



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 10th December 2021 to 30th September 2022

Charity name: North Staffs Rowing Club

Charity registration number: 1197041

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The promotion of community participation in healthy recreation for the benefit of the inhabitants of the North Staffordshire region by the provision of facilities for amateur rowing. (For the purposes of this clause "facilities" means land, buildings, equipment, access to coaching and organising sporting activities).
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p><u>Membership</u></p> <p>The club aims to expand both its senior and junior memberships as a main activity to support promotion of participation in amateur rowing. For seniors, the club offers membership to experienced or returning rowers and runs learn-to-row courses for novices. For juniors, the club runs outreach to local schools, runs learn-to-row courses for juniors and supports junior rowing from J12 (12-year olds) through to J18 (18-year olds).</p> <p>The only restrictions on membership are those of medical conditions which impact the ability of an individual to row safely. The club aims to support assisted rowing where it can but this is limited by the nature of the facilities.</p> <p><u>Equipment and Facilities</u></p> <p>The club offers boats and facilities at its boathouse on Rudyard Lake in Staffordshire. It maintains a fleet of boats that are available for members to use. The club also invests in new boats.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity	Para 1.18	The trustees can confirm that they have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Commission on public benefit		
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	The charity does not make grants.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	The charity does not undertake social investment
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The charity is run solely by volunteers. All trustees, officers and coaches are volunteers. The charity also depends on volunteers to help in the maintenance of its facilities and to support the club's members in activities such as competitions.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p><u>Membership</u></p> <p>Both the Senior and Junior sections of the club have grown in 2021/2022. In this period two successful 'Learn to Row' courses have been run for novice rowers, most of whom subsequently joined the club. Several of the club's senior crews have enjoyed success in regional competitions. The Junior section has had an excellent year with a new cohort of J12 and J13 rowers. The Juniors have had success in regional competitions and representation at the national level.</p> <p>On the recommendation of the committee, the trustees decided it was necessary to raise subscription fees for seniors and juniors. This was particularly needed to cover ongoing boat maintenance, increases in boathouse rental and future investment in new boats to ensure that the fleet remains fully operational. Subscription fees remain modest for a sports club and the trustees were keen to ensure that no individual was priced off the water with provision being made for any member who struggles with the increase in fees.</p>

		<p><u>Equipment and Facilities</u></p> <p>The club has invested in a new heavyweight 8, which has proven to be a well-used boat by both the men and women.</p> <p>Equipment has been maintained and improvements to the boathouse are ongoing.</p> <p>Coaching is routinely available to both senior and junior rowers.</p> <p><u>Fundraising</u></p> <p>The club has had several successful fundraising efforts this year, most of which have been focused on paying for the new heavyweight 8. Fundraising efforts for next year will focus on the junior section and the purchase of a new single scull.</p> <p>The club has applied for gift aid status to help in future fundraising.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	The club has no monetary investments.
Other		

Financial Review

<p>Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period</p>	<p>Para 1.21</p>	<p>North Staffs Rowing Club was first listed by the Charity Commission on 27th December 2021 but existed as a private members club for approximately 40 years prior to this.</p> <p>The club's year end has traditionally been 30th September and this will be retained in order to allow members to see a like-for-like comparison of finances. However, this means that the first annual report submitted to the Charity Commission will only cover a period of approximately 9 months.</p> <p>Furthermore, as this is the first year of the charity's existence, there are no previous submissions against which to compare but narrative comparisons may be made with pre-charity finances.</p> <p>The charity's bank balance at year end was £11.3k which was 6.3% lower than at the start of the reporting period.</p> <p>The main source of income is membership subscriptions which have increased through the year due to an increase in membership numbers. In addition, coaching fees from Keele University Boat Club have resumed post-COVID.</p> <p>Inflation has resulted in upward pressure on both fixed expenditure (rent is linked to RPI) and variable expenditure particularly maintenance. Discretionary expenditure is primarily purchase of new equipment which varies significantly year-on-year.</p> <p>The club/charity's bank balance has been in general decline over recent years mainly due to a reduction in grants available for purchase of new equipment, reduced income during the pandemic and latterly higher inflation. However, they are still considered to be in a sustainable position. Membership fees have recently been increased for the first time in 5 years and the trustees support the increased emphasis on fundraising.</p>
<p>Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held</p>	<p>Para 1.22</p>	<p>The trustees in consultation with the Treasurer have decided that a minimum sum of £10-15K be retained in order to cover fixed outgoings (rent and insurance) for a period of at least one year in the event of an unforeseen cessation or reduction in activity.</p> <p>The charity aims to build reserves in order to upgrade or purchase new boats or</p>

		equipment in accordance with an agreed plan.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	The club has no reserves other than the current account balance shown above.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Not applicable

