



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **1st March 2024** Period start date
To **28th February 2025** 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 continues to work collaboratively with its members in developing 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. 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 attract circa 50 starters with generally 75% continuing to rowing membership (as previous years). The reduction in LTR courses reflected better member retention through an improved coaching program and consequent restrictions due to squad / site capacity. The Summer School programme continues to prove very successful involving 60+ young people (50/50 boys/girls) learning to row with 7 coaches and 22 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	£398,229 year end designated and restricted funds [not including £250 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			
4	Christopher Bird			
5	Michal Palamarczuk			
6	Chloe Sheward			
7	Adam Wilson	Treasurer	Retired July 2024	
8	John McGarva		Elected July 2024	
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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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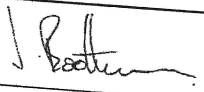
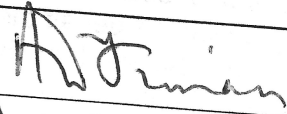
Other optional information

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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)	John Boothman	ANDREW FIRMAN
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	Trustee
Date	01.03.25	

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

Charity No 1188080
28-February-2025

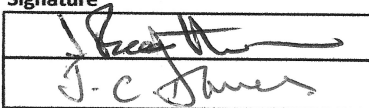
Receipts and Payments Account

Financial Year ending 28-February

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	2025 Total funds	2024 Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Income					
Subscriptions and boat storage	74,833	0	0	74,833	79,165
Rowing tuition	15,837	0	0	15,837	19,165
Hire of Clubroom and equipment	5,633	0	0	5,633	6,243
Fund raising	3,827	0	0	3,827	14,489
Shop Sales	4,357	0	0	4,357	1,633
Events	17,218	0	0	17,218	14,777
RCRC 100 Club	3,470	0	0	3,470	4,005
Insurance claim reimbursement	6,525	0	0	6,525	2,233
Admin, key deposits, etc	225	0	0	225	124
Interest	18,116	0	0	18,116	10,750
Racing deposits	18,188	0	0	18,188	14,620
Sub-total	168,229	0	0	168,229	167,205
Asset sales and and other income					
Equipment disposals	4,378	0	0	4,378	1,000
Sponsorship and Donations	10,140	0	0	10,140	27,305
Grants	1,000	0	0	1,000	0
Sub-total	15,518	0	0	15,518	28,305
Total receipts	183,746	0	0	183,746	195,510
Expenditure					
Club coaching	26,974	0	0	26,974	28,357
Rowing tuition costs	4,445	0	0	4,445	3,415
Equipment maintenance	26,436	0	0	26,436	16,812
Premises maintenance	2,614	0	0	2,614	8,010
Utilities	4,575	0	0	4,575	4,102
Fundraising costs	3,257	0	0	3,257	11,754
Shop stock	2,714	0	0	2,714	4,230
Event costs	8,524	0	0	8,524	9,578
RCRC 100 Club costs	1,750	0	0	1,750	1,820
Insurances	12,091	0	0	12,091	13,118
Admin, Bank Charges, etc	4,533	0	0	4,533	1,187
Affiliation fees	2,950	0	0	2,950	1,562
Racing costs	18,159	0	0	18,159	14,163
Sub-total	119,023	0	0	119,023	118,107
Asset purchases and and other expenditure					
Boat acquisitions	13,341	0	0	13,341	47,528
General acquisitions	6,124	0	229	6,353	11,629
Site Development costs	20	0	0	20	0
Sub-total	19,485	0	229	19,714	59,157
Total payments	138,508	0	229	138,737	177,265
Net of receipts/(payments)	45,239	0	(229)	45,010	18,246
Transfers between funds	(51,314)	51,314	0	0	0
Cash funds last year end	6,326	296,367	50,776	353,469	335,223
Cash funds this year end	250	347,681	50,547	398,479	353,469

The attached notes form part of these financial statements

Signed by trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	J BOOTHMAN	1.09.25
J. C. Davies	J. C. DAVIES	11.11.2025

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**

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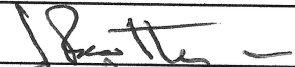

Statement of assets & liabilities at the period end

Financial Year ending 28-February

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
Cash funds					
Current accounts	- 0	-	-	0	6,075.56
Deposit accounts	-	347,681	50,547	398,228	347,143.00
Cash in hand	250	-	-	250	250.00
Total cash funds	250	347,681	50,547	398,479	353,469
Other monetary assets				Nil	Nil
Investment assets				Nil	Nil
Assets retained for the charity's own use					
Trade receivables	-	-	-	-	-
Stock: bar and shop	2,828	-	-	2,828	4,236
Club silver	1	-	-	1	1
Freehold and buildings	15,552	-	-	15,552	15,552
Boats and equipment	545,482	-	-	545,482	530,166
	563,863	0	0	563,863	549,955
Liabilities					
Trade creditor	-	-	-	-	-
Subscription refunds agreed	-	-	-	-	-
Key deposits	1,465	-	-	1,465	1,250
Racing deposits	5,868	-	-	5,868	5,838
	7,333	0	0	7,333	7,088

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	J. C. DAVIES	11.11.2025

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.

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 2025.

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: Ian Dunne ACA
Address: 19 Hawarden Way, Mancot, CH4 2EL
Date: 30 June 2025

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