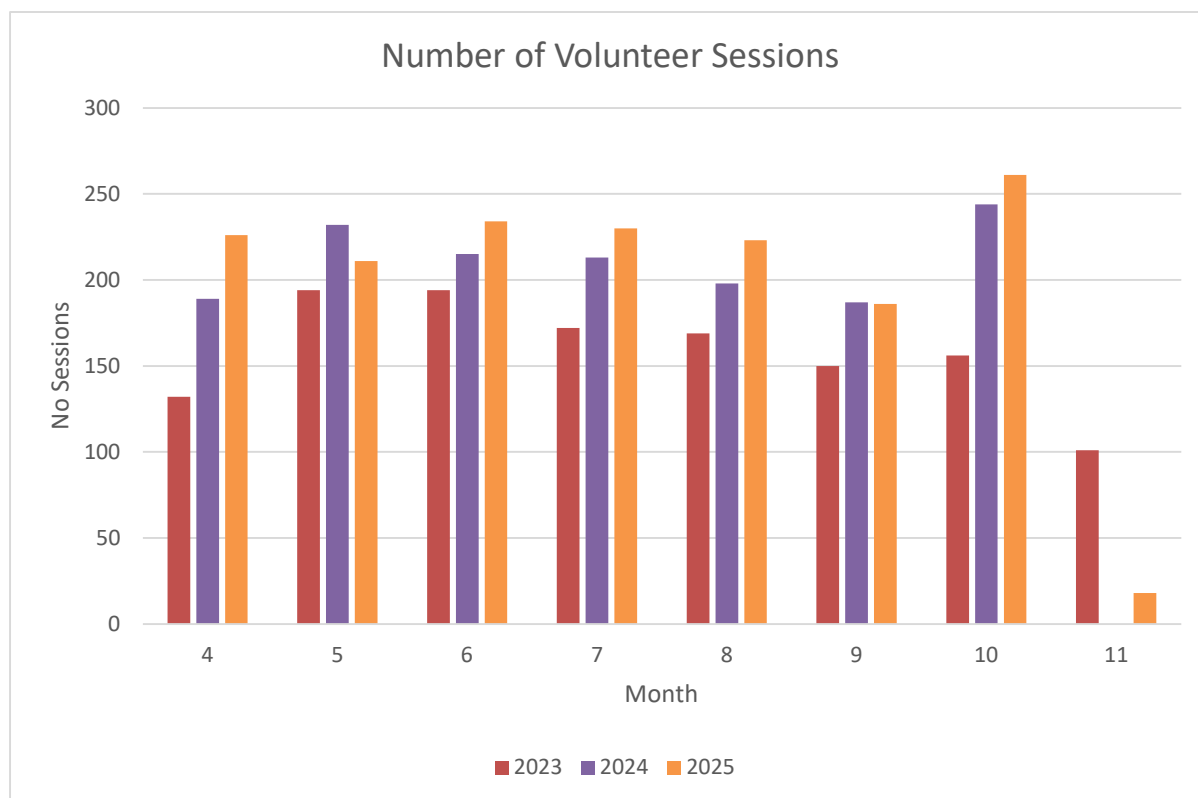
Investment policy: (SORP Ref: 1.38)

For reasons mentioned above there are insufficient surplus funds to invest regarding obtaining any appreciable return or income. However, S@W has set up a separate Reserve Account earning a small amount of interest at the basic bank investment rate for savings.

S@W also works to develop strategies with other organisations such as the Cranfield Trust and the Royal Yachting Association (RYA).

Volunteer's contribution: (SORP Ref: 1.38)

Apart from paying the Whitefriars Sailing Club to have RYA qualified Sailing Instructors and appropriately qualified Dinghy Instructors at all the Wednesday and Thursday sailing sessions, a huge proportion of support is given freely by volunteers to help S@W deliver its objectives. The recorded data of volunteer attendances in 2025 showed that 103 different volunteers attended at least once during the year of which 27 were new attendees. This attendance of freely given time equates to a remarkable 1805 volunteer session days, which is modestly estimated assuming a six-hour day to be valued at approximately £132,234 based on the UK National Living Wage £12.21ph. Although basing the figures on a six-hour day some volunteers do not stay all day although others are there for much longer. In addition to the recorded attendances these figures do not consider the incalculable free time given by a handful of volunteers working behind the scenes on administrative and management duties which would no doubt considerably inflate the calculated £132,234.



Recruiting and training qualified RYA sailing instructors is always a priority as well as identifying new people to take responsibility for boat maintenance, safety equipment and all aspects of volunteer training. As anticipated, volunteers and WSC Training Group instructors continue to fulfill the roles and responsibilities enabling the season's activities to continue on a professionally and safety conscious basis.

The closed season training days are important with a mix of 'on-the-water' sessions to improve sailing and powerboat skills and onshore / classroom sessions. Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults are given priority with volunteers being encouraged to attend in-house training and online training sessions by accredited providers.

Volunteering with Sailability@Whitefriars is not only rewarding — it's genuinely fun. While some volunteers take on specific roles such as instructors or buddy sailors and onshore roles such as hoisting people into boats, rigging boats, launching and recovery and giving out buoyancy aids plus safety equipment, many contribute in other vital ways behind the scenes, including marketing, finance, safeguarding, and administration. New volunteers are welcomed with a short informal induction to help them settle in, explore different roles and to feel part of the team. A dedicated mentor is on offer too. S@W's volunteering programme is so well regarded that the charity was invited to present a talk at the RYA regional conference in November — a proud moment for us all.

S@W also aim to celebrate our volunteers throughout the year. Occasional bacon sandwich mornings and pasty lunches are firm favourites, as are our social events. This summer, we were treated to a delicious paella cooked onsite by the brilliant Cotswold Cookery School (photo below) and we rounded off the season with a curry and quiz night.



Beyond the boats and the sailing, S@W is a place where friendships flourish. It's heartening to see volunteers and sailors connecting, laughing, and supporting one another — both on and off the water.

S@W is eternally grateful for the time and energy given by all the volunteers and paid instructors, which without their enthusiasm and expertise the organisation literally could not operate. However successful the charity was this year in fulfilling its purpose and objectives, none of it would be possible without the community support received from local businesses, trusts, funding bodies, individual supporters, and fundraisers, plus not forgetting the support



of the RYA and the Whitefriars Sailing Club which is vital to S@W's very existence, function, and achievements.

Achievements and Performance

Summary of Main Achievements: (SORP Ref: 1.20)

S@W's activities in 2025, have once again been extremely good both financially and with our activities on the water. The focus throughout the year has been to ensure the wellbeing of clients, their carers, family members and the volunteers. The year has again been successful in further developing S@W's financial strength, ensuring the sustainability of the recreational services offered to people with disabilities and their family members etc.

By starting 2025 with a healthy bank balance, S@W was free to focus on developing its resources and equipment strategy. Again, this was due to both the Julia Rausing Trust and the Barnwood Trust agreement to provide the running costs over three years in support of our Sailing Disability Programme.

During 2025 S@W delivered 1515 sailor sessions, an increase of 201 on the previous year, of which 768 were individual members, 309 were from local schools plus a further 438 sailor sessions from care homes and special groups. In terms of actual sailors, there were 196 attendances comprising 94 individual members, 80 from local schools and 64 from care homes and special groups.

The early season planning and training programme meant S@W were well placed to offer everyone an enjoyable, safe and positive sailing experience over two days a week from April to mid-October. The season came to an end in November with the volunteers having completed their end of season training programmes followed by equipment cleaned and packed away for the winter. Volunteer training resumes in March 2026, ready for the new sailing season starting the first week in April 2026.

Newsletters were again published in the Spring and Autumn. These Newsletters, apart from informing people about what we do, they convey thanks to volunteers plus all those who help us. Newsletters continue to be an invaluable tool in the fund-raising team's armoury by being extremely well received by the funding organisations who financially support us. Related articles of interest were also published on the Sailability@Whitefriars Facebook page.

S@W is optimistic that next season will continue to benefit from all the achievements built up over previous years and will expand the leisure services that the charity can offer people living with disabilities.

Achievements against objectives: (SORP Ref: 1.41)

Sailing Skills Development

S@W has continually placed great emphasis encouraging, supporting, and guiding our disabled sailors through the RYA Sailability Syllabus of the RYA Achievement Scheme, from Entry Level through to Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Platinum.

This year, Sailability@Whitefriars has focused on expanding opportunities both on and off the water — recruiting new volunteers, developing existing ones, and supporting the growth of sailors, families, and carers. These efforts have helped more participants become Whitefriars Sailing Club members, progress into racing, and stay engaged with sailing long-term, while also making space for new sailors to join.



In 2025, 45 young sailors earned RYA Sailability scheme certificates – a remarkable rise from 10 in 2023 and 25 in 2024. Several are now working towards their RYA Level 2, with some transitioning into conventional boats. All students from Paternoster House School achieved Entry Level or higher. Paradise House residents also made great progress: four reached Entry Level, two achieved Bronze, and one earned Silver.

Our weekly Skills Improvement sessions continue to grow, with over twenty sailors taking part in eighteen races this season with more sailors and teams venturing further afield, beyond Whitefriars Club events.

Outside local dinghy sailing, one member with severe disabilities has been exploring coastal yacht sailing, working towards his Day Skipper qualification. He recently completed the iconic Round the Island Race — proof that the skills gained at S@W can take you far.

Nationally, six of our sailors competed in some of the Hansa Traveller Trophy one-day events across the UK. With two achieving a podium place in their classes for results across the series. At the Hansa National Championships at the Weymouth & Portland National Sailing Academy two members claimed 2nd place finishes.



In August, two of our sailors (Antony and Toby) went to the European Championships in Oslo. They both found racing against the reigning Para and Inclusive World Champions was humbling and motivating and were placed 4th in the Inclusive Category and 11th overall, beating both world champion boats in several races.

In December Antony & Toby also competed for GBR in the Venture Connect class at the World Sailing Inclusion Championships, held in Oman (S@W hosted training for the GBR teams prior to the event). This was a significant achievement for both of them and whilst the light wind conditions in Oman did not favour them, both took many positives from the event and a wish to "do it all again next year"



Antony and Toby

Pioneering Inclusive Dinghy Instructor Course:



This season, Whitefriars Sailing Club proudly hosted the first-ever inclusive RYA Dinghy Instructor (DI) course — a pioneering step toward making sailing instruction accessible to all.

Led by RYA Instructors Rob Howlett and Liz McMaster, the initiative was built on a simple belief: *'people with disabilities not only sail — they can teach sailing too'*.

Rather than creating a separate pathway, Rob and Leon Ward from the RYA worked with veterans in Plymouth to identify barriers faced by disabled candidates. Together, they tackled the toughest challenge: teaching in standard, non-para class boats.

The result was a fully integrated course with reasonable adjustments embedded into the standard DI framework. Four S@W sailors qualified who also helped shape the course. The training spanned seven days. Participants learned both theory and practical instruction using Hansa accessible sailboats and RS Zest dinghies — even braving gusts over 30 knots with volunteer learners.

One sailor candidly shared his struggle with Imposter Syndrome, especially when teaching able-bodied sailors in a boat he had never sailed before. To overcome this, he asked his instructor to demonstrate the techniques firsthand, before trying it himself, building both skill and confidence. The sailor hopes that the experience and achievement gained from the instruction will open doors to employment and allow him to share the transformative power of sailing with others.

Essential Works:

Other than maintaining the boats and associated safety equipment there has been no need in 2025 to carry out any essential works to S@W's facilities.

Proposals for 2026 include consideration to raise funds for improving some of the lakes bankside making it safer for wheelchair users plus levelling of adjacent ground to facilitate a seating / viewing area to benefit sailors, supporting carers / parents and volunteers. Also, by relocating the existing mobility hoist significant benefits are gained from greater flexibility and safety in positioning boats in respect of wind direction when leaving or arriving back to shore.

New Boats and Equipment

This season has seen the addition of two Hansa 303 sailboats purchased with a combination of kind and generous donations from the following organisations:

- Summerfield Trust,
- Bruce Wake Trust,
- Douglas Bader Foundation,
- Julia Rausing Trust, and
- Cotswold Primrose Trust.



Volunteer Training

As planned at the beginning of the year, S@W ran a full programme of volunteer training and equipment maintenance, both before the April to October sailing season and afterwards until the end of November.

Sharing Our Experiences

Over recent years S@W has found itself being singled out or approached by a variety of other organisations for advice and information on how we organise and run Sailability or cited as an example of good practice. In 2025 S@W has shared its experiences with others as follows:

- Hosted a visit from the Calvert Devon Trust who want to set up a Sailability Group.
- Hosted a day's volunteering for young employees from St James Place Wealth Management as part of their corporate responsibility to the community.
- Welcomed visits from representatives from the Barnwood Trust, the Julia Rausing Trust and the Cotswold Primrose Trust.
- Received positive feedback from visitors from the RYA on the organisation and development offered by S@W during the RYA's overseeing of the new



introduction of a Dinghy Instructor course for people with disabilities - referred above under the heading **Pioneering Inclusive Dinghy Instructor Course**.

- Two sailors/volunteers chosen as speakers at the annual RYA National Conference.
- The S@W Volunteer Team received an RYA Impact Award to with the citation: *'Your time, energy, and passion make a meaningful difference, and we are grateful for your invaluable support'*.
- The Volunteer Support Team delivered a Workshop on volunteer support at the Autumn Regional RYA Conference.
- One of our volunteers, who is also a sailor with physical challenges, spoke at the same Regional Conference about his experiences as one of the first group of sailors with challenges to gain the pioneering RYA Dinghy Instructor qualification.

Fundraising performance / setting of activities against objectives: (SORP Ref: 1.41)

With adequate funding in place at the very start of the year covering all the charity's annual running costs, additional fundraising plus income from sailing fees allowed S@W, as with the previous year, to focus on resource development.

The funds received during 2025 from grants and donations including Gift Aid amounted to £65,556.80 and accounted for 88% of the charity's total annual income. Having started the year with a healthy bank balance of £20,478.56 in the Treasurer's Account and £19,585.00 in the Reserves Account, funds were sufficient for S@W to run a full calendar of Wednesday and Thursday sailing sessions together with an extensive volunteer training programme. Being fortunate in having such financial freedom for another three years has allowed the fund-raising team to focus on development and equipment costs to improve the enjoyment of everyone. Boat maintenance is an ongoing and expensive issue, and it is important to the safety of our participating clients and volunteers.

