

WiveyPool

Annual Report

for the year ended 31 October 2023

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INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

Charity Information

Principle address:	The Recreation Ground, Wiveliscombe, TA4 2TA
Charity Number:	1196068
Trustees:	Elizabeth Hurry (Chair) Joe Lodge (Treasurer) Gerry Simpson (Secretary) Helen Scribbins Neil Rushton Ian Payne Hamish McCarthy Jo Henry Mike Davis David Holmes
Independent Examiner:	Phil Barker Finance Director and Company Secretary, Festival Medical Services
Bank:	Co-Op Bank Paypal Stripe Starling FDMS
Governing Document:	Constitution Adopted 6 October 2021
Charity Constitution:	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee Selection:	One third of the longest serving Trustees shall stand down at the AGM and be re-elected or re-appointed.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives

The objectives of the Charity are to provide and maintain in the interests of social welfare, a swimming pool for the benefit of the inhabitants of Wiveliscombe and its vicinity, and of the public generally, without distinction of sex or of political, religious or other opinions, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said users.

Public benefit reporting

When reviewing the Charity's objectives and activities and in planning future activities, the trustees have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. This was demonstrated in 2023, by the decision of the trustees of the Charity to keep the pool open to the public during Autumn (up to the last day of September), with the object of continuing the benefits of outdoor swimming for the users.

Achievements and Performance of the Charity

We started 2023 with the drama of a leak in the pool that had to be located and repaired – this resulted in the pool being emptied and once the leak had been identified some considerable work was undertaken to repair it – grateful thanks to Paul Whittard and Martin Keane (along with several volunteers) on the emptying out of the pool and fibreglass fix achieved during the rare dry (and not too cold) days of January / February 2023. The repair and subsequent filling of the pool meant we could not open the pool until 8 April.

At the same time the Trustees were pressing ahead with the installation of an Air Source Heat Pump – a project that had been evaluated and subsequently ordered with the benefit of a grant and loan from Somerset Community Enterprise Fund that we were very lucky to have been awarded in December 2022 – this coincided with a considerable amount of fund-raising from Channel Swimmers and generous philanthropists in our community.

Once we had opened, 2023 was extremely busy as we garnered the support (and attendance) of Kingsmead School for swimming lessons. Unfortunately, COVID has resulted in a high number of children not learning to swim as they were 'locked down'. WiveyPool (particularly our new Trustee Mike Davis) worked with Kingsmead PE Department to correct this sad situation and Years 7 and 8 attended twice a week from end April with amazing success.

At the beginning of April WiveyPool held its first RLSS NPLQ Lifeguard course on site run by our very own (newly qualified RLSS Trainer) Pool Manager Sylvia Cottrell – many thanks again to Wiveliscombe Rugby Club for providing a room. All 8 attendees passed, and we had a welcome influx of new lifeguards.

During the Main Season of 2023 we had two Swimming Instructors working at the pool to carry out swimming lessons (for schools, groups, and individuals) and fun classes like Aqua Circuits and Crash Courses.

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Membership statistics: -

See below

Year	No. of Memberships	No. of Members	Day Visitor Nos.
2023	469	810	7776
2022	414	690	6565
2021	427	719	5911
2020	258	429	3700
2019	434	833	3760

Maintenance:

Apart from the considerable amount of work repairing the leak (referred to above) the major 'Maintenance' Project for 2023 was installation of the Air Source Heat Pump, another array of solar panels (on the roof of the changing rooms) and changing over to Phase 3 electricity to make the most of all our solar panels. It is very satisfying to know we are 'doing our bit for the plant' to get off fossil fuels and run the pool more energy efficient. Notwithstanding this, we need to keep our connection to gas as sometimes there just isn't quite enough sunshine to sufficiently heat the water.

Fundraising

Very grateful thanks to all trustees who helped with fundraising – Mike Davis and Ian Payne for their work with Somerset Community Enterprise Fund, Hamish McCarthy for another Channel Swim with some of the young WiLDSquad members, donations from local groups (including but not exclusively: Chipstable Parish Council, Wivey Show, Wivey Whist Drive, Brendon Energy, Waitrose, Thorne's, Whelans....) and of course the phenomenal generosity of our Community.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The detailed statement of financial activities showed that during the period of the accounts, the charity had an excess of expenditure over income of £3,380. This was due to the expense of the energy efficient project being undertaken throughout the year. During the year donations, grants and a loan were received totalling £70,409.

