



Southbourne Surf Life Saving Club
Registered Charity 1193415



Report of the trustees for the year ending 31 December 2023

The Trustees of Southbourne Surf Life Saving Club present their annual report and audited accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022 and confirm they comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 and our constitution.

Charity Objects

The objects for which the Charity is established are to save lives and prevent drowning and to provide education and training in all areas relating to lifesaving, rescue and resuscitation for the benefit of the public in the Southbourne area of Bournemouth Christchurch Poole (BCP) Council by:

- ❖ The promotion and provision of Surf Lifesaving qualifications and training in water safety, rescue, lifesaving, coaching, resuscitation and first aid;
- ❖ The promotion and organisation of lifesaving and rescue, beach and pool training, water sports and lifesaving activities for training, recreation and enjoyment that encourage fitness, team work, responsibility and excellence in pursuit of these objects;
- ❖ The promotion of and the provision of voluntary lifesaving and rescue services to the community and public at large;
- ❖ The provision of lifesaving safety awareness and prevention of drowning information;
- ❖ The promotion of the CIO and its activities within the local community.

Governance, Structure and Management

The Charity is affiliated with Surf Life Saving Great Britain (SLSGB), a registered charity, number 1015668.

The Charity's constitution allows for six trustees. The Charity's AGM was held on Saturday 15th April 2023. As required in the constitution one trustee stood down. All those standing for election provided a bio and five trustees were elected, each of whom then filled a committee role.

Day to day running of the Charity is undertaken according to the it's Bye Laws, as authorised by Clause 26 of the Charity's Constitution, and set out membership, committee and policy requirements.



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The Charity has the following policies in place:

Discipline and Appeals	Code of Conduct	Anti-Bullying
Safeguarding	Social Media	Young Persons Club Activity
Health, Safety and Welfare	Club Equality	

The Charity is represented and takes an active role in running the **Surf Life Saving Wessex Region (SLS Wessex)**; in 2023 the Charity filled the Region's secretary and treasurer positions.

Membership

Members are welcome from the age of 7 years and there is no upper age limit.

All members must pay an annual affiliation fee of £25 to **Surf Life Saving Great Britain (SLSGB)**.

The Charity has three Life Members who do not pay a club subscription. All other members pay a monthly club subscription which is waived for key committee members. At the end of December 2023, the Charity had 168 full members:

- 68 Nippers 7 – 13 years
- 43 Youth 13 – 18 years
- 57 Seniors & Masters 18+ years

During winter months, training is provided in a local private school pool on 3 weekday evenings. In summer months, training is provided from our clubhouse – dry (lifesaving knowledge and skills) and wet (ocean based) sessions.

The Charity receives membership queries on a regular basis and during 2023 operated a waiting list across all age groups.

Review of activities and achievements

Objectives for 2023

The Charity's key objectives for 2023 were:



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- ❖ Review training provision and provide additional opportunities for members, particularly Youth and Masters.
- ❖ Train and skill members to undertake lifesaving activities and put in place Level 1 (Community Coastal Surveillance) and Level 2 (First Aid Station) patrols in support of the **National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI)** and **HM Coastguard (MCA)** to keep Bournemouth Bay safe.
- ❖ Maintain membership numbers across all age groups with a focus on increasing numbers in Youth.
- ❖ Provide competition opportunities for members to practice their skills and maintain fitness levels.
- ❖ To reinstate the IRB Section to its pre-Covid 19 strength with an aim to provide safety cover at events and Level 5 (Inshore Rescue Boat) patrols.
- ❖ Support more local events with volunteers and / or safety cover.
- ❖ Maximise income generation, including, claiming gift aid, promoting existing donation arrangements, identifying new fundraising opportunities, identifying grant funding opportunities.

Achievements during 2023

Interest in the club and membership numbers across all sections continued to increase. The Charity was mindful not to grow too quickly and operated a waiting list that was regularly reviewed.

The Charity trained members to receive both SLSGB lifesaver awards and sports competencies enabling it to achieve a number of its objectives for the year.

Participation in SLSGB sports events was excellent. The Charity was well represented at the **Wessex SLS Stillwater** (pool) and **Ocean** competitions and entered a strong team, particularly at Masters age, with improving teams at Nippers and Youth, at the **SLSGB National Championships**. The Charity was also represented on the organising committee of the Poole Bournemouth and Christchurch Life Saving Association (PBCLSA); a collaboration of local SLSGB and **Royal Life Saving Society (RLSS)** clubs that provides competition and networking opportunities across Bournemouth Bay.

Once again, several of the Charity's youth members took up **RNLI Beach Lifeguard** positions.

Nipper members continued to follow the **SLSGB Nipper Lifesaver Pathway**.

The Charity launched the **SLSGB Graduate Lifeguard Programme** for its youth members; the programme provides the foundation for youngsters to progress to the **SLSGB Beach Lifesaver** award whilst embedding a wide range of important skills and attitudes that will support both further education and employment



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opportunities. The programme was funded through donations collected by the family of a local man who had taken his own life and who had been at his happiest in the sea.

The Charity was pleased to see the IRB section's development. During the year new driver/crew undertook training providing a basis to further grow the section in 2024.