Investment Performance: (SORP Ref: 1.41)

For reasons already mentioned there are insufficient available funds to invest in respect of obtaining any appreciable return or income.

Financial Review

Financial position at the end of the period: (SORP Ref: 1.21)

As with the previous year, 2025 has been successful in further developing S@W's financial strength and continues to be in a position of financial and operational stability having developed sound relationships with a variety of funding organisations.

Main Funders during 2025

- Barnwood Trust (First payment of the Three-year Sailing Disability Programme)
- Julia Rausing Trust (First payment of the Three-year Sailing Disability Programme)
- Gloucestershire Community Foundation
- Bruce Wake Trust



- Summerfield Trust
- Anonymous Donations (Gift Aided and specifically for boat repairs and maintenance plus this year the creation of a fund towards supporting some of our sailors participating in international events)

There were also a few small donations amounting to £1,127.31.

Reserves Policy: (SORP Ref: 1.22 and 1.23)

The trustees have set a Reserves Policy to maintain sufficient level of reserves to ensure S@W's normal operating activities can continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty and that these reserves are maintained in a realisable form should a shortfall in income occur and considering potential risks and contingencies that may arise from time to time.

The trustees, when reviewing the risks and activities throughout the year, believe that with inflation, financial unpredictability worldwide, coupled with the charity having achieved financial stability over the previous years in respect of reserves, that six months operating costs are most appropriate. There are no uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern and reserves are deposited in a savings account separate from the Treasurer's Account.

On calculating the value of reserve required, the trustees have considered the risks in respect of expenditure, unrestricted income, and where appropriate restricted income and where funds can only be realised by the disposal of a fixed asset. Also taken into consideration are any external identified potential major risks to income and expenditure during the year.

The value of reserves held are as follows:

- During 2025 - £17,000.
- Proposed for 2026 - £19,000.

Principal sources of funds and fundraising: (SORP Ref: 1.47)

The principal source of funds going forward into 2026 will be backed by the healthy bank balance carried over from 2025 and coupled with the continuation of the 3-year bursaries from the Barnwood Trust and the Julia Rausing Trust, the charity is optimistic of financial stability in respect of running costs until the end of 2027. In addition, S@W is financially sound with sufficient reserves in the event of a financial obstacle or providing for an unpredictable incident. Fundraising will carry on into 2026 with approaches to various organisations in relation to seeking funds for the development of the facilities to improve people's enjoyment of the services provided by S@W.

Grants and donations generally make up approximately 70-85% of the charity's normal financial needs, the remainder come from subscriptions and sailing charges (which are kept to an absolute minimum) plus a small amount of self-generated funds through organised events.

Sailing subscription charges were nominally increased in 2024, currently the trustees are considering an increase for 2026. In our effort to keep costs for participants at an absolute minimum, any increase will be minimal, and we will continue to consider any hardship request as stated in the Policy on Grant Making section.



Investment policy and objectives including social policy: (SORP Ref: 1.46)

For reasons already mentioned there are insufficient available funds to invest in any appreciable or worthwhile financial gain.

As regards social investment, it is planned that the development of S@W's sailing for people with disabilities will continue to grow within the limits of the facilities and resources at present. S@W is always looking at areas of possible expansion by obtaining help from other sailing clubs in the area to take on specific activities that would allow the charity to increase the level of activity with new school groups who are wanting to participate in the sailing programme.

Risk Management: (SORP Ref: 1.46)

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Trustees manage and mitigate risks to the charity through reviews of operations and procedures at management team meetings every two months. Trustees' meetings are also held every two months.

- **Finance** – through procedures defined in the Finance Policy ongoing cashflow modelling and budget control is maintained with internal authorisation processes for management of transactions.
- **Health and Safety** – an agenda item at meetings to ensure compliance with regulations, and a common-sense approach to maintaining safe practices, with specific procedures for on or near water activities. Included in H&S management and considered a key component of providing a safe environment is the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults. Safeguarding is a standing agenda item in the management meetings to guarantee compliance and ensure regular reviews of policy and procedures are maintained.
- **External Risk** – to funding and services, strategic planning ensures relevant service development and diversifications paying heed to wider county and national strategic direction.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document and Constitution: (SORP Ref: 1.25)

The charity has a Constitution as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation whose only voting members are its seven charity trustees.

Appointment of Trustees: (SORP Ref: 1.25)

Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

- 1) In selecting individuals for appointments as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.
- 2) Nominated Trustee
 - a) The Whitefriars Sailing Club ("the appointing body") may appoint one charity trustee.

- b) Any appointment must be made at a meeting held according to the ordinary practice of the appointing body.
- c) Each appointment must be for a term of three years.
- d) The appointment will be effective from the later date of:
 - i) the date of the vacancy, and
 - ii) the date on which the charity trustees or their secretary or clerk are informed of the appointment.
- e) The person appointed need not be a member of the appointing body.
- f) A trustee appointed by the appointing body has the same duty as the other charity trustees to act in the way he or she decides in good faith would be most likely to further the purposes of the CIO.

Policies adopted for the induction and training of trustees: (SORP Ref: 1.51)

On appointment, trustees sign a declaration of eligibility, undertake a Disclosure & Barring Service check, and undergo training in line with safeguarding requirements.

Also, checks are carried out on committee members and volunteers in line with statutory requirements.

All volunteers undergo regular training in accordance with the organisations operational requirements as outlined in the S@W Operating Guide as well as RYA guided training through the Whitefriars Sailing Club's affiliation as a recognised RYA Training Centre.

Trustees and Organisational Structure: (SORP Ref: 1.51)

S@W has a board of trustees of at least three members with a maximum of seven as defined in the Constitution. Both the Chair of Trustees and the Treasurer are trustees. The trustees oversee the day-to-day running of the organisation through a committee of members governed by a Chief Operating Officer to assist with the operational activities of the organisation and being responsible for the strategic direction of the charity and monitoring systems to ensure good governance. Supported and overseen by trustees, the management committee members manage the day-to-day operation of the organisation, leading the team of regular volunteers to implement strategy and ensuring that they continue to develop their skills and working procedures to the best outcome of S@W's clients. Regular management committee meetings are held every two months.

All trustees and committee members give their time voluntarily and, except for any approved out-of-pocket expenses, receive no remuneration or other financial benefits.

Relationship to other Parties: (SORP Ref: 1.51)

S@W operates at the Whitefriars Sailing Club (WSC) under written agreement. The Whitefriars Sailing Club is an official Royal Yachting Association Sailability Foundation Centre.

The term 'Sailability' is the name of the RYA's national programme for people with disabilities who want to go boating regularly.

S@W adheres to the RYA Safeguarding Adults Policy and Guidelines. These can be found at: <https://www.rya.org.uk/about-us/rya-policies/safeguarding/Pages/hub.aspx>

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Sailability@Whitefriars
Other name the charity uses	S@W
Registered charity number	1187670
Charity's principal address	Whitefriars Sailing Club Lake 26 Cotswold Water Park Whitefriars Lane Ashton Keynes Wiltshire SN6 6FW

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)
David James Durston	Chair of Trustees		
Anthony John Wootley	Treasurer		
Jean Neale	Fund Raising Secretary		
Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
David Buffham			
Oliver John Wootley			

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others:

Description of the assets held in this capacity.	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how these fall within the custodian charity's objects.	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets.	N/A

Names and addresses of advisers:

Type of adviser	Name	Address
National body for dinghy sailing & personal watercraft	Royal Yachting Association	RYA House, Ensign Way, Hamble, Hants, SO31 4YA
Bankers	Lloyds Bank Plc	PO Box 1000, BX1 1LT
Accountants	PWB Accountancy Services Ltd	Waterloo House, 18 The Waterloo, Cirencester, GL7 2PY



Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details	N/A
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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Anthony John Wootley	David James Durston
Position	Treasurer	Chair of Trustees
Date	10/01/2026	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
SAILABILITY @ WHITEFRIARS

No (if any)
1187670

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2025	To	Period end date 31/12/2025
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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					
Grants	-	53,735	-	53,735	17,500
Donations	5,427	4,485	-	9,912	10,054
Gift Aid	1,909	-	-	1,909	3,114
Subscriptions	3,095	-	-	3,095	3,005
Group Visit Sailing Fees	4,033	-	-	4,033	2,515
Individual Sailing Fees	647	-	-	647	250
Events / Fundraising Activity	-	-	-	-	428
Interest on Reserves Account	156	-	-	156	260
Sale items	305	-	-	305	1,372
Boat Hire	548	-	-	548	361
Sundry Receipts	-	-	-	-	79
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	16,120	58,220	-	74,340	38,938
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	16,120	58,220	-	74,340	38,938
A3 Payments					
Facility Costs	-	3,020	-	3,020	2,769
Insurance / Professional Fees	-	3,340	-	3,340	2,827
Independent Examiner Fee	-	360	-	360	330
Instructor Fees	-	12,220	-	12,220	11,480
Training Fees / Costs	-	1,110	-	1,110	645
Marketing	-	354	-	354	373
Printing, Stationery & Telephone	-	305	-	305	124
Events / Fundraising Activity	-	2,410	-	2,410	423
Club Merchandise	-	-	-	-	1,088
Maintenance and Renewals	-	10,432	-	10,432	7,257
Other Equipment and Improvements	-	937	-	937	7,046
Volunteer support	-	1,306	-	1,306	747
Miscellaneous Costs	-	-	-	-	376
Bank Interest & Charges	8	-	-	8	7
Sub total	8	35,794	-	35,802	35,492
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Boats	920	15,928	-	16,848	12,675
Safety and other equipment	-	850	-	850	9,369
Sub total	920	16,778	-	17,698	22,044
Total payments	928	52,572	-	53,500	57,536
Net of receipts/(payments)	15,192	5,648	-	20,840	- 18,598
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	19,662	20,410	-	40,072	58,670
Cash funds this year end	34,854	26,058	-	60,912	40,072

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Treasurers Account	15,113	26,058	-
	Reserves Account	19,741	-	-
	Total cash funds	34,854	26,058	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	RS Venture Sailboat 2	Restricted	15,000	6,000
	RS Venture Sailboat 1	Restricted	14,799	6,000
	Hansa 303 Dinghy (Sail No 264)	Restricted	2,000	1,000
	Electric Outboard Motor	Restricted	2,090	1,133
	Wayfarer Dinghy (Sail No 10211)	Restricted	1,575	1,500
	Hansa 2.3 Dinghy (Sail No 2292)	Restricted	800	800
	Drascombe Lugger Sailboat (Gifted to S@W on 01/01/2022)	Un-restricted	-	4,000
	Gazebo	Restricted	675	247
	BA Trolley	Restricted	498	171
	Hansa 303 Dinghy (Sail No 3257)	Restricted	7,829	3,263
	Buoyancy aids	Restricted	1,451	536
	Safety helmets	Restricted	456	172
	RS Venture Sailboat 3	Restricted	16,601	6,858
	Pontoon	Restricted	10,670	4,408
	Hansa 303 Dinghy (Sail No 2879) Gifted to S@W on 01/01/2023	Un-restricted	-	1,500
	Hansa 303 Dinghy (Sail No 2979) Gifted to S@W on 01/01/2023	Un-restricted	-	1,500
	Hansa 303 Dinghy (Sail No 3227) Gifted to S@W on 01/01/2023	Un-restricted	-	1,592
	Wayfarer Dinghy (Sail No 10082) Gifted to S@W on 01/01/2023	Un-restricted	-	1,500
	Hansa 303 Dinghy (Sail No 2555) Gifted to S@W on 01/01/2023	Un-restricted	-	1,500
	Paddles	Restricted	275	207
	Picnic Tables x 2	Restricted	1,554	892
	Gazebo weights and storage stand	Restricted	621	358
	Picnic Tables x 1	Restricted	777	449
	Picnic shelter	Restricted	2,700	1,645
	Hansa Liberty Sailboat (Sail No 3429)	Restricted	10,175	6,995
	Boat Multi-mover and accessories	Restricted	5,272	3,624
	Hansa Liberty Sailboat (Sail No 1890) plus cover	Restricted	2,500	2,500
	Hansa 303 Dinghy (Sail No 2144) Gifted to S@W on 23/03/2025	Un-restricted	-	1,000
	Hansa 303 Dinghy (Sail No 3817)	Restricted	8,463	7,229
	Hansa 303 Dinghy (Sail No 3826)	Restricted	8,385	7,337
	Racing Seats for RS Ventures	Restricted	850	744
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities		-	-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Anthony Wootley	26/01/2026
	David Durston	26/01/2026



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

SAILABILITY @ WHITEFRIARS

On accounts for the
year ended

31/12/2025

Charity no
(if any)

1187670

Set out on pages

1 to 2

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2025.

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
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:

27.01.26

Name:

Mrs Carla Mary Thorne

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

FCCA

Address:

PWB Accountancy Services Ltd

Waterloo House, 18 The Waterloo

Cirencester GL7 2PY

Section B

Disclosure

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

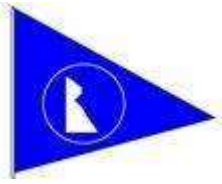
Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

- NONE -

SAILABILITY@WHITEFRIARS

England & Wales - Charity number 1187670

Accounts



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Sailability @ Whitefriars



Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

01/01/2024 to 31/12/2024

Charity Registration Number: 1187670



Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes: (SORP Ref: Para 1.17)

To provide and maintain facilities, equipment, and support for people with disabilities and long-term health issues to participate at all skill levels in the sport of sailing and other associated water sports activities to improve their quality of life and to promote social inclusion and equality.

Nothing in the constitution shall authorise an application of the property of the CIO for any purposes which are not charitable.

Summary of the main activities: (SORP Ref: Para 1.17 and 1.19)

In developing and running S@W's activities, the trustees have at the forefront of their aims and objectives the Charity Commission's guidance on operating the charity for the public benefit.