At the end of the year there was £151,449 in the bank account.

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Statement of Assets & Liabilities

As noted above and in the year end accounts, WiveyPool purchased the below listed significant (value over £5000) assets in the financial year ended 30 October 2023:-

Air Source Heat Pump

Solar Panel Array

At the year end WiveyPool held the below listed significant (value over £5000) liabilities:-
Loan £40,000.

This loan was repaid in December 2023.

Reserves Policy

The Charity continues monitoring its reserves policy agreed at the budget meeting for 2022/23.

FUTURE PLANS

During 2023 we worked with the Trustees of the Recreation Ground to get a new lease for our new Charitable Incorporated Organisation for 50 years.

We have trialled opening the pool (unheated) during February and March 2024 after a 'call for cold swimming' – we are 'manning' the pool with volunteer lifeguards (very grateful thanks) to keep the costs down – we will assess the success of this venture at the end of the year.

It is only with the help of funding from that we have been able to offer an extended season and more classes in 2024 for which we are very excited.

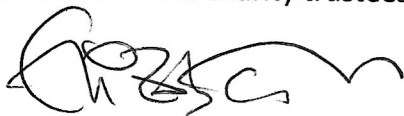
THANKS

- our manager (Sylvia), Martin and our Pool Plant Operators; Helen and David
- all our lifeguards, for their good work in keeping the pool safe and clean
- to our volunteers, for all their effort and support.
- to everyone on the committee for their commitment and contributions.
- to Phil Barker, who examined our 2022/23 accounts and Helen Scribbins for her help in preparing them for him.


DECLARATION

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:



Elizabeth Hurry (Chair)

 24 February 2024

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Unaudited Accounts for Year Ended 31 October 2023

Independent examiner's report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Wiveypool for the year ended 31 October 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

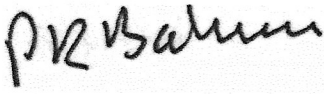
I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

There are no other concerns that I have come across in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

Name: Phil Barker
Chief Finance Officer and Company Secretary
Festival Medical Services

Date: Thursday, 15 February 2024

Balance Sheet

Year Ending 31 October 2023

2022-2023

2021-2022

Net receipts for year		(3,380)		(11,470)
Balance as at 1 November		116334		127804
		<u>112954</u>		<u>116334</u>
Co-Op / NatWest Current Account	Unrestricted	121456	Unrestricted	113113
	Resticted	30097	Resticted	3000
Liabilities: Loan		(40,000)		
PayPal Account		886		44
Starling		387		27
Cash Account		128		149
		<u>112954</u>		<u>116334</u>

Notes to the accounts

1) Assets

Assets/Land: Wiveypool leases the land and buildings that form the swimming pool from the Trustees of the Recreation Ground for a term that expires on 17 Decemebr 2073. The pool also has an informal arrangement with a neighbouring landowner that allows it to use a further piece of adjacent land at no cost to the pool. This land houses one of the pool's major investments - the solar power array. I think that the trustees are very close to finalising a formal legal arrangement (at no cost) with the landowner on which our solar panels sit. The lease from the Recreation Ground is at a modest rent and it might be argued that it is a financial asset of the pool

Other assets consist of pool equipment and accessories which are replaced on a regular basis and recorded as ordinary payments in the year in which the expense occurs.

2) Accounting basis

The accounts are prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis which is a factual record of monies received and spent.

3) Trustee expenses

The trustees do not receive any remuneration or expenses from the charity for their work as trustees

4) Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted are expendible at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the Charity's objects

5) Restricted Funds

Restricted Funds are those which must be spent as income on the particular purposes specified by the donor or specifically identified in appeal literature

In the year ending 31st October 2023 the Charity received £30,097 contribution towards sustainable heating/power. This was spent within the financial year.

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