



Report of the trustees for the year ending 31 December 2024

The Trustees of Southbourne Surf Life Saving Club present their annual report and audited accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024 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 AGM was held on Saturday 21st April 2024. The Charity's constitution allows for six trustees and as required in the constitution one trustee stood down. All those standing for election provided a bio and six trustees were elected, each of whom then filled a committee role. Later during the year one trustee stood down for personal reasons and was not replaced.

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.

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	



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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 2024, the Charity had 179 full members:

- 70 Nippers 7 – 13 years
- 42 Youth 13 – 18 years
- 51 Seniors & Masters 18+ years
- 13 Parent helpers
- 3 life members

The Charity trains weekly throughout the year. During winter months, training was provided in a local private school pool on 3 weekday evenings. In summer months, training was provided from our clubhouse – dry (lifesaving knowledge and skills) and wet (ocean based) sessions. Additional sport focussed sessions are provided on a Monday night in the summer for our adult members, and Sunday training sessions are arranged on an ad-hoc basis, roughly half of the year.

The Charity received membership queries throughout the year and during 2024 operated a waiting list across all age groups.

Review of activities and achievements

Objectives for 2024

The Charity's key objectives for 2024 were:

- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Grow the IRB Section to increase provision of safety cover at events and with the aim to introduce Level 5 (Inshore Rescue Boat) patrols.
- ❖ Maximise income generation, including, claiming gift aid, promoting existing donation arrangements, identifying new fundraising opportunities, identifying grant funding opportunities.



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Achievements during 2024

Interest in the Charity remained high and the acceptance of new members was phased at key points in the year.

To assist with membership administration and communication, The Charity began using Spond; a free app and platform designed to facilitate the management of clubs and grassroots community activities. This decision relieved the administrative burden and was welcomed by members. Membership of SLSGB continues to be administered on their platform as does the administration of awards and competencies.

Participation in SLSGB sports was again excellent. The Charity was well represented at both **Wessex SLS** Stillwater (pool) and Ocean competitions, the **SLSGB** National Championships and the local **PBCLSA** Twilight competitions. And for the first time ever, The Charity sent a Nipper's team to the **SLSGB** National Pool Championships.

The Charity was represented (secretary and treasurer) on the **Wessex SLS** committee and the 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.

As in previous years, several of the Charity's youth members took up **RNLI Beach Lifeguard** positions.

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

Through a donation made by the family of a local surfer who sadly took his own life, the club continued to offer the Graduate Lifeguard Programme to all youth members. The programme prepares our youth for a National Vocational Qualification (NVQ) as a Beach Lifeguard alongside developing leadership and team working skills that support both future education and employment opportunities. The club were delighted to see the 1st cohort of the programme graduate and receive their Beach Lifeguard Award. Two of the cohort were subsequently successful in gaining seasonal employment as beach lifeguards with the RNLI. The year also saw the 2nd cohort complete year 2 of the programme and start work on the final modules that ready them for a formal beach lifeguard assessment.

Our Senior and Master members received training and coaching throughout the year and achieved the award or renewal of life saving awards to enable the Charity to operate safely and offer event safety cover. The Charity trained several Level 1 and 2 coaches and Trainer Assessors to provide capacity across all sections.

The Charity's IRB section continued to advance with members obtaining awards and the sustainability of this section remains a key objective for 2025.

Community work and event safety

A total of 310 volunteering hours were spent on event water safety in 2024. Volunteers were provided to cover the Bournemouth Air Festival, the British Rowing Regatta, Bournemouth Pier to Pier Swim, Brownsea Island Swim, and Studland SwimRun - local events working alongside other local clubs for which the Charity received donations.



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The Charity also provided 216 patrol hours in form of coastal surveillance and first aid during 2024 (Patrol Level 1 & 2) supporting the local RNLI Lifeguards on Southbourne Beach and HM Coastguard (MCA) in Bournemouth Bay.

Marshals were provided for the Bournemouth Bay Run, a popular community event organised by BCP Council for which the Charity received a donation.

The Charity provided safety cover once again at the White Christmas Dip 2024; held on Christmas Day morning, this event raised more than £28k for the local Macmillan Caring Locally hospice and the Charity received a donation for its time and contribution.