The beneficiaries of Sailability@Whitefriars (S@W) are people living with disabilities and long-term health issues with whom the charity helps them to participate at all skill levels in the sport of sailing and other associated water sports activities with an aim to improve their quality of life and to promote social inclusion and equality. S@W has access to the facilities, volunteer support, and boats for disabled sailing that can enable people to not only sail leisurely, but to compete on level terms with everybody else in the activity of sailing. Families achieve a lot from taking to the water and enjoying the experience and surroundings whilst learning a new skill.

Sailing is a rewarding activity for people of any age with almost any disability and gives independence and well-being to the members of the public that come to S@W's sailing sessions.

The success of the charity's services comes from listening to people, valuing their opinions, and providing non-judgmental support.

Statement regarding public benefit: (SORP Ref: 1.18)

In developing and running S@W's activities, the trustees have at the forefront of their aims and objectives the Charity Commission's guidance on operating the charity for the public benefit. S@W regularly reviews its work ensuring that the charity's aims, objectives, and all activities remain relevant to what it has stated that it will achieve. S@W evaluates its work in relation to the outcomes and benefits it produces for people for whom the charity helps.

Policy on grant making: (SORP Ref: 1.38)

S@W works hard to maintain its income whilst keeping charges at a minimal level to the members of the public who use the charity's facilities. Consequently, apart from a relatively small amount of self-generated income, the major source of revenue is from requests for grant funding to other public bodies and private organisations. For these reasons S@W are not able to make grants to others although would readily consider a hardship request in respect of the sailing charges from someone wanting to participate in the charity's activities but could not financially do so.



Investment policy: (SORP Ref: 1.38)

For reasons mentioned above there are insufficient surplus funds to invest regarding obtaining any appreciable return or income. However, S@W has set up a separate Reserve Account earning a small amount of interest at the basic bank investment rate for savings.

S@W also works to develop strategies with other organisations and having this year come to the end of a three-year Sailing Disability Programme with the Barnwood Trust the charity is now actively seeking funding for 2025 and beyond with the aim of securing another 3-year bursary.

Volunteer's contribution: (SORP Ref: 1.38)

Apart from paying the Whitefriars Sailing Club to have a RYA qualified Sailing Instructor and appropriately qualified Dinghy Instructors at all the Wednesday and Thursday sailing sessions, a huge proportion of support is given freely by volunteers to help S@W deliver its objectives. The recorded data of volunteer attendances in 2024 showed that 86 different volunteers attended at least once during the year of which 21 were new attendees. This attendance of freely given time equates to a remarkable 1501 volunteer session days, which is modestly estimated assuming a seven-hour day to be valued at approximately £119,000 based on the UK National Living Wage £11.44ph. Although basing the figures on a seven-hour day some volunteers do not stay all day, however, these figures do not consider the incalculable free time given by a handful of volunteers working behind the scenes on administrative and management duties which would no doubt inflate the calculated £119,000.

Recruiting and training qualified RYA sailing instructors is always a priority as well as identifying new people to take responsibility for boat maintenance, safety equipment and all aspects of volunteer training. As anticipated, volunteers and WSC Training Group instructors continue to fulfill the roles and responsibilities enabling the season's activities to continue on a professionally and safety conscious basis.

The closed season training days remain especially important with a mix of 'on-the-water' sessions to improve sailing skills and onshore / classroom sessions. Safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults is given priority with volunteers being encouraged to attend online training sessions by accredited providers.

S@W is eternally grateful for the time and energy given by all the volunteers and paid instructors, which without their enthusiasm and expertise the organisation could not operate so effectively, and safely.

However successful the charity was this year at fulfilling its purpose and objectives, none of it would be possible without the community support received from local businesses, trusts, funding bodies, individual supporters, and fundraisers, plus not forgetting the support of the RYA and the Whitefriars Sailing Club which is vital to S@W's very existence, function, and achievements.

Achievements and Performance

Summary of Main Achievements: (SORP Ref: 1.20)

S@W's activities in 2024, have once again been extremely good both financially and with our activities on the water. The focus throughout the year has been to ensure the wellbeing of clients, their carers, family members and the volunteers. The year has again been successful in further developing S@W's financial strength, ensuring the sustainability of the recreational services offered to people with disabilities and their family members etc.

By starting 2024 with a healthy bank balance, S@W was free to focus on developing its resources and equipment strategy. Again, this was due to the Barnwood Trust's agreement to provide the running costs over three years, ending this year, for a Sailing Disability Programme. S@W was granted additional funding, also on a three-year programme which ends in 2025, by the Wiltshire Community Foundation to help the sustainability of the Sailing Disability Programme.

During the year S@W delivered 1314 sailor sessions, of which 761 were individual members, 292 were from local schools plus a further 261 sailor sessions from care homes and special groups. In terms of actual sailors, there were 161 attendances comprising 62 individual members, 80 from local schools and 19 from care home and special groups.

In 2023 S@W embarked on a Theory of Change process which is ongoing and is giving S@W a framework for planning the future growth and shape of the group and its activities. In 2024 because of the Theory of Change process S@W produced an Impact Report which is proving to be a beneficial vehicle for informing our volunteers, funders and associated parties of our progress and identification of important issues of governance going forward.

The Winter training programme and early season planning meant S@W were well placed to offer everyone an enjoyable, safe and positive sailing experience in the right boats with the right support over two days a week from April to mid-October. The season came to an end in November with equipment cleaned and packed away for the winter and the volunteers having completed their end of season training programmes. Volunteer training resumes in March 2025, ready for the new sailing season starting the first week in April 2025.

Newsletters were again published in the Spring and Autumn. These Newsletters, apart from informing people about what we do, they convey thanks to volunteers plus all those who help us. Newsletters continue to be an invaluable tool in the fund-raising team's armoury by being extremely well received by the funding organisations who financially support us. Related articles of interest were also published on the Sailability@Whitefriars Facebook page.

S@W is optimistic that next season will benefit from all the achievements built up over previous years and will expand the leisure services that the charity can offer people living with disabilities.

Achievements against objectives: (SORP Ref: 1.41)

Sailing Skills Development

S@W has continually placed great emphasis encouraging, supporting, and guiding our disabled sailors through the RYA Sailability Syllabus of the RYA Achievement Scheme, from Entry Level through to Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Platinum.



Obtaining certification has again proved popular and successful resulting in assisting our younger sailors progressing their sailing skills by awarding the following RYA Sailability sailing certificates throughout 2024:

- 1No Entry Level, 3No Bronze, 5No Silver, 1No Platinum.

Some of our adult sailors have also dedicated themselves to improving their sailing skills beyond Sailability, through RYA certifications by successfully completing their Level 3 Seamanship and Spinnaker courses at the club.

The content of the Sailability sessions has taken a variety of forms throughout the year and catered for the level of experience, ability and ambition/outcome that our sailors are looking for. One of the most popular events that has gone from strength to strength this year are our Thursday afternoon instructor led sessions. Aimed at skill development, these sessions range from setting up a variety of course layouts on the lake to practice and develop sailing skills, to the introduction of racing rules and the occasional race throughout the season. This has led to a few of our sailors in 2024 entering themselves in National and International events in both the UK and abroad in the Netherlands.

Essential Works: Picnic Shelter

One of the group's project highlights for 2024 has been the construction of a picnic shelter plus the provision of three special picnic benches with extended ends to accommodate wheelchairs. The picnic shelter is a wooden gazebo type structure and provides a quiet place for our sailors and carers to sit away from the commotion at the clubhouse where people's attendance is registered, and they are prepared with safety aids for going on the water. Funding came from a variety of sources and our thanks go to the Gloucester Masonic Charity Action/Freemasons of Gloucester and the Cheltenham Freemasonry Lodge plus the Mid-Counties Co-operative and the Barnwood Trust. Some funds came out of S@W's own

unrestricted reserves with the foundations and ground works cost being covered by the Whitefriars Sailing Club.



New Boats and Equipment

This season has seen the addition of two boats (one new and one previously owned) to the fleet of specially adapted sailboats, both being Hansa Liberty's. The Hansa Liberty differs from our popular Hansa 303 in that it has more supportive seating as well as more available controls to the sailor in controlling the boat. The boat is also faster than the Hansa 303 and has more possibilities to enable people

more complex needs to sail independently. The only problem with the Liberty is its weight and hauling them up our slipway is difficult, so to mitigate the risk of musculoskeletal injury to our valuable volunteers, we have also purchased a motorised tug to assist with the operation. Fortunately, there was sufficient funds in our unrestricted reserves to purchase the new Hansa Liberty and the motorised tug without having to source external funding. The boat and the tug are shown below:



Volunteer Training

As planned at the beginning of the year, S@W ran a full programme of volunteer training, both before the April to October sailing season and afterwards until the end of November.



Sharing Our Experiences

Over the last couple of years S@W has found itself being singled out or approached by a variety of other organisations for advice and information on how we organise and run Sailability or cited as an example of good practice.

In July we hosted a small contingent from Wimbleball Sailability to provide some insight into our background organisation, bookings processes, finance etc., which was very well received and has prompted further contact with their management team including a visit by one of our trustees to a Sailability session in Somerset.

In September we hosted a delegation from RYA consisting of their UK Regional Management Team, following an internal reorganisation and giving responsibility for Sailability development to new individuals. S@W were selected as a venue to visit because in the eyes of the RYA we were regarded as a “gold standard” of Sailability centers. The following text is the feedback email we received after the visit from Joff McGill, the RYA Sailability Manager:

A massive thank you for everything over the last couple of days. I know that the RYA team were blown away by everything you have achieved at Whitefriars and were inspired by what they saw. In a discussion afterwards they highlighted three things. Firstly, the thought you have put behind the welcome people get when they first arrive and how that follows through to every part of the experience, secondly the amount of thought, structure and planning that goes on in the background to make it all happen. Finally, the culture you have created amongst all the volunteers - to deliver that much activity, look after that much kit, raise that amount of funding all from a volunteer team who say without fail that they get out of it more than they put in is brilliant to see.

Rob Howlett and I were discussing how we could thank you tangibly - would you prefer a small contribution to your funds at this stage or a subsidised place on the next RYA course or event you need to attend?

Please pass on our thank to everyone involved. It was very clear how much of a team effort it was.

All the best

Joff McGill

Sailability Manager



Fundraising performance / setting of activities against objectives: (SORP Ref: 1.41)

With funding in place at the very start of the year covering all the charity's annual running costs, additional fundraising plus income from sailing fees allowed S@W to focus on resource development.

Discounting the 2024 grant payment from the Barnwood Trust that was paid in December 2023, the funds received during 2024 just from grants and donations amounted to £27,554.41 and accounted for 68% of the charity's total annual income. Having started the year with a healthy bank balance of £37,522.30 in the Treasurers Account and £21,147.93 in the Reserves Account funds were sufficient for S@W to run a full calendar of Wednesday and Thursday sailing sessions together with an extensive volunteer training programme. This gave freedom for the fund-raising team to focus on development and equipment costs. Boat maintenance is an ongoing issue, but this year has been exceptional due to several boats being damaged requiring expensive repairs.

Investment Performance: (SORP Ref: 1.41)

For reasons already mentioned there are insufficient available funds to invest in respect of obtaining any appreciable return or income.

Financial Review

Financial position at the end of the period: (SORP Ref: 1.21)

As with the previous year, 2024 has been successful in further developing S@W's financial strength and continues to be in a position of financial and operational stability having developed sound relationships with a variety of funding organisations.

Main Funders during 2024

- Barnwood Trust (Final payment of the Three-year Sailing Disability Programme)
- Wiltshire Community Foundation (Final payment of the Three-year Sailing Disability Programme)
- Cheltenham Freemasonry Lodge
- Gloucester Masonic Charity Action/Freemasons of Gloucester
- Anonymous Donations (Specifically for boat repairs and maintenance)

There were also a few small donations amounting to £2,307.41.

Reserves Policy: (SORP Ref: 1.22 and 1.23)

The trustees have set a Reserves Policy to maintain sufficient level of reserves to ensure S@W's normal operating activities can continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty and that these reserves are maintained in a realisable form should a shortfall in income occur and considering potential risks and contingencies that may arise from time to time.

The trustees, when reviewing the risks and activities throughout the year, believe that with inflation, financial unpredictability worldwide, coupled with the charity having achieved financial stability over the previous years in respect of reserves, that six months operating costs is most appropriate. There are no uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern and reserves are held in a savings account separate from the Treasurers Account.



On calculating the value of reserve required, the trustees have considered the risks in respect of expenditure, unrestricted income, and where appropriate restricted income and where funds can only be realised by the disposal of a fixed asset. Also taken into consideration are any external identified potential major risks to income and expenditure during the year.

The value of reserves held are as follows:

- During 2024 - £17,000.
- Proposed for 2025 - £17,000.

Principal sources of funds and fundraising: (SORP Ref: 1.47)

The principal source of funds going forward into 2025 will be backed by the healthy bank balance carried over from 2024 coupled with applications for grants in aid of running costs. On top of this, the charity is financially sound with sufficient reserves in the event of failure to raise additional core costs or provide for an unpredicted incident. Fundraising will carry on into 2025 with approaches to various organisations in relation to seeking funds for running costs, possibly through another 3-year bursary like that which supported the charity between 2022 and 2024. S@W will also be seeking costs for two new boats together with additional instructor fees to support a specific element of growth for sailors wanting to develop their skills leading to independent and competitive sailing.

Grants and donations make up approximately 70-80% of the charity's normal financial needs, the remainder coming from subscriptions and sailing charges (which are kept to an absolute minimum) plus a small amount of self-generated funds through organised events.

As sailing subscription charges were nominally increased in 2024 it has been decided to keep the same fee structure for 2025 in our effort to keep costs for participants at an absolute minimum.

Investment policy and objectives including social policy: (SORP Ref: 1.46)

For reasons already mentioned there are insufficient available funds to invest in any appreciable or worthwhile financial gain.

As regards social investment, it is planned that the development of S@W's sailing for people with disabilities will continue to grow within the limits of the facilities and resources at present. S@W is also looking at areas of possible expansion by obtaining help from other sailing clubs in the area to take on specific activities that would allow the charity to increase the level of activity with new school groups who are wanting to participate in the sailing programme.

