



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st October 2023 to 30th September 2024

Charity name: North Staffs Rowing Club (NSRC)

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>NSRC ("The Club") aims to expand both its Adult and Junior membership as a main activity to support the promotion of participation in amateur rowing. For Adults, the Club offers membership to experienced or returning rowers and runs Learn-to-Row (LTR) courses for beginners. For Juniors, it runs outreach programmes with local schools, LTR courses 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 its 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 and also invests in new boats.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees can confirm that they have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	The Club does not make grants.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	The Club does not undertake social investment
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The Club - including its trustees, officers and coaches - is run solely by volunteers. It also depends on volunteers to help in the maintenance of its facilities and to support 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> Both adult and junior membership numbers vary throughout the course of the year but both categories saw a general increase (an average of 47 to 54 adults and 45 to 50 juniors).</p> <p>Two adult LTR courses were held – one for general applicants and the other for parents of juniors – with a total of 14 participants. Dedicated sessions aimed at intermediate rowers are helping to retain LTR participants by bridging the gap to general session rowing.</p> <p>Junior LTR sessions were held with participants from St Edwards and Churnet Middle Schools (Leek).</p> <p><u>Competitions</u> The Club entered both Junior and Adult crews at Shrewsbury, Burton, Trentham, Warrington and Northwich. Junior crews were particularly successful at Warrington with three wins and the Adult crews also achieved wins at Shrewsbury.</p> <p>Junior crews also competed in the Junior Inter-Regional Regatta at Northwich and the National championships.</p>

		<p><u>Equipment and Facilities</u> One coxed four/quad was scrapped as it was deemed to be beyond economic repair as well as one safety launch which was no longer considered suitable.</p> <p>Juniors are coached on Saturday mornings throughout most of the school year with additional evening sessions during the lighter summer months.</p> <p>Adults row in organised sessions on Sunday mornings as well as Thursday evenings during the summer months. In addition, competent adults can use Club boats either on their own or as part of a crew at any time.</p> <p>Separate indoor training sessions are held for both Adults and Juniors at a local gym during the winter months.</p> <p><u>Keele University Boat Club (KUBC)</u> KUBC membership numbers are low for a variety of reasons and there has been very little on-water activity.</p> <p><u>All Aboard (formerly Warrington) Youth Rowing</u> The Club has an agreement with All Aboard Youth Rowing, a charity (1176153) under which coaches and equipment are provided during term time to children on the Pupil Premium Register at Macclesfield Academy to enable them learn to row and potentially take part in competitions. The Club is looking to extend participation in the scheme to schools in the Leek area.</p> <p><u>Fundraising</u> Funds were raised via a 12-hour on water sponsored row and a Christmas raffle.</p> <p><u>Social</u> In addition to social activities in and around the sponsored rowing events, NSRC also organised an end of season bar-b-q and awards ceremony and Xmas curry.</p> <p><u>Coaching</u> The Club paid for three members to gain the RYA Level 2 powerboat qualification and two members to become British Rowing Session Coaches.</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

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>Full details of the accounts are provided in the submitted form CC16a.</p> <p>Note: The 'Other' category in receipts and payments primarily covers race fees which the Club NSRC collects from members and pays to British Rowing for competition entry. This is done for convenience and financial control but it distorts figures because it changes based on the number of competition entries but cannot be used for other purposes.</p> <p>The Club's total bank balances at year end amounted to £18.5k which was 7.5% higher than at the start of the reporting period. KUBC subscriptions for the 2023/24 academic year were not received until after the year end. In addition, an exercise to chase unpaid junior subscriptions resulted in a further £1.6k received in October. These sums are not included in the CC16a form but a more realistic increase in total funds would be approximately £3.7k or 20%.</p> <p>Income (excluding Other) decreased by approximately £7.9k primarily due to significant reductions in fundraising and KUBC subscriptions. It was a conscious decision by the Club to temporarily reduce fundraising activities as it was felt that junior parents needed to see the rewards of their hard work in terms of new equipment. The significant reduction in KUBC activity and therefore coaching fees was expected</p>
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		<p>and was mentioned under Principal Risks in the previous Annual Report.</p> <p>Expenditure (excluding Other) also decreased by £3.1k mainly due to a reduction in expenditure on new equipment.</p> <p>Although Club finances are healthy in the short term, approximately £14k per annum needs to be allocated to new equipment in order to maintain the existing fleet. It is not considered realistic to fund this sum solely through subscriptions so there is a pressing need to secure more income through fundraising, donations and grants.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>The Club aims to build reserves in order to upgrade or purchase new boats or equipment in accordance with an agreed plan.</p> <p>The trustees have decided that a minimum bank balance will be maintained in order to cover fixed outgoings (primarily rent and insurance) in the event of an unforeseen cessation or reduction in activity. This minimum level (currently £12k) is specified in the Internal Financial Controls Procedure and is subject to periodic review. If the bank balance falls below this level, the trustees will take greater control of day-to-day finances.</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	The Club has no reserves other than the current account balance.
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, donations and grants.
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	Inability to fund replacement of boat fleet.

