

# THE EXPLORERS CLUB, GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND CHAPTER

England & Wales · Charity number 1196872

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2021-12-01

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE SUBJECTS OF SCIENCE AND THE ENVIRONMENT THROUGH HOSTING EVENTS, THE PROVISION OF GRANTS, AND FINANCIAL AND NON-FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO SCIENTIFIC FIELD RESEARCH, AND BY PROMOTING RESEARCH AND DISSEMINATING THE USEFUL RESULTS OF THAT RESEARCH.

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## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Ireland
- Throughout England And Wales

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£18,093	£11,274	-	-
2024-04-05	£6,100	£8,504	-	-
2023-04-05	£17,902	£14,489	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Rory Golden	Chair	2021-12-01
Mark Simon Wood		2021-12-01
Piotr Michalik		2025-04-11

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# Accounts

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**Unaudited Financial Statements  
6 April 2024 – 5 April 2025**

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#### **Achievements and performance**

Our first event in the fiscal year was "Life on the Wild Side" at the Frontline Club on the 27th of June. Presentations were given by Elodie Freymann, primatologist and scientific storyteller, Harrison Carter, DPhil student examining human-wildlife co-existence, Holly Budge, one of the UK's most accomplished female adventurers, and Michelle Sanders and Alice Boyd, filmmakers with a premier of their short film: "ARCTIC ICE".

On 27<sup>th</sup> September, Bill Bowerman, Chair of the Washington Chapter and Professor of Wildlife Ecology and Environmental Toxicology, gave a presentation in the Ivy Club, Covent Garden, London on his lifetime conservation work on the American Bald Eagle and the effects of environmental pollution in the Great lakes.

The next event was held in Dundee at the Discovery Point venue on November 16th. This was in association with the Polar Academy charity. Speakers included Mountaineer, Sailor and author Douglas Crombie Anderson, who gave an account of his expeditions to Greenland, Arctic photographer Ian Dawson, and Polar Academy graduates Abbie Rooss and Jamie Brady.

On Friday, 31st January, at The Ivy Club, Covent Garden, Kim Frank, Fellow of The Explorers Club, Washington State, presented her experiences on her “Asian Elephant from Conflict to Coexistence” project.

Our final event in the fiscal year was held at the Frontline Club. The theme was “Women in Exploration”. Our 3 Guest Speakers were Niamh Shaw - science communicator, writer, and passionate advocate for the transformative power of science. Kate Inman, Explorers Club Student Member and final year BSc Marine Biology student at the University of Plymouth, and Polar Academy graduate Eloise Moulton who as a 15-year-old, undertook a sledge hauling winter expedition to East Greenland with TPA.

Our first annual Black-Tie dinner was held at the Polish Heart Club on the 30th of November with Guest of Honour, President Emeritus Faanya Rose. There was a great mix of people present, with over 100 attending. It was also the 150th year of Sir Ernest Shackleton, marked by events globally. In that context, also present was one of our Patrons, Alexandria Shackleton who was very welcome. Leader of the expedition that found Endurance, John Shears and Search Director of The Quest expedition this year, David Mearns were in the room too.

These events would not have been possible without support and donations from attendees and patrons and corporate sponsors, Faanya Rose, The Polar Academy, Tiso, and Printworks Coventry – all of whom the Club would like to thank.

### **Financial review**

The Club depends on donations and grants and for the period receipts totalled £18,093 from a combination of proceeds from events and direct donations. Expenses for the period were £11,274, netting a gain of £6,819. Considering the surplus from previous years at the end of the financial year net current assets were £13,113.

### **Plans for future periods**

The trustees and volunteers will continue to play a role in the continuing search for funds to cover expenses associated with the Club’s activities. The Club will continue to advance its objectives and host events to raise knowledge of science and the environment and will consider other avenues to further these objectives using its limited resources.


## Reserves Policy

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The trustees' annual report was approved on 20 December 2025 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

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**Statement of Financial Activities**

**Year Ended 5 April 2025**

	<b>6 April 2024 – 5 April 2025</b>		
	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>Total Funds £</b>
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>			
Voluntary Income	5,040	0	5,040
Activities for Generating Funds	13,053	0	13,053
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>18,093</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18,093</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Grants	0	0	0
Expenditure on Charitable Activities	10,695	0	10,695
Operating Costs	579	0	579
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>11,274</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11,274</b>
<b>Net (Expenditure)/Income and Net Movement in Funds</b>	<b>6,819</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,819</b>
<b>Reconciliation of Funds</b>			
Total Funds Brought Forward	6,294	0	6,294
<b>Total Funds Carried Forward</b>	<b>13,113</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13,113</b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

**The Explorers Club, Great Britain and Ireland Chapter**

**Statement of Financial Position**

**Year Ended 5 April 2025**

	<b>6 April 2024 – 5 April 2025</b>
	<b>£</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>	
Cash at Bank and in Hand	13,113
<b>Creditors: Amounts Falling Due within One Year</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>	<b>13,113</b>
<b>Funds of the Charity</b>	
Restricted Funds	0
Unrestricted Funds	13,113
<b>Total Charity Funds</b>	<b>13,113</b>

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#### **Achievements and performance**

The first talk of the year, titled "First Ascent" was held at the Frontline Club on 29 June to celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first ascent of Mt. Everest. Guest speakers scheduled at this event were mountaineers Krishna Thapa, Neville Shulman, and Sue Leyden, with pre-recorded messages from relatives of Sir Edmund Hillary and Sir Ranulph Fiennes.