Risk Management: (SORP Ref: 1.46)

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Trustees manage and mitigate risks to the charity through reviews of operations and procedures at management team meetings held as required, but a minimum every two months. Trustees' meetings are held every four months.



- **Finance** – through procedures defined in the Finance Policy ongoing cashflow modelling and budget control is maintained with internal authorisation processes for management of transactions.
- **Health and Safety** – an agenda item at meetings to ensure compliance with regulations, and a common-sense approach to maintaining safe practices, with specific procedures for on or near water activities. Included in the H&S management and considered a key component of providing a safe environment is the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults. Safeguarding is a standing agenda item in the management meetings to guarantee compliance and ensure regular reviews of policy and procedures are maintained.
- **External Risk** – to funding and services, strategic planning ensures relevant service development and diversifications paying heed to wider county and national strategic direction.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document and Constitution: (SORP Ref: 1.25)

The charity has a Constitution as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation whose only voting members are its seven charity trustees.

Appointment of Trustees: (SORP Ref: 1.25)

Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

- 1) In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.
- 2) Nominated Trustee
 - a) The Whitefriars Sailing Club (“the appointing body”) may appoint one charity trustee.
 - b) Any appointment must be made at a meeting held according to the ordinary practice of the appointing body.
 - c) Each appointment must be for a term of three years.
 - d) The appointment will be effective from the later of:
 - i) the date of the vacancy, and
 - ii) the date on which the charity trustees or their secretary or clerk are informed of the appointment.
 - e) The person appointed need not be a member of the appointing body.
 - f) A trustee appointed by the appointing body has the same duty as the other charity trustees to act in the way he or she decides in good faith would be most likely to further the purposes of the CIO.

Policies adopted for the induction and training of trustees: (SORP Ref: 1.51)

On appointment, trustees sign a declaration of eligibility, undertake a Disclosure & Barring Service check, and undergo training in line with safeguarding requirements.

Also, checks are carried out on committee members and volunteers in line with statutory requirements.



All volunteers undergo regular training in accordance with the organisations operational requirements as outlined in the S@W Operating Guide as well as RYA guided training through the Whitefriars Sailing Club's affiliation as a recognised RYA Training Centre.

Trustees and Organisational Structure: (SORP Ref: 1.51)

S@W has a board of trustees of at least three members with a maximum of seven as defined in the Constitution. Both the Chairman and the Treasurer are trustees. The trustees oversee the day-to-day running of the organisation through a committee of members to assist with the operational activities of the organisation and being responsible for the strategic direction of the charity and monitoring systems to ensure good governance. Supported and overseen by trustees, the management committee members manage the day-to-day operation of the organisation, leading the team of regular volunteers to implement strategy and ensuring that they continue to develop their skills and working procedures to the best outcome of S@W's clients. Regular management committee meetings are held every two months.

All trustees and committee members give their time voluntarily and, except for any approved out-of-pocket expenses, receive no remuneration or other financial benefits.

Relationship to other Parties: (SORP Ref: 1.51)

S@W operates at the Whitefriars Sailing Club (WSC) under written agreement. The Whitefriars Sailing Club is an official Royal Yachting Association Sailability Foundation Centre.

The term 'Sailability' is the name of the RYA's national programme for people with disabilities who want to go boating regularly.

S@W adheres to the RYA Safeguarding Adults Policy and Guidelines. These can be found at: <https://www.rya.org.uk/about-us/rya-policies/safeguarding/Pages/hub.aspx>

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Sailability@Whitefriars
Other name the charity uses	S@W
Registered charity number	1187670
Charity's principal address	Whitefriars Sailing Club Lake 26 Cotswold Water Park Whitefriars Lane Ashton Keynes Wiltshire SN6 6FW

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)
David James Durston	Chair of Trustees		
Anthony John Wootley	Treasurer		
Jean Neale	Fund Raising Secretary		



Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
Louise Caroline Rounds			
David Buffham			
Oliver John Wootley			
Les Colyer			

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others:

Description of the assets held in this capacity.	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how these fall within the custodian charity's objects.	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets.	N/A

Names and addresses of advisers:

Type of adviser	Name	Address
National body for dinghy sailing & personal watercraft	Royal Yachting Association	RYA House, Ensign Way, Hamble, Hants, SO31 4YA
Bankers	Lloyds Bank Plc	PO Box 1000, BX1 1LT
Accountants	PWB Accountancy Services Ltd	Waterloo House, 18 The Waterloo, Cirencester, GL7 2PY

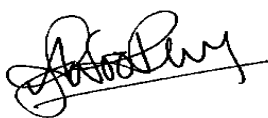
Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details	N/A
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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Anthony John Wootley	David James Durston
Position	Treasurer	Chair of Trustees
Date	05/01/2025	



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
01/01/2024

To

Period end date
31/12/2024

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					
Grants	-	17,500	-	17,500	51,510
Donations	2,307	7,747	-	10,054	5,745
Gift Aid	3,114	-	-	3,114	-
Subscriptions	3,005	-	-	3,005	3,405
Group Visit Sailing Fees	2,515	-	-	2,515	1,950
Individual Sailing Fees	250	-	-	250	325
Events / Fundraising Activity	428	-	-	428	788
Interest on Reserves Account	260	-	-	260	173
Sale items	1,372	-	-	1,372	158
Boat Hire	361	-	-	361	-
Sundry Receipts	79	-	-	79	443
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	13,691	25,247	-	38,938	64,497
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	13,691	25,247	-	38,938	64,497
A3 Payments					
Facility Costs	-	2,769	-	2,769	2,990
Insurance / Professional Fees	-	2,827	-	2,827	3,075
Independent Examiner Fee	-	330	-	330	330
Instructor Fees	-	11,480	-	11,480	11,615
Training Fees / Costs	-	645	-	645	2,266
Marketing	-	373	-	373	693
Printing, Stationery & Telephone	-	124	-	124	115
Events / Fundraising Activity	-	423	-	423	601
Club Merchandise	1,088	-	-	1,088	-
Maintenance and Renewals	-	7,257	-	7,257	12,479
Other Equipment and Improvements	1,693	5,353	-	7,046	2,698
Volunteer support	-	747	-	747	975
Miscellaneous Costs	305	71	-	376	534
Bank Interest & Charges	7	-	-	7	3
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	3,093	32,399	-	35,492	38,374
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Boats	10,175	2,500	-	12,675	-
Safety and other equipment	4,928	4,441	-	9,369	1,999
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	15,103	6,941	-	22,044	1,999
Total payments	18,196	39,340	-	57,536	40,373
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 4,505	- 14,093	-	- 18,598	24,124
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	24,167	34,503	-	58,670	34,546
Cash funds this year end	19,662	20,410	-	40,072	58,670

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	
B1 Cash funds	Treasurers Account	77	20,410	-	
	Reserves Account	19,585	-	-	
	Total cash funds	19,662	20,410	-	
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-	
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	
B3 Investment assets		-	-	-	
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	RS Venture Sailboat 1 (Sail No 344)	Restricted	14,799	4,889	
	RS Venture Sailboat 2	Restricted	15,000	4,823	
	RS Venture Sailboat 3	Restricted	16,601	9,143	
	Hansa 303 Dinghy H04 (Sail No 264)	Restricted	2,000	1,500	
	Hansa 303 Dinghy H06 (Sail No 3257)	Restricted	7,829	4,351	
	Wayfarer Dinghy W01 (Sail No 10211)	Restricted	1,575	1,500	
	Drascombe Lugger Sailboat (Gifted to S@W on 01/01/2022)	Restricted	-	4,000	
	Gazebo	Restricted	675	329	
	BA trolley	Restricted	498	228	
	Pontoon	Restricted	10,670	5,877	
	Buooyancy aids	Restricted	1,451	714	
	Safety helmets	Restricted	456	230	
	Hansa 2.3 Dinghy H09 (Sail No 2292)	Restricted	800	800	
	Electric Outboard Motor	Restricted	2,090	1,510	
	Wayfarer Dinghy W02 (Sail No 10082) Gifted to S@W on 01/01/2023	Restricted	-	1,500	
	Hansa 303 Dinghy H01 (Sail No 2555) Gifted to S@W on 01/01/2023	Restricted	-	1,500	
	Hansa 303 Dinghy H03 (Sail No 2979) Gifted to S@W on 01/01/2023	Restricted	-	1,803	
	Hansa 303 Dinghy H05 (Sail No 3227) Gifted to S@W on 01/01/2023	Restricted	-	2,122	
	Hansa 303 Dinghy H07 (Sail No 2879) Gifted to S@W on 01/01/2023	Restricted	-	1,500	
	Pontoon storage Box	Restricted	170	50	
	Paddles	Restricted	275	210	
	Picnic Tables x 2	Restricted	1,554	1,189	
	Picnic Tables x 1	Restricted	777	599	
	Boat Multi-mover and accessories	Un-restricted	5,272	4,832	
	Hansa Liberty Sailboat (Sail No 3429)	Un-restricted	10,175	9,327	
	Gazebo weights and storage stand	Restricted	621	478	
	Picnic shelter	Restricted	2,700	2,194	
	Hansa Liberty Sailboat (Sail No 1890) plus new cover	Restricted	2,500	2,500	
		Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	B5 Liabilities		0	-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Anthony Wootley	18/02/2025
	David Durston	18/02/2025



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

SAILABILITY @ WHITEFRIARS

On accounts for the
year ended

31/12/2024

Charity no
(if any)

1187670

Set out on pages

1 to 2

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").

Independent
examiner's statement

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.

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:

19.02.25.

Name:

Mrs Carla Mary Thorne

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

FCCA

Address:

PWB Accountancy Services Ltd

Waterloo House, 18 The Waterloo

Cirencester GL7 2PY

Section B

Disclosure

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

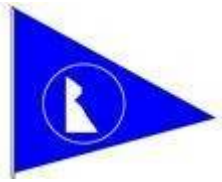
Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

- NONE -

SAILABILITY@WHITEFRIARS

England & Wales - Charity number 1187670

Accounts



**The King's Award
for Voluntary Service**

The MBE for volunteer groups



Sailability @ Whitefriars



Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

01/01/2023 to 31/12/2023

Charity Registration Number: 1187670

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes: (SORP Ref: Para 1.17)

To provide and maintain facilities, equipment, and support for people with disabilities and long-term health issues to participate at all skill levels in the sport of sailing and other associated water sports activities to improve their quality of life and to promote social inclusion and equality.

Nothing in the constitution shall authorise an application of the property of the CIO for any purposes which are not charitable.

Summary of the main activities: (SORP Ref: Para 1.17 and 1.19)

In developing and running S@W's activities the trustees have at the forefront of their aims and objectives the Charity Commission's guidance on operating the charity for the public benefit. The beneficiaries of Sailability@Whitefriars (S@W) are people living with disabilities and long-term health issues with whom the charity helps them to participate at all skill levels in the sport of sailing and other associated water sports activities with an aim to improve their quality of life and to promote social inclusion and equality. S@W has access to the facilities, volunteer support, and boats for disabled sailing that can enable people to not only sail leisurely, but to compete on level terms with everybody else in the activity of sailing. Families achieve a lot from taking to the water and enjoying the experience and surroundings whilst learning a new skill.

Sailing is a rewarding activity for people of any age with almost any disability and gives independence and well-being to the members of the public that come to S@W's sailing sessions.

The success of the charity's services comes from listening to people, valuing their opinions, and providing non-judgmental support.

Statement regarding public benefit: (SORP Ref: 1.18)

In developing and running S@W's activities the trustees have at the forefront of their aims and objectives the Charity Commission's guidance on operating the charity for the public benefit. S@W regularly reviews its work ensuring that the charity's aims, objectives, and all activities remain relevant to what it has stated that it will achieve. S@W evaluates its work in relation to the outcomes and benefits it produces for people for whom the charity helps.

Policy on grant making: (SORP Ref: 1.38)

S@W works hard to maintain its income whilst keeping charges at a minimal level to the members of the public who use the charity's facilities. Therefore, apart from a relatively small amount of self-generated income, the major source of revenue is from requests for grant funding to other public bodies and private organisations. For these reasons S@W are not able to make grants to others although would readily consider a hardship request in respect of the sailing charges from someone wanting to participate in the charity's activities but could not financially do so.

Investment policy: (SORP Ref: 1.38)

For reasons mentioned above there are insufficient surplus funds to invest regarding obtaining any appreciable return or income. However, S@W has set up a separate Reserve Account earning a small amount of interest at the basic bank investment rate for savings.



S@W also works to develop strategies with other organisations and at the beginning of 2021 engaged in a three-year Sailing Disability Programme with the Barnwood Trust charity. In 2022 the Douglas Bader Foundation approached S@W with a suggestion of giving under 25-year-olds with SEN and/or a disability an opportunity to experience sailing. Unfortunately, we were unable to hold the same event this year but are hopeful to repeat the opportunity in the future.

Volunteer's contribution: (SORP Ref: 1.38)

Apart from paying the Whitefriars Sailing Club to have a RYA qualified Sailing Instructor and appropriately qualified Dinghy Instructors at all the Wednesday and Thursday sailing sessions, a huge proportion of support is given freely by volunteers to help S@W deliver its objectives. The recorded free time given in 2023 is modestly estimated to be valued at approximately £74,788 based on the UK National Living Wage £10.42ph. These figures do not consider the incalculable free time given by a handful of volunteers working behind the scenes on administrative and management duties.

Like many organisations, S@W suffers a degree of turnover of volunteers but the departure of our long serving Senior Sailing Instructor from both Sailability and Whitefriars Sailing Club at the end of the 2022 season caused the group to think carefully about the operation of the 2023 season and the need to review some of the arrangements for our weekly sessions.

Recruiting and training qualified RYA sailing instructors was a priority as well as identifying new people to take responsibility for boat maintenance, safety equipment and all aspects of volunteer training. As anticipated, volunteers and WSC Training Group instructors stepped up to the mark, roles and responsibilities were shared and all the season's activities continued as before, with some positive changes.

The closed season training days were and remain especially important with a mix of 'on-the-water' sessions to improve sailing skills and 'onshore / classroom sessions'. Safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults is given priority with volunteers being encouraged to attend online training sessions by accredited providers.