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Constitution of a CIO with voting members other than its charity trustees
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	NSRC is constituted as a CIO
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 retire each year as laid out in the constitution. As required, all the trustees were required to retire at the first AGM but were subsequently re-elected in order to provide continuity. In subsequent years, a third of existing trustees are required to retire.</p> <p>Trustees are selected from the adult membership 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 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, a copy of the most recent year-end financial statement, Annual Report 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 Club. At least two trustees sit on this committee.</p> <p>The members of the committee represent all of the different parts of the Club as well as KUBC, an associated organisation. The committee is as follows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President • Secretary • Treasurer • Men's Captain

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women's Captain • Safety Officer • Development Officer/KUBC Representative • Junior Coordinator • Social Secretary • Membership Secretary • Welfare Officers (ad hoc as required) <p>The committee is responsible for general management, 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 operating in line with the objects of the CIO and in the best interest of membership.</p>
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	<p>KUBC is an organisation that has been accepted as having objectives compatible with those of the Club. They utilise Club facilities for which they pay termly fees. They are represented by a nominee who exercises one vote as a full member.</p> <p>All Aboard Youth Rowing (see Achievements and Performance).</p>
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	Pamela Dawes	Honorary Treasurer		NSRC
2	Christine Ridden	Member		NSRC
3	Gareth Taylor	Member		NSRC
4	Peter Webster	KUBC representative and Development Officer		NSRC
5	David Cook	Secretary		NSRC
6	David Mellor	None	From 18 th Feb 2024	NSRC
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9				
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
Not applicable		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
Not applicable		

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)

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

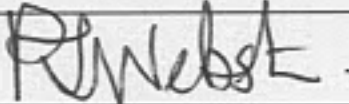
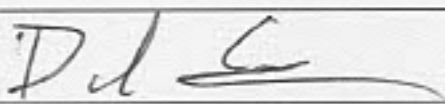
Not applicable

Other optional information

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)	PETER WEBSTER	DAVID COOK
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	TRUSTEE	TRUSTEE.

Date

20/7/2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
North Staffs Rowing Club

No (if any)
1197041

CC16a

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/10/2023	To	Period end date 30/09/2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

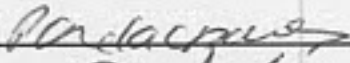

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year (Note 1) to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Subscriptions	28,163	-	-	28,163	29,105
Fundraising	3,207	-	-	3,207	7,464
Donations	2,010	-	-	2,010	1,013
Grants	334	-	-	334	500
Keele University subscriptions	-	-	-	-	3,572
Other	5,949	-	-	5,949	6,711
Cash	89	-	-	89	520
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	39,752	-	-	39,752	48,885
A2 Asset and investment sales					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	39,752	-	-	39,752	48,885
A3 Payments					
Rent and parking	8,352	-	-	8,352	8,272
Rowing Subscriptions	990	-	-	990	658
Insurance	3,565	-	-	3,565	3,551
Boat maintenance	5,685	-	-	5,685	6,176
Coaching	1,353	-	-	1,353	1,115
Fundraising costs	40	-	-	40	281
Indoor training	3,045	-	-	3,045	2,700
Launch and trailer	1,825	-	-	1,825	1,019
Sundry	747	-	-	747	966
Other	6,015	-	-	6,015	6,856
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	31,616	-	-	31,616	31,594
A4 Asset and investment purchases					
New equipment	6,832	-	-	6,832	10,803
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	6,832	-	-	6,832	10,803
Total payments	38,448	-	-	38,448	42,397
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,304	-	-	1,304	6,488
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	17,241	-	-	17,241	11,272
Cash funds this year end	18,544	-	-	18,544	17,760

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	18,456	-	-
	Lloyds deposit account	89	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	18,544	-	-
	(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	None	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	None			
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	See attached Asset Register			
B5 Liabilities	None			

Notes

- 1 The trustees confirm that the CIO has given no guarantees which could result in potential liability
- 2 The trustees confirm that there is no debt secured against the assets of the CIO

	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		PAMELA LOUISE DAWES	7.5.2025
		IAN DAVID COOK	9/3/2025

NSRC Primary Asset Register

NSRC holds significant non-monetary assets in the form of equipment associated with rowing activities; the main items are listed below in accordance with the Guidance Notes for Receipts and Payments Accounts Introductory Notes revised January 2017

The trustees have decided that no monetary values will be shown primarily because NSRC does not formally depreciate its assets. However, asset values are used internally for the purposes of insurance and the setting of fundraising targets and subscription fees.