The second event of the year was hosted at Dynamic Earth in Edinburgh. This was held on 26 November and titled “Inspiring Endeavours” with talks by Hari Budha Magar and Krishna Thapa, along with The Polar Academy Graduates Daniel Millar and Piper McBay, covering mountaineering and arctic-based expeditions.

The final event of the financial year was titled “Oceans” and held back at The Frontline Club on 21 March. Presenters included Rod Macdonald, Jo Ruxton MBE, John Kendal, and Club Chair Rory Golden. Topics covered everything from shipwrecks through to conservation and photogrammetry.

These events would not have been possible without support and donations from attendees and corporate sponsors, The Polar Academy, Exodus Travels, Tiso, and PrintWorks Coventry – all of whom the Club would like to thank.

### **Financial review**

The Club depends on donations and grants and for the period receipts totalled £6,100 from a combination of proceeds from events and direct donations. Expenses for the period were £8,504, netting a loss of £2,404. Taking into account the surplus from previous years at the end of the financial year net current assets were £6,294.

### **Plans for future periods**

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**Statement of Financial Activities**

**Year Ended 5 April 2024**

	<b>6 April 2023 – 5 April 2024</b>		
	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>Total Funds £</b>
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>			
Voluntary Income	549	0	549
Activities for Generating Funds	5,551	0	5,551
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>6,100</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,100</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Grants	500	0	500
Expenditure on Charitable Activities	7,448	0	7,448
Operating Costs	556	0	556
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>8,504</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8,504</b>
<b>Net (Expenditure)/Income and Net Movement in Funds</b>	<b>(2,404)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(2,404)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of Funds</b>			
Total Funds Brought Forward	8,698	0	8,698
<b>Total Funds Carried Forward</b>	<b>6,294</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,294</b>

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**Statement of Financial Position**

**Year Ended 5 April 2024**

	<b>6 April 2023 – 5 April 2024</b> £
<b>Current Assets</b>	
Cash at Bank and in Hand	6,294
<b>Creditors: Amounts Falling Due within One Year</b>	0
<b>Net Current Assets</b>	<b>6,294</b>
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#### **Achievements and performance**

As covid restrictions eased, the Club successfully held a few events during the period with talks given by a range of explorers. The first event, "Exploration Exposed", was held on 31 March at the Frontline Club and featured award winning film maker Tom Martiensen and underwater and wildlife photographer Ellen Cuylaerts.

The next event was held on 29 June, at the usual venue of the Frontline Club. Titled "Ocean Views", inspiring presentations were given by Phil Short, Technical & Cave Diving Instructor John Kendall, Dive Industry Consultant & Educator, and also Zakia Rashid, Founder of MotherOceanBlue.

On 29 September 2022 the third even for the period was held, featuring three fascinating Chapter members who, in recent years, followed in the ghostly footsteps of some of history's most renowned explorers, Franklin, Scott and Shackleton - each remembered for his own unique endeavour. Work was showcased from Captain Louis Rudd MBE, record-breaking polar adventurer & expedition consultant, Chris Tiso, CEO of Tiso Group, and Kevin Oliver, mountain & arctic warfare specialist.

The final event for 2022 was hosted in Dundee at RSS Discovery with speakers covering a wide range of histories of exploration vessels. This included Synnøve Marie Kvam Strømsvåg, Chair of The Explorers Club Norway Chapter, covering The Fram & Kon Tiki; Alli Gellatly, Head of Operations at Dundee Heritage Trust, and The RRS Discovery; Rory Golden, Chapter Chair of the Club, and The RMS Titanic, and finally Mensun Bound, Maritime Archaeologist & Ocean Infinity's Director of Exploration, talking about The Endurance.

The final event of the period, and first of the calendar year, was held on 30 March at the Frontline Club in London and titled "Darkness & Light" *Beneath the Yucatan Peninsula and over the Antarctic*. Talks were delivered by Rannvá Jørmundsson, a cave diver with experience diving beneath the Mexican jungle, along with Astrid Furholdt, who was the first woman to follow the route of Roald Amundsen to the South Pole.

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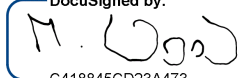
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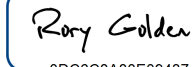
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**Statement of Financial Activities**

**Year Ended 5 April 2023**

	<b>1 December 2021 – 5 April 2023</b>		
	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>Total Funds £</b>
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>			
Voluntary Income	8,484	0	8,484
Activities for Generating Funds	9,418	0	9,418
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>17,902</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17,902</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Expenditure on Charitable Activities	14,218	0	14,218
Operating Costs	272	0	272
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>14,489</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14,489</b>
<b>Net (Expenditure)/Income and Net Movement in Funds</b>	<b>3,413</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,413</b>
<b>Reconciliation of Funds</b>			
Total Funds Brought Forward	5,285	0	5,285
<b>Total Funds Carried Forward</b>	<b>8,698</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8,698</b>

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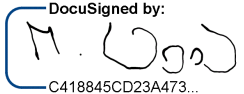
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	<b>1 December 2021 – 5 April 2023</b> £
<b>Current Assets</b>	
Cash at Bank and in Hand	8,698
<b>Creditors: Amounts Falling Due within One Year</b>	0
<b>Net Current Assets</b>	<b>8,698</b>
<b>Funds of the Charity</b>	
Restricted Funds	
Unrestricted Funds	8,698
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