S@W this year welcomed eleven new volunteers achieving, as with previous years, a body of approximately seventy individuals of which a few attended just a single session when specifically required, and others who attended as much as 90% of the sessions (which included both training and sailing sessions).

To summarise; approximately 7177 volunteer hours of free time plus a further 660 paid instructor's hours is attributed to both the volunteer training sessions held in March and November and during the twice weekly sailing sessions between April and October.

As stated above, a further addition to those recorded hours is an incalculable amount of free time given by handful of volunteers working behind the scenes on administrative and management duties to ensure the activities run smoothly, safely and that the charity is accountable in using the available resources responsibly.

S@W is eternally grateful for the time and energy given by all the volunteers and paid instructors, which without their enthusiasm and expertise the organisation could not operate so effectively, and safely.

However successful the charity was this year at fulfilling its purpose and objectives, besides the recognition of two prestigious awards (see para.1.20), none of it would be possible without the community support received from local businesses, trusts, funding bodies, individual supporters, and fundraisers, plus not forgetting the support of the RYA and the Whitefriars Sailing Club which is vital to S@W's very existence, function, and achievements.

Achievements and Performance

Summary of Main Achievements: (SORP Ref: 1.20)

Before summarising our main achievements, mention must be made of two notable awards attributed to Sailability at Whitefriars.

Firstly, and most significantly, it was announced on 14 November that the charity had been awarded the first Kings Award for Voluntary Services, which was presented to the Charity by the Lord Lieutenant of Wiltshire, Mrs. Sarah Troughton.



This prestigious award reflects the total dedication and unrelenting effort made by the charity's volunteers together with the support it receives from our host organisation the Whitefriars Sailing Club. It is an enormous honour to receive this award and to share it with our exceptional team of volunteers who work incredibly hard to deliver sailing experiences to people with disabilities and additional needs. This was a proud moment for the charity and an achievement that we hope to build on.

Secondly, our Treasurer and Trustee Tony Wootley, was awarded a Lifetime Commitment Award from the Royal Yachting Association which was presented by the RYA's President HRH The Princess Royal at their annual general meeting and awards ceremony.





S@W's activities in 2023, have once again been extremely good both financially and with our activities on the water. The focus throughout the year has been to ensure the wellbeing of clients, their carers, family members and the volunteers. The year has also been successful in further developing S@W's financial strength, ensuring the sustainability of the recreational services offered to people with disabilities and their family members etc.

By starting 2023 with a healthy bank balance, S@W was free to focus on developing its resources and equipment strategy. Again, this was due to the Barnwood Trust's agreement to provide the running costs over three years for a Sailing Disability Programme. Additional funding, also on a three-year programme, has been granted by the Wiltshire Community Foundation to help the sustainability of the Sailing Disability Programme.

During the year S@W was accessed by 161 individual sailors plus just as many carers and family members at a cost of £23,197 (Total costs less capital items, equipment costs and maintenance/repair costs). The number of individual sailors was down on that of 2022 which was due to not running extra sessions through the school summer holidays with the Douglas Bader Association which gave a slightly inflated attendance figure for the previous year.

During 2023, S@W was offered the opportunity to benefit from mentoring support delivered by the Cranfield Trust. The Chair and one of the Trustees took full advantage of the offer to support the further development of S@W as a charity and working group. This has led to S@W embarking on a Theory of Change process which is ongoing and is giving S@W a framework for planning the future growth and shape of the group and its activities. The Theory of Change process has highlighted some areas of concern – in particular, the need to recruit and train more volunteers but also some important issues of governance and succession planning.

This year, the role of an Events Manager has been created and added to the management team. Part of this initiative is to develop a 'Coffee and Cake' meeting outside of the regular season and training sessions to bring sailors and volunteers together for a social catch-up. The first one was in November and proved very successful. Others are now planned for 2024. Small improvements like the Coffee and Cake social catch-up is helping S@W in embracing the key themes guiding the development of the RYA – that 'Sailability is more than sailing'.

Clubs need to be more inclusive – 'Together on the Water' is the RYA's slogan, and Volunteers are at the heart of everything we do.

The Winter training programme and early season planning meant S@W were well placed to offer everyone an enjoyable, safe and positive sailing experience in the right boats with the right support over two days a week from April to mid-October. The season came to an end in November with equipment cleaned and packed away for the winter and the volunteers having completed their end of season training programmes. Volunteer training resumes in March 2024, ready for the new sailing season starting the first week in April 2024.

Newsletters were again published in the Spring and Autumn. These Newsletters, apart from informing people about what we do, they convey thanks to volunteers plus all those who help us. Newsletters continue to be an invaluable tool in the fund-raising team's armoury by being extremely well received by the funding organisations who financially support us.

Related articles of interest were also published on the [Sailability@Whitefriars](#) Facebook page.

S@W is optimistic that next season will benefit from all the achievements built up over previous years and will expand the leisure services that the charity can offer people living with disabilities.

Achievements against objectives: (SORP Ref: 1.41)

Sailing Skills Development

S@W has placed greater emphasis during 2023 on encouraging, supporting, and guiding our disabled sailors through the RYA Sailability Syllabus of the RYA Achievement Scheme, from Entry Level through to Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Platinum.

Obtaining certification has proved popular and successful with 18 sailors this year achieving the following awards: *Entry 7 No / Bronze 7 No / Silver 3 No / Gold 1 No*



Case Study: Michaela

When I approached Sailability at Whitefriars I was rather hesitant due to mobility challenges. However, the friendly, relaxed atmosphere made for a thoroughly joyous season out on the water. I felt very welcomed by all members and the organisation and found a calming and safe environment. Adaptions and accommodation are very well implemented for individual needs and Sailability are excellent in providing appropriate sailing equipment for those with disabilities in a professional manner. My confidence has increased, and I have made new friends there. Volunteers are true diamonds with varied expertise and a fun approach to sailing.



I always arrive with a smile on my face as I enjoy the anticipation of each session and leave with an even bigger smile! Having followed the RYA Sailability syllabus, I received the silver award, including certification and badge! My recent first solo sail was extremely invigorating as I put all what I had learnt into practice. The sense of freedom is fantastic! Sailability is a wonderful, inclusive, and affordable facility. Thank you to all Members, Volunteers and Trustees of Sailability, without whom I would not have had the opportunity of such wonderful experiences. I would thoroughly recommend Sailability for an amazing time on the water.

Essential Works: Pontoon / Jetty

One of the group's project highlights for 2023 has been the development of the pontoon and rebuilding of the adjacent concrete jetty which, from a H&S aspect, has been restricted from use due to deterioration of the concrete structure.



With the growing need to berth and maintain the increased number of boats in recent years it was necessary to enlarge the floating pontoon and reinstate the concrete jetty bringing the lost waterside back into use. A budget was established at the beginning of 2022 followed by successful targeted funding in time to complete all the works by the autumn of 2023.

Although targeted external funds largely contributed to the pontoon and jetty's costs, in a co-operative way it was accomplished with S@W and WSC working together for mutual, public and environmental benefit which included WSC providing some of the financing plus the complete project management.

Volunteer Training

As planned at the beginning of the year, S@W ran a full programme of volunteer training, both before the April to October sailing season and afterwards until the end of November.

Fundraising performance / setting of activities against objectives: (SORP Ref: 1.41)

With funding in place at the very start of the year covering all the charity's annual running costs, additional fundraising plus income from sailing fees allowed S@W to focus on resource development.

The funds received during 2023 just from grants and donations amounted to £36,500.28 and accounted for 83% of the charity's total annual income. Having started the year with a healthy bank balance of £16,538.78 in the Treasurers Account and £18,000.80 in the Reserves Account with the promise of further funding from the Barnwood Trust and the Wiltshire Community Foundation, funds were sufficient for S@W to run a full calendar of Wednesday and Thursday sailing sessions together with an extensive volunteer training programme. This gave freedom for the fund-raising team to focus on development and equipment costs which this year was minimal due to the extensive fund raising required for development and equipment in 2022 which included funds to carry out essential modifications to the pontoon and rebuilding of the adjacent concrete jetty that was completed this year.

Case Study: The RYA's 'Together on the Water Strategy'

As part of the Royal Yachting Associations strategy, 'Together on the Water', the RYA wants to enable more people to enjoy sailing, and the RYA's Together Fund has helped people to do just that.

The RYA has supported projects to promote fair access to sailing and the Together Fund has allowed them to focus on the benefits of being on the water for lower socio-economic and culturally diverse communities, disabled people and those with long-term health problems. Originally introduced by Sport England as the Tackling Inequalities Fund off the back of the Covid pandemic, the RYA was granted £195,000 from the Together Fund. This supported 53 extra projects with clubs and centres, with a total of £570,000 going towards 127 initiatives across both combined funds to reach communities in need.

S@W has benefited in recent years from the financial support of the Together Fund which was allocated to training of the volunteer team that encompassed RYA training courses as well as invaluable informal mentoring sessions. As a result of the of the initiative S@W was featured as a case study in the RYA's winter edition of their members magazine.

Presented below are some edited extracts from the RYA article titled 'Fair Access to Freedom':

- ❖ **Dedicated volunteer Jean Neale** - has seen at first hand the profound impact the of the Together Fund on the Whitefriars Sailing Club's Sailability mission. She explained, *'Sailing is a therapeutic activity for many with limited mobility. After their sessions, participants come off the boats feeling better than before they started.'*



- ❖ **Marilyn** - an active participant at Whitefriars, shared her son Christian's transformative experience with sailing. Despite being non-verbal and using a wheelchair due to developmental changes, he communicates his joy and satisfaction through actions and expressions. Marilyn said, *'The club has made a huge effort to make us feel really welcome. Christian loves to get on the water every Wednesday and gets so much out of it.'*

- ❖ **RYA Sailability Manager Joff McGill** - highlighted the importance of volunteers by saying, *'The biggest element that made this project so successful is the amazing group of people who were there to make the activity happen. The volunteers have a really good approach to the way that they deliver activity on the water for everyone, and make sure peoples experience on the water is something they want to come to again and again.'*



Investment Performance: (SORP Ref: 1.41)

For reasons already mentioned there are insufficient available funds to invest in respect of obtaining any appreciable return or income.

Financial Review

Financial position at the end of the period: (SORP Ref: 1.21)

As with the previous year, 2023 has been successful in further developing S@W's financial strength and continues to be in a position of financial and operational stability having developed sound relationships with a variety of funding organisations, especially with the Barnwood Trust and the Wiltshire Community Foundation who are supporting the charity with the funding programme known as the 'Sailing Disability Programme'.

Main Funders during 2023

- Barnwood Trust
(Three-year Sailing Disability Programme)
- Wiltshire Community Foundation
(Three-year Sailing Disability Programme)
- Mid-Counties Co-operative
- Wiltshire County Council (Malmesbury Area Board)
- Cheltenham Freemasonry Lodge
- Wiltshire and Swindon Sport
- Anonymous Donation
(For boat repairs and maintenance)
- Anonymous Donation
(For pontoon and jetty development)

There were also quite a few small donations amounting to £1,320.28.

Reserves Policy: (SORP Ref: 1.22 and 1.23)

The trustees have set a Reserves Policy to maintain sufficient level of reserves to ensure S@W's normal operating activities can continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty and that these reserves are maintained in a realisable form should a shortfall in income occur considering potential risks and contingencies that may arise from time to time.

The trustees, when reviewing the risks and activities throughout the year, believe that with inflation, financial unpredictability worldwide, coupled with the charity having achieved financial stability over the last four years in respect of reserves, that six months operating costs is most appropriate. There are no uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern and reserves are held in a savings account separate from the Treasurers Account.

On calculating the value of reserve required, the trustees have considered the risks in respect of expenditure, unrestricted income, and where appropriate restricted income and where funds can only be realised by the disposal of a fixed asset. Also taken into consideration are any external identified potential major risks to income and expenditure during the year.

The value of reserves held are as follows:

- During 2023 - £14,150.
- Proposed for 2024 - £17,000.



Principal sources of funds and fundraising: (SORP Ref: 1.47)

The principal source of funds going forward into 2024 will be the healthy balance carried over from 2023 on top of which most of the charity's running costs will be met by the Barnwood Trust and the Wiltshire Community Foundation supporting what is referred to as a 'Sailing Disability Programme'. Funding in the past has been supported by other local fund providers as well as the RYA/Sport England initiatives with whom S@W is developing robust relationships.

Grants and donations make up approximately 80% of the charity's normal financial needs, the remainder coming from subscriptions and sailing charges (which are kept to an absolute minimum) plus a small amount of self-generated funds through organised events.

Although sailing charges are kept to a minimum due to the participants' disabilities it is proposed to increase the fees in 2024 by a modest £5 for the year.

Investment policy and objectives including social policy: (SORP Ref: 1.46)

For reasons already mentioned there are insufficient available funds to invest for any appreciable or worthwhile financial gain.

As regards social investment, it is planned that the development of S@W's sailing for people with disabilities will continue to grow within the limits of the facilities and resources at present. S@W is also looking at areas of possible expansion by obtaining help from other sailing clubs in the area to take on specific activities that would allow the charity to increase the level of activity with new school groups who are wanting to participate in the sailing programme.

In addition, the trustees are keen to help the Barnwood Trust develop other voluntary groups in Gloucestershire by talking to them about the charity's own experiences. In addition, S@W is exploring the possible involvement with social prescribing initiatives in the local area, where feasible and consistent with the charity's aims and objectives.

Risk Management: (SORP Ref: 1.46)

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Trustees manage and mitigate risks to the charity through reviews of operations and procedures at management team meetings held as required, but a minimum every two months. Trustees' meetings are held every four months.

- **Finance** – ongoing cashflow model and budget control with internal authorisation procedures for management of transactions.
- **Health and Safety** – an agenda item at meetings to ensure compliance with regulations, and a common-sense approach to maintaining safe practices, with specific procedures for on or near water activities. Included in the H&S management and considered a key component of providing a safe environment is the Safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults. Safeguarding is a standing agenda item in the management meetings to guarantee compliance and ensure regular reviews of policy and procedures are maintained.
- **External Risk** – to funding and services, strategic planning ensures relevant service development and diversifications paying heed to wider county and national strategic direction.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document and Constitution: (SORP Ref: 1.25)

The charity has a Constitution as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation whose only voting members are its seven charity trustees.