We also had a community day where we ran CPR and water safety demonstrations for members of the local community to learn more about what we do"

Income generation

The Charity received £8,840 by way of donations during the year, a mix of legacy gifts, personal donations, donations for providing safety cover at events and from local masonic groups. Gift Aid to the value of £5,964.50 was received.

All donations expenditure has been lifesaving related, for example, a legacy continues to fund the Graduate Lifeguard Programme and donations have funded training equipment such as surf skis and paddles for smaller stature members to make the surf ski sport more accessible to all members as well as replacement Nipper boards and essential IRB repairs and maintenance.

Future Plans

The Charity's key objectives for 2024 and beyond:

- ❖ 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

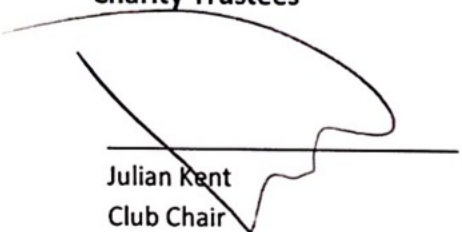
As of 31st December, the bank balance was £31,102.46. Within this, a reserve of £10,000 was held to cover any significant repairs and maintenance to the clubhouse and any unexpected costs.



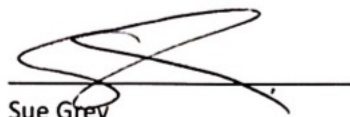
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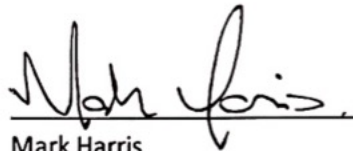
Charity Trustees



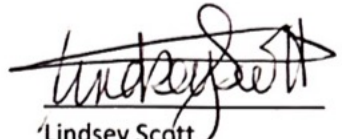
Julian Kent
Club Chair



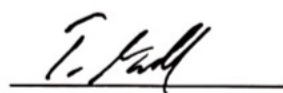
Sue Grey
Club Secretary



Mark Harris
Membership Secretary



Lindsey Scott
Nipper Lead



Tristan Mandel
Safety Manager



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Accounts year ending 2024



	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
A1 Receipts	2024			2024	2023
Donations	£8,840.00			£8,840.00	£12,534.77
Membership fees	£25,621.00			£25,621.00	£24,607.00
Clothing Income	£556.00			£556.00	£560.50
Other Income	£185.00			£185.00	£1,850.01
GiftAid	£5,964.50			£5,964.50	£15,116.29
Course & competition fees	£5,345.67			£5,345.67	£5,252.77
Total Receipts	£46,512.17	£0.00	£0.00	£46,512.17	£59,921.34
A2 Asset	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
A3 Payments					
Membership fees	£1,181.00			£1,181.00	£10,745.37
Pool fees	£5,785.00			£5,785.00	£5,265.00
IRB costs	£0.00			£0.00	£768.61
Club hut	£8,746.12			£8,746.12	£8,110.83
Clothing	£1,116.76			£1,116.76	£1,700.20
Events	£292.60			£292.60	£1,789.89
Equipment	£17,516.35			£17,516.35	£16,632.92
Course fees and awards	£7,882.39			£7,882.39	£5,505.00
Other expenses	£364.10			£364.10	£660.00
	£42,884.32	£0.00		£42,884.32	£51,177.82
A4 Asset & Investment	£0.00	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00
Total payments	£42,884.32	£0.00	£0.00	£42,884.32	£51,177.82
Net of receipts/payments	£3,627.85	£0.00	£0.00	£3,627.85	£8,743.52
Transfer between funds				£0.00	£0.00
Cash funds last year end	£27,474.21	£0.00	£0.00	£27,474.21	£18,730.69
Cash funds this year end	£31,102.06	£0.00	£0.00	£31,102.06	£27,474.21



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Independent Examiner's Report



CHARITY COMMISSION
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Independent examiner's report on the
accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Southbourne Surf Life Saving Club

On accounts for the year
ended

31 December 2024

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 31/12/2024.

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: 14 October 2025

Name:

Mark S Andrews FCCA - Director, Taylor Andrews Ltd

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

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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.