



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st March 2022
To 28th February 2023

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	<p>The Club worked collaboratively with its members this year to develop a 5-year Strategic Plan. In addition to measures to improve its own culture and facilities, the plan includes a commitment to engage further with its local community. Outreach work with local schools included a pilot programme which involved teaching disadvantaged young people to row in order to improve fitness and motivation for learning. Our facilities were shared with several other rowing clubs across the country to help with their training programmes. Improvements were made to the operation of Open Events we organise for racing on the river Dee, including a greater emphasis on feedback from participants. These events provide a showcase for the sport to local residents.</p> <p>The main achievement of the charity continues to be offering the opportunity of healthy exercise to residents of Chester and surrounding areas. Our Learn to Row courses attracted 70 adults (67% women) during this period of whom over 75% chose to continue with rowing compared with less than 50% previously. The Summer School programme involved 66 young people (42% girls) learning to row helped by 10 coaches and 24 junior helpers.</p>

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	£328,141 year end designated and restricted funds [not including £7,082 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 courses/ 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		
4	Christopher Bird			
5	Michal Palamarczuk			
6	Chloe Sheward	Club Captain		
7	Adam Wilson	Treasurer		
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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

Name 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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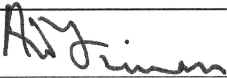
Other optional information

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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

1 September 2023

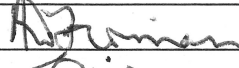
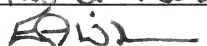
ROYAL CHESTER ROWING CLUB
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DOCUMENT 1 (of 2):

Charity No 1188080
28-February-2023
Receipts and Payments Account

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	FY 2023 Total funds	FY 2022 Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Income					
Subscriptions and boat storage	64,046	0	0	64,046	56,378
Rowing tuition	19,060	0	0	19,060	14,680
Hire of Clubroom and equipment	4,428	0	0	4,428	1,320
Fund raising	11,863	0	0	11,863	1,159
Shop Sales	807	0	0	807	384
Events	16,635	0	0	16,635	4,144
RCRC 100 Club	4,113	0	0	4,113	3,880
Insurance claim reimbursement	0	0	0	0	793
Admin, key deposits, etc	240	0	0	240	649
Interest	4,470	0	0	4,470	2,038
Racing deposits	12,547	0	0	12,547	5,585
Sub-total	138,210	0	0	138,210	91,010
Asset sales and and other income					
Equipment disposals	55	0	0	55	0
Sponsorship and Donations	11,221	0	3,710	14,931	4,218
Grants	0	0	0	0	3,500
Sub-total	11,276	0	3,710	14,986	7,718
Total receipts	149,486	0	3,710	153,196	98,728
Expenditure					
Subscription refunds (due to Covid)	0	0	0	0	3,219
Utilities	3,146	0	0	3,146	2,076
Premises maintenance	3,227	0	0	3,227	4,430
Insurances	11,410	0	0	11,410	10,178
Admin, Bank Charges, etc	915	0	0	915	1,098
Equipment maintenance	9,211	0	7,400	16,611	11,653
Club coaching	23,938	0	0	23,938	19,825
Shop stock	630	0	0	630	0
Fundraising costs	6,595	0	0	6,595	1,035
Rowing tuition costs	1,831	0	0	1,831	4,315
Event costs	10,279	0	0	10,279	3,877
RCRC 100 Club costs	1,792	0	0	1,792	1,955
Affiliation fees	1,525	0	0	1,525	1,634
Racing costs	12,806	0	0	12,806	4,667
Sub-total	87,305	0	7,400	94,705	69,962
Asset purchases and and other expenditure					
Boat acquisitions	21,934	0	8,195	30,130	3,640
General acquisitions	276	0	3,710	3,986	5,725
Site Development costs	0	0	0	0	0
Sub-total	22,210	0	11,905	34,115	9,365
Total payments	109,515	0	19,305	128,820	79,327
Net of receipts/(payments)	39,971	0	(15,595)	24,376	19,401
Transfers between funds	(56,406)	56,406	0	0	0
Cash funds last year end	23,517	202,960	84,370	310,847	291,446
Cash funds this year end	7,082	259,366	68,775	335,223	310,847

The attached notes form part of these financial statements

Signed by trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	A D Firman	21st June 2023
	E A Wilson	18th June 2023

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.

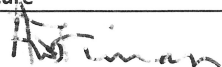
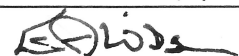
ROYAL CHESTER ROWING CLUB
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DOCUMENT 2 (of 2):

Charity No 1188080
28-February-2023
Statement of assets & liabilities at the period end

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	FY 2023 Total funds	FY 2022 Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Cash funds					
Current accounts	6,832	-	-	6,832	23,206.90
Deposit accounts	-	259,366	68,775	328,141	287,439.73
Cash in hand	250	-	-	250	200.00
Total cash funds	7,082	259,366	68,775	335,223	310,847
Other monetary assets					
				Nil	Nil
Investment assets					
				Nil	Nil
Assets retained for the charity's own use					
Trade receivables	-	-	-	-	-
Stock: bar and shop	1,414	-	-	1,414	496
Club silver	1	-	-	1	1
Freehold and buildings	15,552	-	-	15,552	15,552
Boats and equipment	475,274	-	-	475,274	483,062
	492,241	0	0	492,241	499,111
Liabilities					
Trade creditor	-	-	-	-	-
Subscription refunds agreed	-	-	-	-	-
Key deposits	1,240	-	-	1,240	1,000
Racing deposits	5,381	-	-	5,381	5,640
	6,621	0	0	6,621	6,640

The attached notes form part of these financial statements

Signed by trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	A D Firman	21st June 2023
	E A Wilson	18th June 2023

NOTES:

1. These accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with Charity Commission guidance.
2. All funds are to the nearest £.
3. The Designated funds are held for future Development costs as approved by the Committee.
4. The Assets retained for the charity's own use are valued at cost.
5. Following an asset review in Sep-22 an adjustment of £41,903 was made to Boats and equipment for historic assets no longer held.

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 2023.

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.

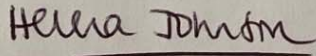
Independent examiner's statement

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:



Name:

Helena Johnson ACA

Address:

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

Date:

26 June 2023