

SPORTING OPPORTUNITIES

ISLE OF WIGHT

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD

1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

During the period to which this report refers Sporting Opportunities Isle of Wight (SOIW) continued to provide opportunities for adults and young people with learning disabilities living on the Isle of Wight to participate in sport including, where possible, participating in competition.

SOIW is an entirely volunteer run organisation and has no employees and none of the volunteers received any remuneration.

During the period of this report, SOIW athletes participated in athletics, indoor bowls, swimming, table tennis and multi-sports. Training sessions for these sports generally were run weekly except during school holidays.

Unfortunately, there continued to be very few competitions available for most of our athletes but our bowls players did take part in excellent competitions in Gloucester and Winchester.

We are very grateful to the volunteer coaches that led our training sessions and to the venues that allow us to use their facilities at no charge or at a discounted rate. We are also grateful to Freshwater Lifeboat who, in support of their aim of preventing death by drowning, paid for the hire of the pool for our swimming lessons.

We received no donations during this period but our finances continued to be in reasonable shape due to a major donation 2 years ago and some fund-raising activities. The lack of competitions also limited our expenditure. For the first time for several years, we did raise some income from subscriptions paid by some of our athletes.

