



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 02/06/2022

Period start date To

01/06/2023

Period end date

Charity name: Wolves Martial Arts Community CIO

Charity registration number: 1191956

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To be able to offer free access to the sport of mixed martial arts, in safe environment to have better physical and mental health, and learning some self defence.
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	Individuals have free access to the sport, fitness area and gym, and use of the equipment/uniform to learn the sport of mixed martial arts. By coming together the individuals feel part of something and the community improves.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees are keen to make sure that we are doing what we can to continue to support our local community by being able to offer free courses to individuals, and helping to build better community and allowing access to fitness and training. Following the lockdown, we are wanting to help people who have suffered with mental health or with their cost of living and having to pull back on outgoings but want to get back into some fitness. By offering free courses we are able to allow people to still access facilities. We have also been supporting families on low income by feeding children once a week for free with the current financial climate.

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	We have been able to work with individuals who have previously been discriminated against because of disabilities, but we have been able to allow them to come to us, by having an open door and allowing them to try our activities. We don't see people's disabilities but their abilities. We have also run free courses and allowed individuals to take part in charity fight nights, following their training with us. This has allowed for those who have had free training and access to our activities take part in a fight night to raise money for other charities. We have been running free courses for young people to attend after school and once a week we also provide a packed lunch to each child to help low income families with the current financial climate which are causing families to struggle to feed everyone, so after training we will then feed the children, which helping children still access the course but also to help ease some pressure from parents with 1 less meal during the week to feed children.

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	We have had 1 grant over the year, which have allowed us to get some equipment and to cover expenses of volunteers to run free courses over the year, as some of the money that was in at the start of the year was previous year grant money for courses that was running.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We currently don't have any reserves, but as we are able to use the funds from grants as per agreement, it means that we will be able start doing some fundraising events to build some funds ourselves and build up a reserve.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	0
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	We are currently being supported by a business so have no costs, but will be looking to build up funds including a reserve going forward as we are still building up.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	none
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	We have a business which is supporting us, but unfortunately being a new charity when lockdown hit us, it meant that it delayed. However we are contacting people/companies and building relationships to try to keep building on what we have done so far. We are working with the Wolverhampton Council to reach out to schools and meet more young people.

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		

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Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed , royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution of a charitable incorporated organisation
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	Chair invites trustees, after discussing and agreeing with at least one other trustee.

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	Wolves Martial Arts Community CIO
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1191956
Charity's principal address	Cockshutts Lane, Wolverhampton WV23NP

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	Hugh Abercrombie		22/10/2020 – present	Hugh Abercrombie
2	Tania Freeman		22/10/2020 – present	Hugh Abercrombie
3	Dan COX		22/10/2020 – present	Hugh Abercrombie
4	Hannah Knight		20/10/2021 – present	Hugh Abercrombie
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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	

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)

H A Abercrombie

Full name(s)

Hugh Abercrombie

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

22/04/2024