



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 July 2022 To 30 June 2023

Charity name: Spencer Lynx

Charity registration number: 1188217

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To promote participation in healthy recreation, primarily in the London boroughs of Wandsworth and Lambeth, for the benefit of children who attend state schools, by providing facilities and coaching to participate in hockey
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	Weekly Sunday hockey sessions delivered to approximately 130 state school children from at least 17 primary schools, starting September 2022 until March 2023. Partnered with Hornsby House School to offer additional, after school, hockey training from January 2023 to March 2023. Provided subsidised after-school hockey training during the school summer term. Summer tournament held in June 2023 involving over 200 local children. Hockey taster sessions delivered to over 600 children in 15 schools across Wandsworth and Lambeth, to recruit a new cohort of children to start the programme in September 2023. Hockey taster sessions additionally delivered to around 70 children in 2 schools in Roehampton, to recruit children for a new Roehampton-based programme, to start September 2023. Supported 18 members to join a mainstream hockey club after 2 years with Spencer Lynx, with at least 5 children on full, means tested, bursaries.
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 had regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance when carrying out activities this year.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
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>Spencer Lynx members in our main hub are drawn together from at least 17 state primary schools across Wandsworth and Lambeth, from different socio-economic, religious and ethnic backgrounds. The ratio of girls:boys is 50:50.</p> <p>In September 2022, 39 of our third cohort of children started their second year of weekly hockey training on Sundays, running until end March 2023. In addition, a new, fourth, cohort of 90 children (recruited in the summer term of 2022) started their 2-year programme at Spencer Lynx. The total number of children benefiting from weekly training was therefore 129.</p> <p>All sessions were run by professional qualified hockey coaches, supported by assistant coaches with hockey experience, and Young Leaders taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme. Some sessions were additionally run by Spencer Lynx Ambassadors who are also England and/or GB international hockey players, including Rhys Smith, Darcy Bourne and James Mazarello – all are inspirational role models for the children.</p>

		<p>In January 2023, Spencer Lynx partnered with Hornsby House School to provide weekly after school hockey sessions free of charge to Spencer Lynx members. These sessions ran until end March 2023, and offered the children more opportunities to be physically active and to have additional hockey coaching and game play.</p> <p>Keen to keep members engaged during the off-season, Spencer Lynx provided subsidised after-school hockey training during the summer term. Up to 30 members took part, some free of charge depending on financial need.</p> <p>From May 2023-June 2023, Spencer Lynx delivered hockey taster sessions in 14 schools across Wandsworth and Lambeth, recruiting 108 children to our fourth cohort of children, to start in September 2023.</p> <p>Hockey taster sessions were additionally delivered in 2 schools in the Roehampton area of Wandsworth, a highly deprived area, to recruit children for a new project to start in Roehampton in September 2023.</p> <p>In June 2023, Spencer Lynx hosted a summer tournament for its members and for other local outreach clubs, with over 200 local children taking part. This enabled children and their families to stay engaged with their new sport and their new friends and connections made through involvement in Spencer Lynx.</p>
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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	<p>The charity generated a positive financial outcome for the period with a net increase in funds of £5540 and closing with a bank balance of £43121. Much of the income was generated by donations, with major donations from Spencer Junior Hockey Club and The Thomas's Foundation, the latter to cover coaching costs. It was also successful in obtaining grants from Wandsworth Council, Little Lives Charity.</p> <p>The principal sources of funding for the charity were donations and fundraising activities, made possible through its close association with Spencer Hockey Club, and local authority grant funding. However, limitations on the availability of some grant funding to new projects rather than continuation of existing and successful projects has proved challenging. The charity has also sought funding from national organisations and funds, but has to date had little success.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>The charity holds reserves for its day to day operations, and excludes from its reserves any donation or grant made for a specific purpose, including its bursary fund.</p> <p>The reserves represent the working capital of Spencer Lynx and are available to support short- and medium-term objectives and to safeguard against unexpected decreases in income. The Charity Commission defines free reserves as 'income which becomes available to the charity and is to be expended at the executive committee's discretion in furtherance of any of the charity's objectives, but is not yet spent, committed or designated'. The Board of Trustees adopts a risk-based approach to the reserves policy:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify specific risk and create a designated fund for such risks. 2. Protect against an unforeseen reduction in income by retaining 6 months' worth of running costs.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£9,992
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	

Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	
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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	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
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	The Trustees remain the same as when originally incorporated in 2020.

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	Spencer Lynx
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1188217
Charity's principal address	The Spencer Club, Fieldview, London SW18 3HF

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	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

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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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	Amrita Sheldon	Treasurer		
2	Charlotte Hucker			
3	Donna Kirby			
4	Karen Price			
5	Marcia Gurney-Champion			
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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	

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<u>Amrita Suresh</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
Full name(s)	<u>AMRITA SURESH</u>	<u>KAREN PRICE</u>
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	<u>TRUSTEE TREASURER</u>	<u>TRUSTEE</u>
Date	<u>23/4/24</u>	

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

SPENCER LYNX

On accounts for the year ended

30/06/2023

Charity no (if any)

1188217

Set out on pages

1 - 4

Remember to include the page number of additional sheets.

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30/06/2023

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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:



Date:

22/04/2024

Name:

THOMAS SPENCER

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

ICAEW, ACA

MEMBER: 4274775

Address:

15 CROWTHORNE CLOSE

LONDON SW18 5RX

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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 noted



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES/SALES

1188217

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

01/07/2022

To

30/06/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £

A1 Receipts

Donations	2,821	4,981	-	7,802	5,961
Fundraising	10,258		-	10,258	11,001
Grants		7,150	-	7,150	1,500
Donation for Bursary			-	-	-
	-		-	-	-
	-		-	-	-
	-		-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	13,079	12,131	-	25,210	18,462

A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).

	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-

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A3 Payments

Overheads	2,926	-	-	2,926	4,930
Coaching costs	2,745	4,499	-	7,245	9,730
Kit costs	462	2,932	-	3,394	1,859

Pitch hire	1,245	1,752	-	2,997	1,198
Bursary cost			-	3,109	2,267
Other costs		3,109	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
Sub total	7,378	12,292	-	19,670	19,984

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	7,378	12,292	-	19,670	19,984

Net of receipts/(payments)	5,701	-	-	5,540	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	1,522
A6 Cash funds last year end	25,108	12,473	-	37,581	39,103
Cash funds this year end	30,809	12,312	-	43,121	37,581

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank balance @30/06/23	30,809	12,312	-
		-	-	-
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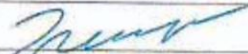
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