

Weymouth Surf Life Saving Club

Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Summary

For the year ended 31 December 2024

Registered Charity No. 1198020

1. Objectives and Activities

Weymouth Surf Life Saving Club (Weymouth SLSC) exists to promote water safety, teach lifesaving skills, and encourage healthy, active lifestyles through surf life saving sport and education.

Our charitable purposes are the advancement of health, education, and community development by providing lifesaving training and surf sport opportunities for people of all ages and abilities.

During 2024 our key aims were to:

- Deliver regular lifesaving and surf sport training sessions for Nippers, Youth, Seniors, and Masters.
- Support the qualification of new lifeguards and coaches to strengthen local beach safety.
- Provide access to pool-based and open-water training in a safe, inclusive environment.
- Build community engagement through participation, volunteering, and fundraising.

All activities are undertaken with due regard to the Charity Commission's public-benefit guidance.

2. Achievements and Performance

2024 was another successful year for the club, with strong participation and several developments that improved our offer to members:

- Weekly training sessions (May – September) for Nippers, Youth, and Senior members.
- Launch of Masters’ sessions on Tuesday evenings for adults 18+.
- Monthly winter pool sessions at Osprey Pool (covered by membership fees).
- Weekly swim-fitness sessions at 1610 Dorchester, helping members prepare for the beach season.
- Delivery of three Surf Lifeguard courses, qualifying 20 new lifeguards.
- 13 club-trained lifeguards took up beach roles (paid and voluntary).
- Continuation of robust safeguarding practice under the Safeguarding Officer, maintaining a safe and welcoming culture.

These activities not only developed lifesaving capability within the community but also provided pathways into paid lifeguarding and volunteering.

3. Membership

Membership remained healthy with over 100 registered members:

- Nippers 31
- Youth 39
- Seniors 16
- Masters 29

Growth in the Senior and Masters sections demonstrates successful retention from the Youth programme and the club’s appeal to adults returning to sport.

4. Financial Review

Total income for 2024: £25,511.33

Total expenditure: £24,411.60

Closing balance (31 Dec 2024): £18,613.16

Opening balance (1 Jan 2024): £17,513.43

Income sources

Membership 2024	£4,512.69
Membership 2025	£4,731.58
Pool fees	£709.92
Lifeguard assessments	£938.85
Fundraising & donations	£1,773.25
Merchandise	£708.13
Grants	£11,800.00
Miscellaneous	£336.91

Expenditure

SLSGB membership	£5,911.00
Pool hire	£2,164.58
Equipment	£13,834.35
Merchandise	£906.00
Admin and running costs	£876.56
Competition entries	£304.16
Miscellaneous	£414.95

The club ended the year with a modest surplus and a healthy reserve. Trustees are satisfied that finances are well managed and sustainable, with sufficient funds to meet upcoming commitments, including preparations for the 2025 Nationals.

5. Structure, Governance and Management

Weymouth SLSC is a charitable unincorporated association governed by its constitution. Committee members are elected annually at the AGM and are responsible for overall governance, safeguarding, finance, and compliance.

Day-to-day delivery relies entirely on volunteers, including qualified coaches and parent helpers.

Trustees and committee members (2024):

- Chair: Alice Higgins
- Vice Chair: Laura Foden
- Secretary: Ben Alford
- Treasurer: Matt Clarke
- Membership: Becky Phillips
- Safeguarding Officer: Emily Styles
- Training: Dan Hull
- Compliance: Matt Clarke

All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or benefits from the charity.

6. Safeguarding

Safeguarding remained a central focus. The club continued to implement Surf Life Saving GB's safeguarding framework, including DBS checks, codes of conduct, and incident reporting procedures.

7. Acknowledgements

The trustees thank:

- All volunteer coaches and helpers for their commitment and energy.
- Exiting committee members Laura Foden and Emily Stiles
- Members and parents whose support underpins every session and event.
- Grant providers and sponsors for their investment in lifesaving equipment.

8. Plans for the Future

Over the next 12 month, the club will

- Continue weekly Nippers, Youth, and Senior sessions.
- Maintain Masters' sessions for all abilities.
- Expand social activities and increased use of the clubhouse.
- Launch a new Sandhoppers programme (ages 5–7).
- Renew the clubhouse lease for a further three years.

- Host the Surf Life Saving GB National Championships in August 2025, a ten-day event expected to welcome 5,000+ attendees - a major community and fundraising opportunity.

9. Public Benefit Statement

The trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty under Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Through training, education, and participation in lifesaving and surf sport, Weymouth SLSC improves public safety, health, and wellbeing for people of all ages in the coastal community.

Weymouth Surf Living Club**Income and Expenditure****1st January 2024 - 31st December 2024**

Serial	Description	Amount (GBP)
1	<u>Income</u>	
2	Membersip 2024	4,512.69
3	Pool Fees	709.92
4	Requal Fee	225.70
5	New LG Assessments	713.15
6	Fundraising	1,281.75
7	Merchandise	708.13
8	Grants	11,800.00
9	Membership 2025	4,731.58
10	Donations	491.50
11	Beach Competitions	-
12	Sundry	17.47
13	SLSGB Registration Fee	89.05
14	Tuck Shop	230.39
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16	TOTAL INCOME	25,511.33
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19	<u>Expenses</u>	
20	SLSGB	2,235.00
21	SLS Membership	3,676.00
22	Osprey Pool Hire	2,164.58
23	Merchandise	906.00
24	Equipment	13,834.35
25	Medals	-
26	Admin	68.13
27	Assessment Exp	-
28	Refunds	-
29	Club mobile phone	120.00
30	Club House	688.43
31	Competitions	304.16
32	Tuck Shop	414.95
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35	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	24,411.60
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38	Bank Reconciliation	
39	Opening Balance 1st January 2024	17,513.43
40	Income	25,511.33
41	Expenditure	24,411.60
42	Closing Balance 31st December 2024	18,613.16

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Weymouth Surf Life Saving Club (1198020)

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31/12/2024.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

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

I have been appointed under section 145 of the Act to carry out an independent examination of these accounts.

My examination is carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and of explanations given by the trustees.

I can see the threshold for review has been exceeded due to a significant grant funding received from Sport England. Which in turn has been used to purchase equipment which is invoiced accordingly. I am also comfortable all other material costs are appropriately evidenced by invoice or receipt.

I note a minor discrepancy in the opening and closing bank balances as stated in the reports, and as such the surplus for the year should be £22.64 higher than reported. This does not provide cause for concern.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view'.

The examination provides a limited assurance that nothing has come to my attention which suggests the accounts are not in accordance with the records and the requirements of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, accounting records have not been kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011; or the accounts do not accord with those records; or the accounts do not comply with the applicable accounting requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

I have no concerns and have no other matters to report.

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Date: 31/10/2025