



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

**From 1st March 2021
To 28th February 2022**

**Period start date
Period end date**

Charity name: Royal Chester Rowing Club

Charity registration number: 1188080

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Royal Chester Rowing Club promotes the sport of amateur Rowing in and around Chester and seeks to enable all in the community to participate either socially or competitively
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	The club's membership is open to all and the club offers rowing to people with all levels of experience; the club offers "learn to row courses" for adults and a junior summer school to introduce people with no rowing experience who can then decide whether they wish to join as long-term members. Rowing is an aerobic sport which has health benefits for all and the club brings rowing to people from age 12 to 80 plus.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees have regard to the Charity Commission's "Public Benefit" guidance.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	The CIO does not make charitable grants
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	The CIO does not invest its funds.
		The club is run entirely by volunteers and has no employees. The coaching

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	comes from a mixture of unpaid volunteers and self employed paid coaches.
Other		

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	At the start of the year performance was still significantly impacted by covid-19 measures and many competitions continued to be cancelled during the year. However, with Sport England grant assistance the club delivered return to play courses to over 50 participants and by the end of the year the club had successfully built up operations again to pre-covid levels. The main achievement of the charity continues to be offering the opportunity of healthy exercise to residents of Chester and surrounding areas.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity holds reserves to enable it to maintain good quality facilities for its members and the bulk of its reserves are held to enable it to redevelop its boathouse with a safe modern facility which will help it provide access to rowing for more residents of Chester and surrounding areas
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£287,330 year end designated and restricted funds [not including £23,516 unrestricted funds]
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	There are no such funds
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	There are no such uncertainties.

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	Subscription income Learn to row course/ junior summer school Grant applications to relevant charities.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	The CIO takes a cautious approach to its funds which are held in listed banks/building society and therefore protected. In these circumstances a social investment policy is not necessary.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The main risks are loss of members due to the club's inadequate premises and repairs being required due to the dilapidated state of the premises.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust Deed
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
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	Trustees are elected by the members of the CIO at the AGM by ballot. Trustees retire by rotation on a 1/3 basis and the dates for such retirements have been selected by lot. The CIO is encouraging applications from underrepresented groups.

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	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Royal Chester Rowing Club
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1188080
Charity's principal address	Royal Chester Rowing Club The Groves Chester CH1 1SD

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	John Boothman			
2	John C Davies			
3	Andrew Firman	Committee Chair from 14 th July 2021		
4	John McGarva	Committee Chair up to 14 th July 2021	Up to 14 th July 2021	
5	Michal Palamarczuk			
6	Chloe Sheward	Club Captain		
7	Adam Wilson	Treasurer		
8	Christopher Bird		From 14 th July 2021	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
none		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
none		

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	none
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	none

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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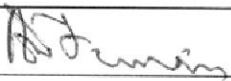
Other optional information

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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)	Andrew Firman	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Committee Chair	

Date

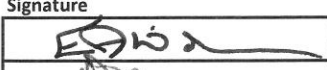
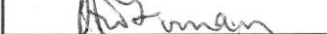
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ROYAL CHESTER ROWING CLUB Charity No 1188080
 ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 28-February-2022
 DOCUMENT 1 (of 2): Receipts and Payments Account

