



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date			Period end date		
From	1	April	2024	To	31	March 2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name **DURHAM PADDLESPORT CLUB**

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) **1190431**

Charity's principal address **The Old Corn Mill**

Durham City

Postcode

DH1 3EA

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	Susan Porter	Current trustee Chairperson	21.3.24	
2	David G Knapton		16.10.24	
3	Robert Walling	Chairperson	Resigned in Aug 25	
4	Sophy Bage		21.4.24	
5	Brian Smith		Resigned in Aug 25	
6	Sarah Bell		19.8.2025	
7	Barrie Wilson		19.8.2025	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed constitution)	CIO Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Annually at AGM – Volunteers and Elected by members (1/3 of current trustees)

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The promotion of community participation in healthy recreation and care for the environment in particular the provision of facilities for the sport of water paddle sport.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The provisions of paddle sport equipment and training for its use at the club base on the River Wear, at the Old Corn Mill, Durham City. The opportunity to participate in paddle sport at other venues in a supportive social environment with no or nominal fees, (with Paddle UK/British Canoeing) qualified coaches, leaders and instructors.

All activities of the Charity have regard for the Charity Commission's Guidance on Public Benefit

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

The Charity does not make grants

The Charity does not make investments other than in assets for the Charity purpose.

All Charity officers, coaches, leaders, instructors are volunteers, who give up their time to provide the charity purposes at no cost to the club/charity.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The year commenced with a good renewal of membership numbers for the Club, demonstrating how vital/healthy the club is at this time and the interest in paddle sport activities in the locality.

The Club provided 'Introduction to Paddle Sports Taster Sessions' to members of the non-members, which were well attended, and resulted in several participants continuing with the paddles sport activities throughout the year.

Some of our club volunteers were successful in securing Coaching and/or Leader qualifications from Paddle UK during the year to assist the club in providing the coached sessions to fulfil our Charity obligations.

The Club facilitated weekly club paddle sport sessions during the summer period which were well attended, with paddlers improving their confidence and skills in paddle sports, and several obtained the Paddle UK personal performance awards during the year.

The club facilitated various events, trips and training provisions for paddlers during the year, seeing further progression for independent paddlers from sheltered water into open water or moving water environments. These sessions also supported paddlers with peer learning and improvement.

Overall this benefitted the community by facilitating physical exercise, which in turn supports mental wellbeing, providing access to both 'blue' (water) and 'green' (outdoor spaces)

The Club facilitated monthly on-the-water litter picks, in association with the Durham Riverscape Community and The Wear Rivers Trust, and helping in the management of invasive non-native species control to fulfil the environmental obligations of the charity, on the River Wear at Durham. This includes clearing the area where the club holds sessions as well as a wider area of the river, and river bank within the centre of Durham City. These activities also provide a sense of pride/community benefit to participants along with mental/physical wellbeing.

The Club members also take part in Paddle UK's annual 'Big Paddle Clean Up, clearing the river and riverbanks of rubbish and fly-tipping.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Charity's fixed costs for rent remain low. Annual insurance is essential to safeguard assets and the current energy costs are low but essential. The bank balance throughout the year is considered to be adequate for the operation of the charity provisions.

The charity does not hold a reserve as such.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The main income for the Charity is derived from membership fees, and club fees.

The charity receives income to provide events, and training which is then offset against venue hire and where necessary provider costs. Small amount of income from annual raffle towards the maintenance of equipment.

This year grant funding was sourced to offset against essential repairs to the Grade II Listed building used as Clubhouse.

Expenditure this year has allocated to coach training which is necessary as all events provided by the Charity have to be facilitated by qualified coaches/leaders/instructors, the expenses are paid to providers of the training and for first aid qualifications, which is mandatory for coaches etc.

The Paddle UK affiliation fees are essential for insurance, and governance in provision of paddle sport activities.

Section F

Other optional information

Revised Deployment rules from Paddle UK has been embraced by the Charity in the provision of their water sport activities to the public/members this has required additional training of its volunteers to secure mandatory qualified coaches and leaders and secure 3rd party insurance. Where possible grant funding and bursaries are sourced to fund the training requirements of the charity members and volunteers.



Ongoing repairs and upgrades to the Clubhouse are necessary to meet Health and Safety requirements.

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

	Signature(s)	BUSZ	
SUSAN PORTER	Full name(s)	BARBARA WILSON	DAVID KNAPTON
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, Trustee Chair etc)		TRUSTEE	TRUSTEE
20/11/2026	Date	20 01 26	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
DURHAM PADDLESPOUT CLUB	1190431

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01-Apr 2024	To	Period end date 01-May-25
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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					
Members Subscriptions	2,756	-	-	2,756	-
Paddle Uk Bursary	500	-	-	500	-
Club Fees	1,001	-	-	1,001	-
Kit Hire	804	-	-	804	-
Events Hire/costs/deposits	3,315	-	-	3,315	-
Grant funding	4,180	-	-	4,180	-
Raffles	206	-	-	206	-
Misc	91	-	-	91	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	12,853	-	-	12,853	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	12,853	-	-	12,853	-
A3 Payments					
Electric	234	-	-	234	-
Rent	15	-	-	15	-
Insurance	524	-	-	524	-
Repairs	3,272	-	-	3,272	-
Paddle UK Affiliation fees	297	-	-	297	-
Events Hire/costs/booking fees	2,848	-	-	2,848	-
Web host fees	154	-	-	154	-
Coach training fees	1,535	-	-	1,535	-
Other	154	-	-	154	-
Sub total	9,033	-	-	9,033	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Kayak purchase	800	-	-	800	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	800	-	-	800	-
Total payments	9,833	-	-	9,833	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,020	-	-	3,020	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	3,020	-	-	3,020	-

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	Bank balance 1 April 2024	7,227	-	-
	Net income 24/25 FY	3,020	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	10,247	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets			Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Kayaks	unrestricted	-	-
	Canoes	unrestricted	-	-
	Paddle Boards	unrestricted	-	-
	Paddles and accessories	unrestricted	-	-
	Assored safety equipment	unrestricted	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	None		-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	