	Make	Model	NST ID	Comment
Eights	Kanghua		804	
	Wintech		803	
	Jano		802	
Fours/Quads	Kanghua		410	
	Stelph		409	
	Jano		404	
	Jano		407	
	Wintech		405	
	Jano		408	Scrapped-(Indeego)
	Swift	Heavy	403	
	Jano		411	Addition
Pairs/Doubles	Wintech	International	207	
	Wintech	Competition	206	
	Wintech	Competition	208	
	Wintech	Competition	209	
	Jano		204	
	Jano		205	
	Burgashell		202	
	Swift		203	
Singles	Sims		107	
	Sims	Evolution	111	
	Burgashell		105	
	Wintech	International	115	
	Janousek		170	
	Wintech	Cobra	124	
Learner	Virus			
	Virus			
	Virus			
	Ahoy	Edon		
Launches	Rowing Solutions	14ft		Complete with trailer and 9.9hp outboard
	Seastrike	10ft		Complete with trailer and 9.9hp outboard
	Thames	14ft		Scrapped
Trailers	de Graaff	Lightweight		
	de Graaff	Heavyweight		
Indoor rowing machines	Concept2			12 off



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 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1197041

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the period ended 30th September 2024.

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 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.

Signed:

Sa Corfield

Date:

26-01-25

Name:

SUSAN ANN CORFIELD

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

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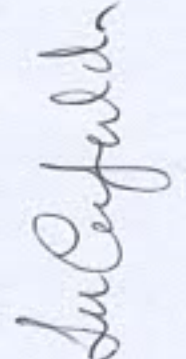
NSRC Income and Expenditure year ending 30 September 2024

	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	TOTAL
Subscriptions	2,515.00	3,729.32	1,988.00	2,307.00	2,021.00	1,995.00	2,363.00	2,709.00	1,786.00	2,518.00	2,058.00	2,174.00	28,163.32
Fundraising	0.00	29.99	36.00	24.50	70.86	317.00	967.00	55.99	14.00	14.00	32.61	1,644.61	3,206.56
Donations	20.00	1,770.00	20.00	20.00	40.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	2,010.00
Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	334.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	334.00
Keele Uni Subscriptions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other	0.00	49.00	0.00	22.00	11.00	0.00	1,345.00	1,166.00	472.00	2,041.75	710.50	132.00	5,949.25
Total Income	2,535.00	5,578.31	2,044.00	2,373.50	2,142.86	2,332.00	5,029.00	3,950.99	2,292.00	4,593.75	2,821.11	3,970.61	39,663.13
Rent and parking	689.35	689.35	689.35	694.28	729.28	694.28	694.28	694.28	694.28	694.28	694.28	694.28	8,351.57
Affiliation fees and insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,480.00	3,074.87	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,554.87
Boat maintenance	2,874.00	1,062.00	0.00	0.00	1,409.80	0.00	170.14	25.5	18.00	125.89	0.00	0.00	5,685.33
Coaching	600.00	38.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	249.00	249.00	42.00	175.00	1,353.39
Fundraising costs	40.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	40.00
New equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,750.00	125.80	0.00	0.00	500.00	228.00	0.00	2,230.08	997.80	6,831.68
Indoor training	260.00	280.00	360.00	420.00	280.00	280.00	240.00	650.00	25.00	25.00	125.00	100.00	3,045.00
Launch and trailer	37.50	740.65	0.00	0.00	435.30	216.00	0.00	0.00	60.35	0.00	273.24	61.58	1,824.62
Sundry	0.00	175.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	44.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	27.43	746.69
Other	0.00	319.00	0.00	0.00	450.00	0.00	345.00	1,032.00	1,061.50	2,518.73	230.40	58.20	6,014.83
Total Expenditure	4,500.85	3,304.39	1,549.35	3,864.28	3,430.18	1,190.28	2,973.68	5,976.65	2,336.13	3,612.90	3,595.00	2,114.29	38,447.98

Treasurer's Account													
Balance b/fwd	17,240.51	15,274.66	17,548.58	18,043.23	16,552.45	15,265.13	16,406.85	18,462.17	16,436.51	16,392.38	17,373.23	16,599.34	
Balance c/fwd	15,274.66	17,548.58	18,043.23	16,552.45	15,265.13	16,406.85	18,462.17	16,436.51	16,392.38	17,373.23	16,599.34	18,455.66	
Cash Account													
Balance b/fwd	520.00	1,684.87	365.61	641.24	860.90	1,184.74	926.95	48.69	367.76	467.14	825.14	46.44	
Balance c/fwd	1,684.87	365.61	641.24	860.90	1,184.74	926.95	48.69	367.76	467.14	825.14	46.44	88.75	
Total Funds	16,959.53	17,914.19	18,684.47	17,413.35	16,449.87	17,333.80	18,510.86	16,804.27	16,859.52	18,198.37	16,645.78	18,544.41	
Net Income/(Deficit)	(800.98)	954.66	770.28	(1271.12)	(963.48)	883.93	1177.06	(1706.59)	55.25	1338.85	(1552.59)	1898.63	

Treasurer


Chairman


Independent Examiner


Dated 13/10/24