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Membership subscriptions supplemented with fundraising efforts throughout the year.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Not applicable
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with voting members other than its charity trustees
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	The charity is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<p>Trustees of the CIO retire each year as laid out in the constitution. As this is the first year of the CIO, this means that all the current trustees are required to retire. Subsequently, a third of existing trustees retire each year.</p> <p>Trustees are selected from the adult membership of the rowing club and must be full members of the club.</p> <p>Prior to the AGM a call is put out to all eligible adult members for those who wish to be considered as trustees. Individuals nominate themselves and those trustees who are retiring at the AGM may nominate themselves for re-election if this nomination for re-election doesn't violate the rules on reappointment as stipulated in the constitution</p> <p>At the AGM, nominations for trustees are presented to the membership of CIO present. The membership appoints trustees via simple majority voting as outlined in the constitution.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	New trustees are provided with a copy of the CIO's constitution and the Charity Commissions guide for new trustees.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	<p>The trustees have delegated the day-to-day management of the CIO to a committee composed of officers of the rowing club. At least two trustees sit on this committee (currently all trustees are also officers of the club and sit on this committee).</p> <p>The members of the committee represent all of the different parts of the rowing club and Keele University Boat Club (KUBC), an associated organisation. The committee is as follows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secretary • Treasurer • Men's Captain • Women's Captain • Safety Officer • Development Officer/KUBC Representative • Junior Coordinator • Social Secretary • Membership Secretary <p>The committee is responsible for managing the club, making appropriate investments in new equipment, and ensuring that equipment and facilities are maintained for the membership.</p> <p>The trustees review the performance of the committee throughout the year to ensure that it is running the club in line with the objects of the CIO and in the best interest of club membership.</p>
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	Keele University boat club (KUBC) is an organisation that has been accepted by the CIO as having objects compatible with those of the CIO. They utilise the facilities of CIO, for which they pay termly fees. They are represented by a nominee who exercises one vote as a full member.
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	North Staffs Rowing Club
Other name the charity uses	Not applicable
Registered charity number	1197041
Charity's principal address	Rudyard Lake Activities Centre, Lake Road, Rudyard, Leek ST13 8XB

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Len Clowes	President		NSRC
2	Darrell Wood	Treasurer		NSRC
3	Christine Ridden	Women's Captain		NSRC
4	Gareth Taylor	Men's Captain		NSRC
5	Peter Webster	KUBC representative and Development Officer		NSRC
6	David Cook	Secretary		NSRC
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	None
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	None

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Not applicable

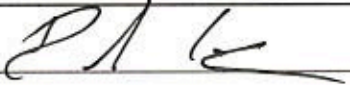
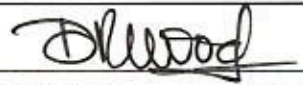
Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	IAN DAVID COOK.	DARRELL WOOD
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	Treasurer
Date	19 th March 2023	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
North Staffs Rowing Club

No. (if any)
1197041

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
27/12/2022

To

Period end date
30/09/2023

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					
Subscriptions	16,938	-	-	16,938	-
Fundraising	1,647	-	-	1,647	-
Donations	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Keele University subscriptions	2,067	-	-	2,067	-
Other	7,555	-	-	7,555	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	28,199	-	-	28,199	-
A2 Asset and investment sales					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	28,199	-	-	28,199	-
A3 Payments					
Rent and parking	5,889	-	-	5,889	-
Rowing Subscriptions	651	-	-	651	-
Insurance	3,594	-	-	3,594	-
Boat maintenance	839	-	-	839	-
Coaching	816	-	-	816	-
Fundraising costs	-	-	-	-	-
Indoor training	2,061	-	-	2,061	-
Launch and trailer	986	-	-	986	-
Sundry	411	-	-	411	-
Other	7,002	-	-	7,002	-
Sub total	20,618	-	-	20,618	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases					
New equipment	8,335	-	-	8,335	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	8,335	-	-	8,335	-
Total payments	28,953	-	-	28,953	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 755	-	-	- 755	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	12,027	-	-	12,027	-
Cash funds this year end	11,272	-	-	11,272	-