Appointment of Trustees: (SORP Ref: 1.25)

Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

- 1) In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.
- 2) Nominated Trustee
 - a) The Whitefriars Sailing Club (“the appointing body”) may appoint one charity trustee.
 - b) Any appointment must be made at a meeting held according to the ordinary practice of the appointing body.
 - c) Each appointment must be for a term of three years.
 - d) The appointment will be effective from the later of:
 - i) the date of the vacancy, and
 - ii) the date on which the charity trustees or their secretary or clerk are informed of the appointment.
 - e) The person appointed need not be a member of the appointing body.
 - f) A trustee appointed by the appointing body has the same duty as the other charity trustees to act in the way he or she decides in good faith would be most likely to further the purposes of the CIO.

Policies adopted for the induction and training of trustees: (SORP Ref: 1.51)

On appointment, trustees sign a declaration of eligibility, undertake a Disclosure & Barring Service check, and undergo training in line with safeguarding requirements.

Also, checks are carried out on committee members and volunteers in line with statutory requirements.

All volunteers undergo regular training in accordance with the organisations operational requirements as outlined in the S@W Operating Guide as well as RYA guided training through the Whitefriars Sailing Club's affiliation as a recognised RYA Training Centre.

Trustees and Organisational Structure: (SORP Ref: 1.51)

S@W has a board of trustees of at least three members with a maximum of seven as defined in the Constitution. Both the Chairman and the Treasurer are trustees. The trustees oversee the day-to-day running of the organisation through a committee of members to assist with the operational activities of the organisation and being responsible for the strategic direction of the charity and monitoring systems to ensure good governance. The trustees and committee members manage the day-to-day operation of the organisation, leading the team of regular volunteers to implement strategy and ensuring that they continue to develop their skills and working procedures to the best outcome of S@W's clients. Regular management committee meetings are held every two months.

All trustees and committee members give their time voluntarily and, with the exception of any approved out-of-pocket expenses, receive no remuneration or other benefits.

**Relationship to other Parties:** (SORP Ref: 1.51)

S@W operates at the Whitefriars Sailing Club (WSC) under written agreement. The Whitefriars Sailing Club is an official Royal Yachting Association Sailability Foundation Centre.

The term 'Sailability' is the name of the RYA's national programme for people with disabilities who want to go boating regularly.

S@W adheres to the RYA Safeguarding Adults Policy and Guidelines. These can be found at: <https://www.rya.org.uk/about-us/rya-policies/safeguarding/Pages/hub.aspx>

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Sailability@Whitefriars
Other name the charity uses	S@W
Registered charity number	1187670
Charity's principal address	Whitefriars Sailing Club Lake 26 Cotswold Water Park Whitefriars Lane Ashton Keynes Wiltshire SN6 6FW

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)
David James Durston	Chairman		
Anthony John Wootley	Treasurer		
Jean Neale	Fund Raising Secretary		
Louise Caroline Rounds	Community Liaison and Sailing Coordinator		
David Buffham		Commenced as a trustee 01/05/2023	
Oliver John Wootley			
Les Colyer			

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others:

Description of the assets held in this capacity.	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects.	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets.	N/A



Names and addresses of advisers:

Type of adviser	Name	Address
National body for dinghy sailing & personal watercraft	Royal Yachting Association	RYA House, Ensign Way, Hamble, Hants, SO31 4YA
Bankers	Lloyds Bank Plc	PO Box 1000, BX1 1LT
Accountants	PWB Accountancy Services Ltd	Waterloo House, 18 The Waterloo, Cirencester, GL7 2PY

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details	N/A
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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Anthony John Wootley	David James Durston
Position	Treasurer	Chairman
Date	05/03/2024	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
SAILABILITY @ WHITEFRIARS

No (if any)
1187670

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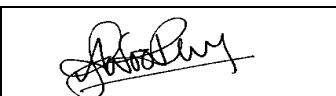
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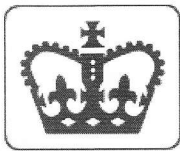
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Section A Receipts and payments

	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					
Grants		51,510	-	51,510	57,985
Donations	1,320	4,425	-	5,745	2,900
Gift Aid		-		-	497
Season Ticket Subscriptions	3,405	-	-	3,405	2,965
Group Visit Fees	1,950	-	-	1,950	2,680
Individual Sailing Fees	325	-	-	325	150
Events and Fund Raising Activities	788	-	-	788	502
Interest on deposit account	173	-		173	8
Sale items	158	-	-	158	75
Sundry receipts	443	-	-	443	135
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	8,562	55,935	-	64,497	67,897
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	8,562	55,935	-	64,497	67,897
A3 Payments					
Facility charges	-	2,990	-	2,990	3,637
Insurance / Professional Fees	150	2,925	-	3,075	2,495
Independent Examiner fee	-	330	-	330	300
Instructor Fees	-	11,615	-	11,615	13,880
Training Costs	-	2,266	-	2,266	2,200
Marketing	205	488	-	693	245
Printing, Stationery & Telephone	42	73	-	115	455
Events and Promotion costs	-	601	-	601	383
Maintenance and Renewals	-	12,479	-	12,479	9,497
Other Equipment & Storage Improvements	-	2,698	-	2,698	68
Volunteer support	-	975		975	766
Miscellaneous costs	534	-	-	534	60
Bank Interest & Charges	3	-		3	-
Sub total	934	37,440	-	38,374	33,986
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
Boats	-		-	-	24,429
Safety and other equipment	-	1,999	-	1,999	13,750
Sub total	-	1,999	-	1,999	38,179
Total payments	934	39,439	-	40,373	72,165
Net of receipts/(payments)	7,628	16,496	-	24,124	- 4,268
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	16,539	18,007	-	34,546	38,814
Cash funds this year end	24,167	34,503	-	58,670	34,546

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Treasurers Account	3,019	34,503	-
	Reserves Account	21,148	-	-
	Total cash funds	24,167	34,503	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details		-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	RS Venture Sailboat 1 (Sail No 344)	Restricted	14,799	4,889
	RS Venture Sailboat 2	Restricted	15,000	4,823
	RS Venture Sailboat 3	Restricted	16,601	12,191
	Hansa 303 Dinghy H04 (Sail No 264)	Restricted	2,000	1,500
	Hansa 303 Dinghy H06 (Sail No 3257)	Restricted	7,829	5,431
	Wayfarer Dinghy W01 (Sail No 10211)	Restricted	1,575	1,500
	Drascombe Lugger Sailboat (Gifted to S@W on 01/01/2022)	Restricted	-	4,000
	Gazebo	Restricted	675	438
	BA trolley	Restricted	498	303
	Pontoon	Restricted	10,670	7,836
	Buoyancy aids	Restricted	1,451	952
	Safety helmets	Restricted	456	307
	Hansa 2.3 Dinghy (Sail No 2979)	Restricted	800	800
	Electric Outboard Motor	Restricted	2,090	1,510
	Wayfarer Dinghy W02 (Sail No 10082) Gifted to S@W on 01/01/2023	Restricted	-	1,500
	Hansa 303 Dinghy H01 (Sail No 2555) Gifted to S@W on 01/01/2023	Restricted	-	1,500
	Hansa 303 Dinghy H03 (Sail No 2979) Gifted to S@W on 01/01/2023	Restricted	-	2,404
	Hansa 303 Dinghy H05 (Sail No 3227) Gifted to S@W on 01/01/2023	Restricted	-	2,830
	Hansa 303 Dinghy H07 (Sail No 2879) Gifted to S@W on 01/01/2023	Restricted	-	1,671
	Pontoon storage Box	Restricted	170	149
	Paddles	Restricted	275	241
	Picnic Tables	Restricted	1,554	1,359
	B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
			-	-
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Anthony Wootley	01/03/2024	
		David Durston	01/03/2024	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

SAILABILITY @ WHITEFRIARS

On accounts for the
year ended

31/12/2023

Charity no
(if any)

1187670

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2023.

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
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:

06.03.24

Name:

Mrs Carla Mary Thorne

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

FCCA

Address:

PWB Accountancy Services Ltd

Waterloo House, 18 The Waterloo

Cirencester GL7 2PY

Section B

Disclosure

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.

- NONE -

Accounts



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: 01/01/2022 Period start date To: 31/12/2022 Period end date

Charity name: Sailability@Whitefriars

Charity registration number: 1187670

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Summary of the purposes: To provide and maintain facilities, equipment, and support for people with disabilities and long-term health issues to participate at all skill levels in the sport of sailing and other associated water sports activities to improve their quality of life and to promote social inclusion and equality. Nothing in the constitution shall authorise an application of the property of the CIO for any purposes which are not charitable.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Summary of the main activities: In developing and running S@W's activities the trustees have at the forefront of their aims and objectives the Charity Commission's guidance on operating the charity for the public benefit. The beneficiaries of Sailability@Whitefriars (S@W) are people living with disabilities and long-term health issues with whom the charity helps them to participate at all skill levels in the sport of sailing and other associated water sports activities with an aim to improve their quality of life and to promote social inclusion and equality. S@W has access to the facilities, volunteer support, and boats for disabled sailing that can enable people to not only sail leisurely, but to compete on level terms with everybody else in the activity of sailing. Families achieve a lot from taking to the water and enjoying the experience and surroundings whilst learning a new skill. Sailing is a rewarding activity for people of any age with almost any disability and gives independence and well-being to the members of the public that come to S@W's sailing sessions. The success of the charity's services comes from listening to people, valuing their opinions, and providing non-judgemental support.

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Statement regarding public benefit: In developing and running S@W's activities the trustees have at the forefront of their aims and objectives the Charity Commission's guidance on operating the charity for the public benefit. S@W regularly reviews its work ensuring that the charity's aims, objectives, and all activities remain relevant to what it has stated that it will achieve. S@W evaluates its work in relation to the outcomes and benefits it produces the for people for whom the charity helps.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Policy on grant making: S@W works hard to maintain its income whilst keeping charges at minimal level to the members of the public who use the charity's facilities. Therefore, apart from a relatively small amount of self-generated income, the major source of revenue is from requests for grant funding to other public bodies and private organisations. For these reasons S@W are not able to make grants to others although would readily consider a hardship request in respect of the sailing charges from someone wanting to participate in the charity's activities but could not financially do so.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Investment policy: For reasons mentioned above there are insufficient surplus funds to invest regarding obtaining any appreciable return or income. However, S@W has set up a separate Reserve Account earning a small amount of interest at the basic bank investment rate for savings. S@W also works to develop strategies with other organisations and at the beginning of 2021 engaged in a three-year Sailing Disability Programme with the Barnwood Trust charity. In 2022 the Douglas Bader Foundation approached S@W with a suggestion of giving under 25-year-olds with SEN and/or a disability an opportunity to experience sailing. More about this opportunity is covered in a case study below under 'Summary of Main Achievements'.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Volunteer's contribution: Apart from paying the Whitefriars Sailing Club to have a RYA qualified Chief Sailing Instructor and appropriately qualified Dinghy Instructor's at all the Wednesday and Thursday sailing sessions, a huge proportion of support is given freely by volunteers to help S@W deliver its objectives. The recorded free time given in 2022 is estimated to be valued at £58,806 (UK Living Wage £8.91ph). S@W this year welcomed 19 new volunteers

		achieving, like last year, a body of 70 individuals of which a few attended just a single session when specifically required, and others who attended as much as 90% of the sessions (which included both training and sailing sessions). To summarise, approximately 6600 person/hrs of free time was given during both the volunteer training sessions held in March and November and during the twice weekly sailing sessions between April and October. As in previous years, a further addition to those recorded hours is an incalculable amount of free time given by handful of volunteers working behind the scenes on administrative and management duties to ensure the activities run smoothly, safely and that the charity is accountable in using the available resources responsibly. S@W is eternally grateful for the time and energy given by all the volunteers and paid instructors, which without their enthusiasm and expertise the organisation could not operate so effectively, and above all, safely. Whatever S@W does, and however successful the charity is at fulfilling its purpose and objectives, none of it would be possible without the community support received from local businesses, trusts, funding bodies, individual supporters, and fundraisers, and not forgetting the support of the RYA and the Whitefriars Sailing Club which is vital to S@W's very existence, function and achievements.
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Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Summary of Main Achievements: S@W's activities in 2022, have once again been extremely good both financially and with activities on the water. With the worst of the Covid pandemic past, safety remained a consideration throughout the year to ensure the wellbeing of clients, their carers, family members and the volunteers. 2022 has been a successful year in further developing S@W's financial strength ensuring the sustainability of the recreational services offered to people with disabilities and their family members etc. By starting 2022 with a healthy bank balance, largely due to the Barnwood Trust's agreement to provide the running costs for a Sailing Development Programme, together with the promise of other donations from grants applied for late in 2021, S@W was free to focus on developing its resources and equipment strategy.

		During the year S@W was accessed by 215 individuals plus just as many carers and family members at a cost of £24,361. The Winter training programme and early season planning meant S@W were well placed to offer everyone an enjoyable, safe and positive sailing experience in the right boats with the right support over two days a week from April to mid-October. The season came to an end in November with equipment cleaned and packed away for the winter and the volunteers having completed their end of season training programmes. Volunteer training resumes in February 2023, ready for the new sailing season starting in April 2023. Newsletters were published in the Spring and Autumn plus a Spring Training report by the Chief Instructor Rupert Whelan who is sadly leaving S@W for pastures new in Cornwall to assist in developing the Children's Sailing Trust. These Newsletters, apart from telling people about what we do and give thanks to volunteers plus all those who help us, they are proving to be an invaluable tool in the fund-raising team's armoury by being extremely well received by the funding organisations who financially support us. Similar articles of interest have also been published on the Sailability @ Whitefriars Facebook page. S@W is optimistic that next season will benefit from all the achievements attained this year and expand the leisure services that the charity can offer people living with disabilities.
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Case Study



The Douglas Bader Foundation

approached Sailability @ Whitefriars with a suggestion of giving under 25s with SEN and/or a disability an opportunity to experience sailing. The idea was not just to provide a taster session, but to encourage active, ongoing participation and involvement. To achieve this, the Foundation offered to cover the cost of a Season Ticket for sailability sessions at Whitefriars, so that the client could experience sailing, along with their families, throughout the season.