Community work and event safety

The Charity provided safety cover once again at the **White Christmas Dip 2023**; held on Christmas Day morning, this event raised £25k for the local **Macmillan Caring Locally** hospice and the Charity received a donation for its time and contribution.

Marshals were provided for the **Bournemouth Bay Run** on 3rd April 2022, a popular community event organised by **BCP Council** for which the Charity received a donation.

Volunteers were provided to cover the **Salty Seadog** triathlon and the **Seahorse Swim**, local events working alongside other local clubs for which the Charity received donations.

The Charity provided 75.5 hours of **Coastal Surveillance** patrolling during 2023 (Patrol Level 1) supporting the local RNLi Lifeguards on Southbourne Beach and HM Coastguard (MCA) in Bournemouth Bay.

Income generation

The Charity received £12,535 by way of donations during the year, a mix of legacy gifts, personal donations and donations from the neighbouring SOBO Beach events and local masonic groups. The Christmas raffle proceeds together with a donation from the **Steven Barnard Foundation** will fund the purchase of new Nipper boards in 2024.

All donations expenditure has been lifesaving related, for example, the Graduate Lifeguard Programme, training equipment such as rescue boards and safety equipment such as binoculars.

Gift Aid to the value of £15,685 was received.

Future Plans

The Charity's key objectives for 2024 and beyond:



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- ❖ Continue to train and skill members to undertake lifesaving activities, continue with Level 1 (Community Coastal Surveillance) patrols and work towards Level 2 (First Aid Station) patrols in support of the RNLI and HM Coastguard (MCA) to keep Bournemouth Bay safe.
- ❖ Maintain the growth of the IRB section by undertaking an internal recruitment campaign and ensuring sufficient budget to maintain and service the boards and equipment.
- ❖ Maintain membership numbers across all age groups with a focus on increasing numbers in Youth.
- ❖ Continued to provide competition opportunities for members to practice their skills and maintain fitness levels.
- ❖ Support more local events with volunteers and / or safety cover; upskill more members to arrange and manage safety cover.
- ❖ Maximise income generation, including, claiming gift aid, promoting existing donation arrangements, identifying new fundraising opportunities, identifying grant funding opportunities.

Accounts

As of 31st December, the bank balance was £27,474.21. Within this, a reserve of £10,000 is held to cover any significant repairs and maintenance to the clubhouse and any unexpected costs.

Charity Trustees

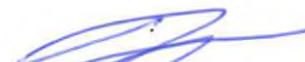

Julian Kent
Club Chair


Sue Grey
Club Secretary


Mark Harris
Membership Secretary


Lindsey Scott
Nipper Lead


Jason Twinning
Nipper Lead and Gear Steward


Ian Jones
Youth Lead



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Accounts year ending 2023

2023					
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
A1 Receipts	2023			2023	2022
Donations	£12,534.77			£12,534.77	£2,075.50
Membership fees	£24,607.00			£24,607.00	£22,172.50
Clothing income	£560.50			£560.50	£807.00
Other Income	£1,850.01			£1,850.01	£372.22
GiftAid	£15,116.29			£15,116.29	£0.00
Course & competition fees	£5,252.77			£5,252.77	£3,419.70
ESC Lottery fund Apr 21		£0.00		£0.00	£0.00
ESC lottery fund Sept 21		£0.00		£0.00	£0.00
Total Receipts	£59,921.34	£0.00	£0.00	£59,921.34	£28,846.92
A2 Asset	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
A3 Payments					
Membership fees	£10,745.37			£10,745.37	£3,800.00
Pool fees	£5,265.00			£5,265.00	£3,546.25
IRB costs	£768.61			£768.61	£330.50
Club hut	£8,110.83			£8,110.83	£7,971.38
Clothing	£1,700.20			£1,700.20	£717.70
Events	£1,789.89			£1,789.89	£3,182.75
Equipment	£14,469.02	£2,163.90		£16,632.92	£2,852.99
Course fees and awards	£5,505.00			£5,505.00	£1,051.00
Other expenses	£660.00			£660.00	£659.27
	£49,013.92	£2,163.90		£51,177.82	£24,111.84
A4 Asset & Investment	£0.00	£0.00		£0.00	
Total payments	£49,013.92	£2,163.90	£0.00	£51,177.82	£24,111.84
					£0.00
Net of receipts/payments	£10,907.42	(£2,163.90)	£0.00	£8,743.52	£4,735.08
					£0.00
Transfer between funds				£0.00	£0.00
Cash funds last year end	£16,566.79	£2,163.90	£0.00	£18,730.69	£13,995.61
					£0.00
Cash funds this year end	£27,474.21	£0.00	£0.00	£27,474.21	£18,730.69



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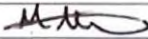


Independent Examiner's Report



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's report on the
accounts**

Section A		Independent Examiner's Report	
Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name Southbourne Surf Life Saving Club		
On accounts for the year ended	31 December 2023	Charity no (if any)	1193415
Set out on pages	Set out on the two pages preceding this Report		
Responsibilities and basis of report	I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2023. 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 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:	30 September 2024
Name:	Mark S Andrews FCCA – Director, Taylor Andrews Ltd		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	FCCA		
Address:	Chapel Cottage, Kilnsea Road Kilnsea, Hull HU12 0UB		

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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.

No matters requiring disclosure have been identified.