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	FY 2022 Total funds	FY 2021 Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Income					
Subscriptions and boat storage	56,378	0	0	56,378	52,724
Rowing tuition	14,680	0	0	14,680	1,350
Hire of Clubroom and equipment	1,320	0	0	1,320	0
Fund raising	1,159	0	0	1,159	2,195
Shop Sales	384	0	0	384	140
Events	4,144	0	0	4,144	0
RCRC 100 Club	3,880	0	0	3,880	2,185
Insurance claim reimbursement	793	0	0	793	0
Admin, key deposits, etc	649	0	0	649	0
Interest	2,038	0	0	2,038	869
Racing deposits	5,585	0	0	5,585	412
Sub-total	91,010	0	0	91,010	59,875
Asset sales and and other income					
Boat disposals	0	0	0	0	14,500
Sponsorship and Donations	4,218	0	0	4,218	100,000
Grants	0	0	3,500	3,500	27,322
Sub-total	4,218	0	3,500	7,718	141,822
Total receipts	95,228	0	3,500	98,728	201,697
Expenditure					
Subscription refunds	3,219	0	0	3,219	455
Utilities	2,076	0	0	2,076	2,927
Premises maintenance	4,430	0	0	4,430	3,604
Insurances	10,178	0	0	10,178	10,665
Admin, Bank Charges, etc	1,098	0	0	1,098	859
Equipment maintenance	11,653	0	0	11,653	2,094
Club coaching	19,825	0	0	19,825	13,523
Shop stock	0	0	0	0	80
Fundraising costs	1,035	0	0	1,035	860
Rowing tuition costs	4,315	0	0	4,315	933
Event costs	3,877	0	0	3,877	1,087
RCRC 100 Club costs	1,955	0	0	1,955	0
Affiliation fees	1,634	0	0	1,634	1,519
Racing costs	4,667	0	0	4,667	(440)
Sub-total	69,962	0	0	69,962	38,166
Asset purchases and and other expenditure					
Boat acquisitions	0	0	3,640	3,640	29,390
General acquisitions	5,725	0	0	5,725	2,498
Site Development costs	0	0	0	0	0
Sub-total	5,725	0	3,640	9,365	31,888
Total payments	75,687	0	3,640	79,327	70,055
Net of receipts/(payments)	19,541	0	(140)	19,401	131,642
Transfers between funds	(26,080)	26,080	0	0	0
Cash funds last year end	30,056	176,880	84,510	291,446	159,804
Cash funds this year end	23,517	202,960	84,370	310,847	291,446

The attached notes form part of these financial statements

Signed by trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	E A WILSON	13/7/22
	A D FIRMAN	13/7/22

NOTES:

- These accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with Charity Commission guidance.
- All funds are to the nearest £.
- The restricted funds relate to a legacy and grants received which are to be spent on boats or premises.
- The balance on the race account, which is held on behalf of racing members, has been included in cash funds and shown as a liability with associated entries being made for racing deposits received and racing costs incurred during the year. The prior year figures have also been amended to ensure consistency.

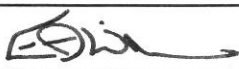

ROYAL CHESTER ROWING CLUB
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DOCUMENT 2 (of 2):

Charity No 1188080
28-February-2022
Statement of assets & liabilities at the period end

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	FY 2022 Total funds	FY 2021 Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Cash funds					
Current accounts	23,207	-	-	23,207	29,946
Deposit accounts	109	202,960	84,370	287,440	261,499
Cash in hand	200	-	-	200	-
Total cash funds	23,516	202,960	84,370	310,847	291,445
Other monetary assets					
				Nil	Nil
Investment assets					
				Nil	Nil
Assets retained for the charity's own use					
Trade receivables	-	-	-	-	-
Stock: bar and shop	496	-	-	496	806
Club silver	1	-	-	1	1
Freehold and buildings	15,552	-	-	15,552	15,552
Boats and equipment	483,062	-	-	483,062	476,337
	499,111	0	0	499,111	492,696
Liabilities					
Trade creditor	-	-	-	-	2,640
Subscription refunds agreed	-	-	-	-	3,706
Key deposits	1,000	-	-	1,000	680
Racing deposits	5,640	-	-	5,640	4,722
	6,640	0	0	6,640	11,748

The attached notes form part of these financial statements

Signed by trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	E A WILSON	13-7-22
	A.O. FIRMAN	13/7/22

NOTES:

- These accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with Charity Commission guidance.
- All funds are to the nearest £.
- The Designated funds are held for future Development costs as approved by the Committee.
- The Assets retained for the charity's own use are valued at cost.
- The balance on the race account, which is held on behalf of racing members, has been included in cash funds and shown as a liability with associated entries being made for racing deposits received and racing costs incurred during the year. The prior year figures have also been amended to ensure consistency.

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Royal Chester Rowing Club

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Royal Chester Rowing Club for the year ended 28 February 2022. **CHARITY NO 1188080**

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Royal Chester Rowing Club, 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 Royal Chester Rowing Club's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Royal Chester Rowing Club as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: Helena Johnson

Name: Helena Johnson ACA

Address: The Cape, Church Road, Tilston, Malpas, SY14 7HB

Date: 22 June 2022