Local special needs schools were contacted about the programme, and World Jungle also promoted it as one of the activities that they offered online. Also using social media and word of mouth, S@W attracted 48 people with a disability to try the sport. Many came with members of their family, friends, or carers. In total S@W welcomed, including friends and family, 129 people to sessions over the 6-week summer vacation. Over half of those attending came back again, and again. Most of those attending was incredibly grateful because without the programme they would not have been aware that such opportunities were available, or that they would otherwise have been unable to access them.



S@W hope that many will now have the bug for sailing, and will develop their skills to enable them to get years of enjoyment as a family, or individually, through this truly inclusive sport. Plans are already being prepared to reach more people, and to develop those who have enjoyed the experience this season.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	Achievements against objectives: Following on from the hardships and restraints of the Covid pandemic, S@W's objectives at the beginning of the year was to return to a pre-pandemic situation by getting individuals, schools and other special groups back sailing with activities functioning at 100% capacity. In the main, this was achieved and in some areas of activity, attendance exceeded expectations. S@W ran a full programme of volunteer training, both before the April to October sailing season and afterwards until the end of November
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Fundraising performance: With funding in place at the very start of the year covering all the charity's annual running costs, additional fund raising plus income from sailing fees allowed S@W to focus on resource development. The funds received during 2022 just from grants and donations amounted to £61,442.35, and accounts for 91% of the charity's total annual income. Having started the year with a healthy bank balance of £28,813.78 in the Treasurers Account and £10,000.73 in the Reserves Account, funds were sufficient for S@W to run a full calendar of Wednesday and Thursday sailing sessions together with an extensive volunteer training programme. This gave freedom for the fund-raising team to focus on development and equipment costs with 2022 being the biggest in respect of capital purchases and replacement of worn-out equipment since the group's inception in 2012, with costs totalling £47,743.99. Successful targeted fund-raising enabled S@W to upgrade the safety equipment by replacing all the buoyancy aids and buy additional safety helmets etc., together with the purchase of a purpose made buoyancy aid trolley for ease of transporting safety equipment around the facilities. In addition, the charity was able to provide new covers and sails for the two Wayfarer dinghies, new covers for the two RS Venture sailboats, new sails for four of the Hansa 303 sailboats plus a new sail for the Hansa 2.3 sailboat emblazoned with the donor's name. Further fund-raising allowed S@W to carry out essential modifications to the pontoon which is planned to extend into 2023 with the rebuilding of an adjacent concrete jetty, which due to extensive deterioration is too dangerous to use. With the need for more boats, S@W was able to purchase a new Hansa 303 sailboat and an additional new RS Venture sailboat. S@W have also been able to send its large Drascombe Lugger sailboat away to have a much needed and expensive refurbishment.

Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	Investment performance: For reasons already mentioned there are insufficient available funds to invest regarding obtaining any appreciable return or income.
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Financial review: This year has been successful in further developing S@W's financial strength attributable to the great work and tireless efforts of S@W's main volunteer fund raiser and supporting team members by sourcing cash from a variety of different external organisations. S@W continues to be in a position of financial and operational stability having developed sound relationships with a variety of funding organisations, especially with the Barnwood Trust who have supported the charity in 2022 with the first of a three-year funding programme known as the 'Sailing Disability Programme'. S@W is now in a position of financial and operational stability having developed robust relationships with a variety of funding organisations. Funders during 2022 • Barnwood Trust (Three-year Sailing Disability Programme) • Barnwood Trust / Gloucestershire Funders • Gloucestershire Community Foundation / Rigby Family Trust • The Johnnie Johnson Trust • The Bruce Wake Trust • Sports Foundation for the Disabled • The Jack Lane Trust • Wiltshire Community Foundation • The Douglas Bader Foundation • The Wooden Spoon • Attivo Financial Planning • RYA / Sport England (Together Fund 2022) • Wiltshire and Swindon Sport (Together Fund 2022) • St James's Place • Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves policy: S@W Reserves Policy is to maintain sufficient level of reserves to enable normal operating activities to continue over a period of up to four months should a shortfall in income occur considering potential risks and contingencies that may arise from time to time. Due to the success in raising funds and securing a degree of un-restricted revenue, the four-month period deemed appropriate for 2022 will be increased to a maximum of six months in 2023.

		The trustees when reviewing the risks and activities throughout the year feel that with rising costs, financial instability worldwide, coupled with charity having achieved financial stability over the last three years in respect of reserves, that six months is more appropriate should fund raising from external organisations prove difficult or dry up in the future. In making a judgement on the amount of reserve required, the trustees have considered the risks in respect of the following financial aspects: - expenditure, unrestricted income, and where appropriate restricted income and where funds can only be realised by the disposal of a fixed asset. Also taken into consideration are any external identified potential major risks to income and expenditure during the year.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£8,500 held during 2021 £14,150 held for 2023 in a separate savings account
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Principal sources of funds: The principal source of funds for 2023 will be the healthy balance carried over from 2022 on top of which most the charity's running costs will be met by the Barnwood Trust who will fund the charity over the next two years supporting what is referred to as a 'Sailing Disability Programme'. This is further supported by other local fund providers as well as the RYA/Sport England with whom S@W is developing robust relationships. Grants and donations make up to 90% of the charity's normal financial needs, the remainder coming from subscriptions and sailing charges (which are kept to an absolute minimum) plus a small amount of self-generated funds through organised events.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Investment policy: For reasons already mentioned there are insufficient available funds to invest for any appreciable or worthwhile financial gain. As regards social investment, it is planned that the development of S@W's sailing for people with disabilities will continue to grow within the limits of the facilities and resources at present. S@W is also looking at areas of possible expansion by obtaining help from other sailing clubs in the area to take on specific activities that would allow the charity to

		increase the level of activity with new school groups who are wanting to participate in the sailing programme. In addition, the trustees are keen to help the Barnwood Trust develop other voluntary groups in Gloucestershire by talking to them about the charity's own experiences. In addition, S@W is exploring the possible involvement with social prescribing initiatives in the local area, where feasible and consistent with the charity's aims and objectives.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Risk Management: The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. Trustees manage and mitigate risks to the charity through reviews of operations and procedures at management team / trustee meetings held as required, but a minimum every two months. • Finance – ongoing cashflow model and budget control with internal authorisation procedures for management of transactions. • Health and Safety – an agenda item at every meeting (trustees and committee members) to ensure compliance with regulations, and a general common-sense approach to maintaining safe practices, with specific procedures for on or near water activities. • External risk – to funding and services, strategic planning ensures relevant service development and diversifications paying heed to wider county and national strategic direction.

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Governing Document: The charity has a Constitution as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation whose only voting members are its charity trustees.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Constitution: Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Appointment of Trustees: 1) Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. 2) In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

		3) Nominated Trustee a) The Whitefriars Sailing Club (“the appointing body”) may appoint one charity trustee. b) Any appointment must be made at a meeting held according to the ordinary practice of the appointing body. c) Each appointment must be for a term of three years. d) The appointment will be effective from the later of: i) the date of the vacancy, and ii) the date on which the charity trustees or their secretary or clerk are informed of the appointment. e) The person appointed need not be a member of the appointing body. f) A trustee appointed by the appointing body has the same duty as the other charity trustees to act in the way he or she decides in good faith would be most likely to further the purposes of the CIO.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Training: On appointment, trustees sign a declaration of eligibility, undertake a Disclosure & Barring Service check, and undergo training in line with safeguarding requirements. Also, checks are carried out on committee members and volunteers in line with statutory requirements. All volunteers undergo regular training in accordance with the organisations operational requirements as outlined in the S@W Operating Guide as well as RYA guided training through the Whitefriars Sailing Club’s affiliation as a recognised RYA Training Centre.
The charity’s organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Trustees and Organisational Structure S@W has a board of trustees of at least three members with a maximum of seven as defined in the Constitution. The trustees oversee the day-to-day running of the organisation through a committee of members to assist with the operational activities of the organisation and being responsible for the strategic direction of the charity and monitoring systems to ensure good governance. The trustees and committee members manage the day-to-day operation of the organisation, leading the team of regular volunteers to implement strategy and ensuring that they continue to develop their skills and working

		procedures to the best outcome of S@W's clients. Regular management committee meetings are held every two months. All trustees and committee members give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	Relationship to other Parties: S@W operates at the Whitefriars Sailing Club (WSC) under written agreement. The Whitefriars Sailing Club is an official Royal Yachting Association Sailability Foundation Centre. The term 'Sailability' is the name of the RYA's national programme for people with disabilities who want to go boating regularly. S@W adhere to the RYA Safeguarding Adults Policy and Guidelines. These can be found at: https://www.rya.org.uk/about-us/rya-policies/safeguarding/Pages/hub.aspx

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Sailability@Whitefriars
Other name the charity uses	S@W
Registered charity number	1187670
Charity's principal address	Whitefriars Sailing Club Lake 26 Cotswold Water Park Whitefriars Lane Ashton Keynes Wiltshire SN6 6FW

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	David James Durston	Chairman		
2	Anthony John Wootley	Treasurer		
3	Jean Neale	Fund Raising Secretary		
4	Louise Caroline Rounds	Community Liaison and Sailing Coordinator		
5	Gary Morris			
6	Oliver John Wootley			
7	Les Colyer			

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
National body for dinghy sailing and personal watercraft	Royal Yachting Association	RYA House, Ensign Way, Hamble, Hants, SO31 4YA
Bankers	Lloyds Bank Plc	PO Box1000, BX1 1LT

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

N/A

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

Other optional information

None

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Anthony John Wootley	David James Durston
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	Chairman
Date	11/01/2023	



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2022	To	Period end date 31/12/2022
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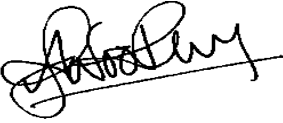
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Season Ticket Subscriptions	2,965	-	-	2,965	2,520
Group Visit Fees	2,680	-	-	2,680	1,820
Individual Sailing Fees	150	-	-	150	75
Events and Fund Raising Activities	502	-	-	502	221
Interest on deposit account	8	-	-	8	1
Sale items	75	-	-	75	337
Sundry receipts	135	-	-	135	976
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	9,912	57,985	-	67,897	50,245
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	9,912	57,985	-	67,897	50,245
A3 Payments					
Facility charges	-	3,637	-	3,637	4,187
Insurance / Professional Fees	18	2,477	-	2,495	2,035
Independent Examiner fee	-	300	-	300	300
Instructor Fees	-	13,880	-	13,880	11,310
Training Costs	-	2,200	-	2,200	2,461
Marketing	-	245	-	245	-
Printing, Stationery & Telephone	-	455	-	455	44
Events and Promotion costs	-	383	-	383	88
Repairs and Renewals	704	8,793	-	9,497	2,092
Other Equipment	-	68	-	68	1,072
Volunteer support & Miscellaneous costs	60	766	-	826	880
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	782	33,204	-	33,986	24,469
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
Boats	-	24,429	-	24,429	-
Safety and other equipment	-	13,750	-	13,750	4,465
Sub total	-	38,179	-	38,179	4,465
Total payments	782	71,383	-	72,165	28,934
Net of receipts/(payments)	9,130	- 13,398	-	- 4,268	21,311
A5 Transfers between funds	- 1,399	1,399	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	8,808	30,006	-	38,814	17,503
Cash funds this year end	16,539	18,007	-	34,546	38,814

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Treasurers Account	16,539		-
	Reserves Account		18,007	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	16,539	18,007	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Debtor	45	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	RS Venture Sailboat 1 (No 344)	Restricted	14,799	6,431
	RS Venture Sailboat 2	Restricted	15,000	6,518
	RS Venture Sailboat 3	Restricted	16,601	16,255
	Hansa 303 Dinghy 1 (No 264)	Restricted	2,000	1,500
	Hansa 303 Dinghy 2 (No 3257)	Restricted	7,829	7,241
	Challenger Sailboat (No 214)	Restricted	1,500	850
	Wayfarer Dinghy (No 100082)	Restricted	1,575	1,500
	Drascombe Lugger Sailboat	Restricted	Nil	4,000
	Gazebo	Restricted	675	548
	BA trolley	Restricted	498	405
	Pontoon	Restricted	10,670	10,448
	Buoyancy aids	Restricted	1,451	1,269
	Safety helmets	Restricted	456	409
	Hansa 2.3 Dinghy (No 2979)	Restricted	800	800
	Electric Outboard Motor	Restricted	2,090	1,777
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Anthony Wootley	01/03/2023
	David Durston	01/03/2023



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

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On accounts for the
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Signed:

Date:

06.08.23

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Accounts



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: 01/01/2021 Period start date To: 31/12/2021 Period end date

Charity name: Sailability@Whitefriars

Charity registration number: 1187670

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Summary of the purposes: To provide and maintain facilities, equipment, and support for people with disabilities and long-term health issues to participate at all skill levels in the sport of sailing and other water sports activities to improve their quality of life and to promote social inclusion and equality. Nothing in the constitution shall authorise an application of the property of the CIO for any purposes which are not charitable.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Summary of the main activities: In developing and running S@W's activities the trustees have at the forefront of their aims and objectives the Charity Commission's guidance on operating the charity for the public benefit The beneficiaries of Sailability@Whitefriars (S@W) are people living with disabilities and long-term health issues with whom the charity helps them to participate at all skill levels in the sport of sailing and other water sports activities with an aim to improve their quality of life and to promote social inclusion and equality. S@W has access to the facilities, volunteer support, and boats for disabled sailing that can enable people to not only sail leisurely, but to compete on level terms with everybody else in the activity of sailing. Families achieve a lot from taking to the water and enjoying the experience and surroundings whilst learning a new skill. Sailing is a rewarding activity for people of any age with almost any disability and gives independence and well-being to the members of the public that come to S@W's sailing sessions. The success of the charity's services comes from listening to people, valuing their opinions, and providing non-judgemental support.