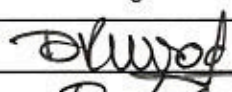
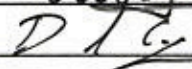
Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Lloyds current account	11,272	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	11,272	-	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	None	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	None		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	See attached Asset Register		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	None		-	
			-	
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Notes

- 1 These accounts cover the period from 27/12/21 (date NSRC recognised by Charity Commission as CIO) to 30/9/22 (traditional year end for members club which preceded CIO).
- 2 The trustees confirm that the CIO has given no guarantees which could result in potential liability
- 3 The trustees confirm that there is no debt secured against the assets of the CIO

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	DARRELL WOOD	19/03/23
	IAN DAVID COOK	19/03/23



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
North Staffs Rowing Club

On accounts for the year
ended

30th September 2022*

Charity no
(if any)

1197041

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the period ended 30th September 2022.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

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Date:

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Name:

SUSAN ANN CORFIELD

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

Address:

WESTWOOD HODGE MILL LANE
WETHEY ROCKS STAFFORDSHIRE MORLANDS
ST9 0BN

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.

The Charity was incorporated on 10th December 2021 having formerly been a club operated on behalf of its members since 1982.

The club has traditionally operated with a year end of 30th September and the trustees have decided to retain this date for the financial year end of the Charity in order to allow year on year comparison of accounts. As a result, the first annual report submitted to the Charity Commission will be for less than a full financial year namely the period 10th December 2021 to 30th September 2022.

I can confirm that I have examined the records and accounts for the period 1st October 2021 to 30th September 2022 which includes the full period in which NSRC was a registered charity.

Lu Cinfeld
2/12/22

NSRC CIO Income and Expenditure 10 Dec 21 to 30 Sep 22

	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	Total Income/ Expenditure
INCOME											
Subscriptions	964.00	1,659.00	1,666.00	1,810.00	1,571.00	1,726.00	1,780.00	1,865.00	1,905.10	1,983.50	16,929.60
Other	0.00	1,000.00	2,291.50	237.55	0.00	1,412.00	1,151.38	1,453.00	10.00	0.00	7,555.43
Fundraising	160.00	20.00	110.00	40.00	500.00	160.00	-926.55	1,393.06	110.00	80.00	1,646.51
Keele Uni subs and contributions	858.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,209.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,067.00
TOTAL INCOME	1,982.00	2,679.00	4,067.50	2,087.55	3,280.00	3,298.00	2,004.83	4,711.06	2,025.10	2,063.50	28,198.54
EXPENDITURE											
Rent and parking	491.45	599.78	599.78	599.78	599.78	599.78	599.78	599.78	599.78	599.78	5,889.47
Rowing Subscriptions	0.00	0.00	650.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	650.80
Insurances	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,080.45	513.72	0.00	0.00	3,594.17
Audit	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Boat maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	276.45	0.00	0.00	562.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	839.30
Club clothing	0.00	1,027.86	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,027.86
Coaching	0.00	-998.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	0.00	32.50	-815.50
New equipment	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	480.00	1,000.00	4,855.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,335.00
Boathouse maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16.00	12.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	28.97
Indoor Training	195.00	302.00	260.00	456.00	90.00	215.00	100.00	130.00	185.00	127.50	2,060.50
Launch and trailer	50.20	0.00	17.98	51.03	411.25	79.55	95.11	178.48	42.07	60.78	986.45
Other	0.00	1,569.21	36.95	216.00	1,166.00	1,014.52	1,931.38	0.00	0.00	40.00	5,974.06
Other equipment (incl. safety)	0.00	0.00	382.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	382.24
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	1,736.65	2,500.85	2,947.75	1,599.26	2,747.03	2,924.85	11,387.54	1,421.98	826.85	860.56	28,953.32
NET	245.35	178.15	1,119.75	488.29	532.97	373.15	-9,382.71	3,289.08	1,198.25	1,202.94	-754.78
Balance b/fwd	12,027.02	12,272.37	12,450.52	13,570.27	14,058.56	14,591.53	14,964.68	5,581.97	8,871.05	10,069.30	
Balance c/fwd	12,272.37	12,450.52	13,570.27	14,058.56	14,591.53	14,964.68	5,581.97	8,871.05	10,069.30	11,272.24	
TOTAL FUNDS	12,272.37	12,450.52	13,570.27	14,058.56	14,591.53	14,964.68	5,581.97	8,871.05	10,069.30	11,272.24	