

Chair's Report 2025

This was the year, the year long dreamed of, the year long planned for but one that always seemed to be in the future. But now, it is here, and real, and will transform what the club can offer to its members and the public, and greatly strengthen its sustainability.

For the years since the storms of 2014 badly damaged the lifeguard hut, it stood derelict, neglected, slowly being consumed by the sea and as it turns out, dangerously electrified. It has faced many a named and violent storm over those intervening 11 years, each taking a bite from its remaining structure. But, despite its weakened, undermined state it stood steadfast, challenging the community to rescue it. And so we did!

Two years ago, Mullion SLSC set up the independent charity Polurrian Cove Beach House Trust (CIO) together with the Friends of Polurrian Beach, the Polurrian on the Lizard and the owners of Polbream. The aim was simple; to buy the building from Cornwall Council and bring it back into use for the community once more, only this time with a lot more reinforced concrete! A lot of work has gone on in these last two years to rescue the building but the final result is outstanding. Without the passion and financial backing from the owners of Polbream, Half tides and especially Andrew Long, owner of the Polurrian on the Lizard, the hut would remain derelict and dangerous.

The hut opened towards the end of our beach season but made an immediate impact. No longer do we have to wait for the trailer to arrive and be unloaded, only to be loaded and taken away again at the end of every session. All of our nipper and transition boards, some rescue boards, inflatable boards, rescue tubes, buoys and radios, risk assessments, and registers can now be stored within the hut, so that our sessions can start on time. It has also meant we can run Youth sessions on a separate night, relieving pressure on kit and coaches. The outdoor showers have been used to great effect in removing sand from wetsuits, which can then be removed on the concrete walkway away from sand. The new toilets at the rear of the building have been greatly appreciated by the public too.

Competition gives our children the chance to realise what they are capable of, to overcome nerves and develop resilience and form strong bonds with their team and affiliation to their club. It also gives focus to training sessions both for the children and the coaches.

Our Nippers have done our Club proud competing again this year, returning with a haul of medals from the Cornish Frostbite Championships in Penzance. I would like to thank the Mullion Cove Hotel and Cornish Granite Sports for sponsoring our T-shirts which were given to each Nipper that took part.

Our Nippers also competed in the Cornish Nipper Beach Championships at Carlyon Bay and showed what amazing talent and determination we have in our team. I would like to thank everyone who volunteered to support our Nippers at these events, especially to our youth members who showed great commitment to our club. I would also like to thank the Polurrian on the Lizard and Cornish Granite Sports for sponsoring our T-shirts for this event, which were looked on in envy by many other clubs and worn with pride by our Nippers and volunteers alike!

Emmy and Toby Entwistle also proudly represented our Club in the SLSGB National Nipper Beach Competition in Weymouth, the first time our club colours have been seen in National competition in over a decade.

Our pool sessions have been well attended this year. Splitting the youth into their own dedicated session immediately following the nippers has allowed both groups to grow and receive more focussed coaching. It is unfortunate that the pool sessions are so late on a school night, but these were the only slots available and we are fortunate to have the whole pool for nearly two hours every week.

We have invested in more equipment for these sessions including more swim fins and tempo timers to put the youth through their paces. We have also invested in three new transition boards and a nipper board so that all of our nippers have access to an appropriately sized board during their beach session.

We successfully raised funds to acquire new defibrillator that is now installed at the Beach House and is freely accessible to the public at all times. Thank you to Jay's Aim, Mullion Parish Council and the family of John Lang who donated the collection taken at his funeral. John was passionate about saving lives at sea and was a previous member of Our Club as well as Chair of the Parish Council. The defib stands as a fitting memorial to him.

The Club's second defibrillator, situated in Mullion Harbour, required a replacement battery and two new pads which were approaching their expiry this year. It is testament to the harbour users and wider community that the Crowd Funder we set up achieved its £400 target with 24 hours of launch!

We also received the proceeds from the collection of the funeral of Mr Biddick, a well loved and widely known man in the village. We will be purchasing three swim cans that will forever be known as the Biddick Buoys that our Nippers and youth will swim around for many years to come!

So, quite a year; and one which has provided a great platform to develop and grow our Club. We have already selected teams to represent our Club at the National Pool Championships in Cardiff early next year, and will also take teams to the National Nipper Beach Championships next summer. The RNLI will operate from the Beach House next year too and we will look to form stronger links with them.

Once again, none of these amazing things that our club provides for the children, the youth, adults and for the wider community would be possible without the time and strenuous efforts of all our volunteers, be they coaches, lifeguards, committee members, water cover or parent helpers. On behalf of the Club and its members, I say to you: thank you!



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
1st Oct 2024

To

Period end date
30th Sep 2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Deposit interest	301	-	-	301	382
Fundraising/ Donations	3,274	-	-	3,274	1,658
SLSGB Fees	1,920	-	-	1,920	Included above
MSLSC Membership Fees/ Other fees	2,843	-	-	2,843	3,405
Winter Swim session fees	4,168	-	-	4,168	2,493
Grant receipts/ Gift aid	475	-	-	475	239
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	65
Transfer Mullion SLSC	-	-	-	-	-
Kit sales	65	-	-	65	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	13,045	-	-	13,045	8,242
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
None	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	13,045	-	-	13,045	8,242
A3 Payments					
Affiliation Fees	4,701	-	-	4,701	3,451
Stationery	300	-	-	300	260
Swimming Pool fees	4,485	-	-	4,485	3,048
Training	155	-	-	155	100
Transfer to Pollurian Cove Beach Trust	-	-	-	-	4,000
Uniform	84	-	-	84	-
Equipment repairs	-	-	-	-	112
Miscellaneous	2,000	-	-	2,000	314
Sub total	11,724	-	-	11,724	11,285
Total payments	15,623	-	-	15,623	13,382
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 2,578	-	-	- 2,578	- 5,140
A5 Transfers between funds			-		-
A6 Cash funds last year end	19,187	6,000	-	25,187	-
Cash funds this year end	16,609	6,000	-	22,609	- 5,140

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	Barclays Current Account	2,938	-	-	
	Barclays Deposit Account	13,671	6,000	-	
	Total cash funds	16,609	6,000	-	
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	
B2 Other monetary assets	Details None	-	-	-	
B3 Investment assets	Details None	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	
			-	-	
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	
	Nipper Boards	General	-	-	
	Rescue Tubes	General	-	-	
	Surf Skis	General	-	-	
	Rescue Boards	General	-	-	
	Sail Flags	General			
	Event Shelter	General			
	Equipment Trailer	General			
	Little Annie QCPR	General	-	-	
	VHF Radios and cases	General			
	Electric pump for boards	General			
	Megaphone	General			
	Binoculars	General			
	Transition nipper boards	General	-	-	
	Inflatable rescue board	General	-	-	
	Swim Fins	General			
	Throw Lines	General			
	AED Trainer	General	-	-	
	Pool boards	General			
	Walkie Talkies	General			
	Competition vests	General	-	-	
	B5 Liabilities	Details None	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
				-	
	Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	