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Statement regarding public benefit: In developing and running S@W's activities the trustees have at the forefront of their aims and objectives the Charity Commission's guidance on operating the charity for the public benefit. S@W regularly reviews its work ensuring that the charity's aims, objectives, and all activities remain relevant to what it has stated that it will achieve. S@W evaluates its work in relation to the outcomes and benefits it produces for people for whom the charity helps.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Policy on grant making: S@W works hard to maintain its income whilst keeping charges at minimal level to the members of the public who use the charity's facilities. Therefore, apart from a relatively small amount of self-generated income, the major source of revenue is from applications for grant requests to other public bodies and private organisations. For these reasons S@W are not able to make grants to others although would readily consider a hardship request in respect of the sailing charges from someone wanting to participate in the charity's activities but could not financially do so.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Investment policy: For reasons mentioned above there are insufficient surplus funds to invest regarding obtaining any appreciable return or income. However, S@W has set up a separate Reserve Account earning a small amount of interest at the basic bank rate for savings. S@W also works to develop strategies with other organisations and has recently engaged in a three-year Sailing Disability Programme with the Barnwood Trust charity.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Volunteer's contribution: Apart from paying the Whitefriars Sailing Club to have a RYA qualified Chief Sailing Instructor and appropriately qualified Dinghy Instructor at all the Wednesday and Thursday sailing sessions, a huge proportion of support is given freely by volunteers to help S@W deliver its objectives. The recorded free time is estimated to be valued at £57,470 (UK Living Wage £8.91ph). S@W this year had a body of 70 volunteers of which a few attended just a single session when specifically required, and others who attended as much as 90% of the sessions (which included both training and sailing sessions). To summarise, approximately 650 person/hrs of free time was

		given during the volunteer training sessions held in March and November, plus a minimum of 5800 person/hrs during the twice weekly sailing sessions between April and October. A further addition to those recorded hours is an incalculable amount of free time given by handful of volunteers working behind the scenes on administrative and management duties to ensure the activities run smoothly, safely and that the charity is accountable in using the available resources responsibly. S@W is eternally grateful for the time and energy given by all the volunteers and paid instructors, which without their enthusiasm and expertise the organisation could not operate so effectively, and above all, safely. Whatever S@W does, and however successful the charity is at fulfilling its purpose and objectives, none of it would be possible without the community support received from local businesses, trusts, funding bodies, individual supporters, and fundraisers, and not forgetting the support of the Whitefriars Sailing Club which is vital to S@W's function and achievements.
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Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Summary of Main Achievements: As in 2020, 2021 was not the season that the charity would have planned for under normal circumstances with the continuation of the Covid 19 pandemic again restricting activities and reducing the services that could be safely offered to the more vulnerable members of the public that like to sail each week. However, with careful planning and with suitable safety measures in place, 2021 turned out to be a very busy and successful sailing season, thanks to the support from everyone involved, the Whitefriars Sailing Club plus the funding partners. S@W were so pleased to welcome back nearly all its disabled sailors and their families as well as enrolling new members and volunteers. During the year S@W was accessed by 168 individuals plus just as many carers and family members at a cost of £20,004. The Winter training programme and season planning meant S@W were well placed to offer everyone an enjoyable and positive sailing experience in the right boats with the right support over two days a week, whilst observing all the necessary health and safety guidelines that the Covid pandemic imposed. The season came to an end in November with equipment cleaned and packed away for the winter and the volunteers having completed their end of season training programmes. Volunteer training resumes in

		February 2022, ready for the new sailing season starting in April 2022. At the start of the 2021, due to the continuation of the Covid pandemic and its restrictions S@W feared that fund raising might be a problem. Fortunately, due to the number of Covid related grants secured in 2020 S@W was able to start the year with a healthy bank balance that saw the charity comfortably through the early months. In addition, most clients came back during the year, including some school groups boosting the income over the previous year in respect of annual subscriptions, and session fees. Added to this, the fund-raising team were able to secure some very sound grants enabling the charity to purchase new equipment including two much-needed additional second-hand sailing dinghies. The most encouraging development of fund raising this year was the charity's association with the Barnwood Trust and their agreement to provide the running costs for a Sailing Development Programme over the next three years. At the start of the season, the charity produced a newsletter which was followed up in August with another giving an early Autumn review of activities and achievements. At the end of the season in December a detailed Round-Up report/newsletter was produced by the Chief Sailing Instructor. Similar articles of interest have also been published on the Sailability @ Whitefriars Facebook page. It is a testament to the determination and fortitude of S@W's volunteers and clients, whilst observing Covid safety measures, that the charity has been able to run Sailability sessions this year in almost normal circumstances. S@W is optimistic that next season will benefit from all the achievements attained this year and expand the leisure services that the charity can offer people living with disabilities. Please refer to the following article in respect of a case study given by the family of their daughter who was recently diagnosed with Autism and ADHD.
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Case Study

Eliza's journey with Sailability@Whitefriars.

(Written by Eliza's mother Hannah)



Eliza (right) was diagnosed with Autism and ADHD in 2020. She manages her condition so well but does struggle with anxiety, especially in new situations.

One of Eliza's best friend's mum Emma (left) is a Sailability@Whitefriars qualified RYA dinghy instructor and asked Eliza if she wanted to come for a trial session. Eliza agreed to give it a try quietly thinking "I will never do this again and I won't like it!" However, during each session she pushed herself a little further, each time thinking she won't do any more! "I went from not knowing what to do and freaking out, to chilling whilst in control of the whole boat."

Eliza has now completed her RYA Sailability silver level certification and cannot wait to pass more levels. Eliza is in Year 6 at Ampney Crucis Primary school and Sailability has been written into her MyPlan+ so she can attend every Wednesday afternoon until the end of the season. Sailability has had a dramatically positive impact on Eliza. She feels so much calmer and proud of herself after her lesson.

Emma has been an inspiring teacher, so calm and understanding and she even got Eliza not to mind 'too much' when the boat starts tipping!

It has been so lovely to see Eliza doing something she feels so proud of, something just for her that makes her feel brave and positive and capable. We have really noticed the calming effect the water has on her. She loves being in nature and the lapping water and sound of the sails seem to ground and centre her. Sailability@Whitefriars is such a friendly club where our whole family has been so welcomed and we are sad the season is coming to an end for this year.

Thank you all so much. Al, Hannah, Eliza, and Oli

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	Achievements against objectives: Not appearing to be using the Covid pandemic as an excuse, but S@W's objectives in the second year as a charity were kept minimal with the bleak outlook of commencing the year with another lockdown. Many similar Sailability groups around the country struggled to provide adequate measures to allow sailing to take place and just shut down until times were better. With an eye on the government's edicts and the RYA recommendations, S@W objective was to provide what could be done as best and as safely as it could be, given regard to the pending ongoing situation. Activities did not start well with lockdown eating into the usual early volunteer training but given the limited time available until the start of sailing in April the instructors concentrated purely on safety skills. However, the sailing season started on time in April and ran successfully until the end of October, when once again volunteer training carried on until the end of November with safety boat and dinghy sailing courses together with other associated safety training.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Fundraising performance: Fund raising was a concern at the start of 2021 but with sufficient funds carried over from 2020, including the creation of a Reserves Account, the charity had achieved a sound financial start to the year. This carry-over of funds plus further grants secured during the year allowed S@W to run a full calendar of Wednesday and Thursday sailing sessions (61 in total) together with a condensed volunteer training programme either side of the sailing months. There were sufficient funds to make some capital purchases, which were not budgeted for at the very start of the year, comprising a new electric outboard motor for the Drascombe Lugger sailing dinghy, another Wayfarer dinghy plus a Hansa 2.3 dinghy (both dinghies second-hand). With safety considerations concerning the spread of Covid, a sunshade was purchased so that reception activities could be held outdoors in the open air, plus there has been the usual replacement of worn-out items such as boat covers, sails, etc., which the charity's finances adequately covered.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	Investment performance: For reasons already mentioned there are insufficient available funds to invest regarding obtaining any appreciable return or income.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Financial review: This year has been successful year in further developing S@W's financial strength and again wholly attributable to the great work and tireless efforts of the fund raisers and supporting team members sourcing cash from a variety of different external organisations. After only its second year as a charity, S@W is now in a position of financial and operational stability having developed robust relationships with a variety of funding organisations. The main point in case being the Barnwood Trust who will fund the charity over the next three years supporting what has been jointly referred to as a 'Sailing Disability Programme'. Funders during 2021 • Gloucestershire Community Foundation (Covid Emergency Fund) • Barnwood Trust (Covid Emergency Fund) • RYA / Sport England (Return to Play) • RYA / Sport England (Tackling Inequalities) • Mayfield Home Trust • Attivo Financial Planning • Tesco Community Grant • Barnwood Trust (3-year Sailing Disability Programme)
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves policy: S@W Reserves Policy is to maintain sufficient level of reserves to enable normal operating activities to continue over a period of up to four months should a shortfall in income occur considering potential risks and contingencies that may arise from time to time. As last year the charity deemed that four months would be the appropriate period for consideration with a view to possibly increasing it to six months in future years. The trustees when reviewing the risks and activities throughout the year felt that four months is more in keeping with S@W's main sailing activities which only occurs between the beginning of April until the end of October. Although volunteer training happens for two months outside this main period of activity, the running costs during this time are minimal and currently do not warrant a longer period of reserves. To make a judgement on the amount of reserve required, the trustees have considered the risks in respect of the following financial aspects: - expenditure, unrestricted income, and where appropriate restricted income and where funds can only be realised by the disposal of a fixed asset. Also taken into consideration are any external identified potential major risks to income and expenditure during the year.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£5,500 held during 2021 £8,500 held for 2022 in a separate savings account

Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Principal sources of funds: The principal source of funds for 2022 will be the healthy balance carried over from 2021 on top of which most the charity's running costs will be met by the Barnwood Trust who will fund the charity over the next three years supporting what is referred to as a 'Sailing Disability Programme'. Also, through a consortium called the Gloucestershire Funders (of which the Barnwood Trust is a member) it is anticipated that additional funding, when needed, will be available for S@W to make an application. In addition, the RYA / Sport England is another route of funding that could be sourced. Grants and donations make up 80-85% of the charity's needs, the remainder coming from subscriptions and sailing charges, which are kept to an absolute minimum.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Investment policy: Financially, for reasons already mentioned there are insufficient available funds to invest. As regards social investment, it is planned that the development of S@W's sailing for people with disabilities will continue to grow within the limits of the facilities at present. S@W is also looking at areas of possible expansion by obtaining help from other sailing clubs in the area to take on specific activities that would allow the charity to increase the level of activity with new school groups who are wanting to participate in the sailing programme. In addition, the trustees are keen to help the Barnwood Trust develop other voluntary groups in Gloucestershire by talking to them about the charity's own experiences. In addition, S@W is exploring the possible involvement with social prescribing initiatives in the local area, where feasible and consistent with the charity's aims and objectives.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Risk Management: The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. Trustees manage and mitigate risks to the charity through reviews of operations and procedures at trustee meetings held as required.

		• Finance – ongoing cashflow model and budget control with internal authorisation procedures for management of transactions. • Health and Safety – an agenda item at every meeting (trustees and committee members) to ensure compliance with regulations, and a general common-sense approach to maintaining safe practices, with specific procedures for on or near water activities. • External risk – to funding and services, strategic planning ensures relevant service development and diversifications paying heed to wider county and national strategic direction.
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Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Governing Document: The charity has a Constitution as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation whose only voting members are its charity trustees.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Constitution: Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Appointment of Trustees: 1) Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. 2) In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO. 3) Nominated Trustee a) The Whitefriars Sailing Club ("the appointing body") may appoint one charity trustee. b) Any appointment must be made at a meeting held according to the ordinary practice of the appointing body. c) Each appointment must be for a term of three years. d) The appointment will be effective from the later of: i) the date of the vacancy, and ii) the date on which the charity trustees or their secretary or clerk are informed of the appointment. e) The person appointed need not be a member of the appointing body.

		f) A trustee appointed by the appointing body has the same duty as the other charity trustees to act in the way he or she decides in good faith would be most likely to further the purposes of the CIO.
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Additional information (optional)

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Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Training: On appointment, trustees sign a declaration of eligibility, undertake a Disclosure & Barring Service check, and undergo training in line with safeguarding requirements. Also, checks are carried out on committee members and volunteers in line with statutory requirements. All volunteers undergo regular training in accordance with the organisations operational requirements as outlined in the S@W Operating Guide as well as RYA guided training through the Whitefriars Sailing Club's affiliation as a recognised RYA Training Centre.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Trustees and Organisational Structure S@W has a board of trustees of at least three members with a maximum of seven as defined in the Constitution. The trustees oversee the day-to-day running of the organisation through a committee of members to assist with the operational activities of the organisation and being responsible for the strategic direction of the charity and monitoring systems to ensure good governance. The trustees and committee members manage the day-to-day operation of the organisation, leading the team of regular volunteers to implement strategy and ensuring that they continue to develop their skills and working procedures to the best outcome of S@W's clients. Regular management committee meetings are held every two months. All trustees and committee members give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	Relationship to other Parties: S@W operates at the Whitefriars Sailing Club (WSC) under written agreement. The Whitefriars Sailing Club is an official Royal Yachting Association Sailability Foundation Centre. The term 'Sailability' is the name of the RYA's national programme for people with disabilities who want to go boating regularly. S@W adhere to the RYA Safeguarding Adults Policy and Guidelines. These can be found at: https://www.rya.org.uk/about-us/rya-policies/safeguarding/Pages/hub.aspx

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Sailability@Whitefriars
Other name the charity uses	S@W
Registered charity number	1187670
Charity's principal address	Whitefriars Sailing Club Lake 26 Cotswold Water Park Whitefriars Lane Ashton Keynes Wiltshire SN6 6FW

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	David James Durston	Chairman		
2	Anthony John Wootley	Treasurer		
3	Jean Neale	Fund Raising Secretary		
4	Louise Caroline Rounds	Community Liaison and Sailing Coordinator		
5	Gary Morris			
6	Oliver John Wootley			
7	Les Colyer			

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A

Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A
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Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
National body for dinghy sailing and personal watercraft	Royal Yachting Association	RYA House, Ensign Way, Hamble, Hants, SO31 4YA
Bankers	Lloyds Bank Plc	PO Box1000, BX1 1LT

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

N/A

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

Other optional information

None

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Anthony John Wootley	David James Durston
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	Chairman
Date	01/03/2022	



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Signed:

Carla Thorne

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