

# WESTON SUPER MARE PILOT GIG CLUB

England & Wales · Charity number 1198444

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2022-03-30

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE PROMOTION OF COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN HEALTHY RECREATION FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF WESTON SUPER MARE AND ADJACENT AREAS BY THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF PILOT GIG AND FIXED SEAT ROWING

**Activities:** We provide the facilities required to participate in Pilot Gig Rowing

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- North Somerset

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£6,311	£4,687	-	-
2024-03-31	£40,912	£29,479	-	-
2023-04-01	£6,922	£4,500	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Lester John Bailey	Chair	2022-03-30
Emma Gliddon		2026-05-11
Geoffrey Dennis Lane		2022-03-30
Ms Ann Molloy		2023-09-28

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# Accounts

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**WESTON SUPER MARE PILOT GIG CLUB CIO**  
**CHARITY NUMBER 1198444**

**Annual Report and Accounts for the Period**  
**1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025**



# **Weston Super Mare Pilot Gig Club**

## **Trustees Annual Report for the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025**

### **Summary**

The Weston super Mare Pilot Gig Club, CIO (WSMPGC), provides the local community with opportunities, equipment, training, and ongoing support to participate in gig rowing for recreation, competition and health benefits.

The club remains volunteer-run, with operations overseen by a general committee made up of Trustees and full club members appointed to specific roles. This year, the committee has experienced a reduction in numbers due to personal and work commitments which has increased the workload for those remaining. As a result, the club is making continuous efforts to attract more volunteers.

Now entering its third year, the club has enjoyed smoother operations, largely due to the continued partnership with Weston Bay Yacht Club. This relationship provides members with welfare facilities, social spaces, and essential water access. The club has secured a new mooring for “Eventide”, its fibreglass training gig, while “Weston Spirit”, its racing gig is now stored in a shipping container boathouse further along the beach. Both boats have seen significant use, particularly during the winter months, as members prepared for the Cornish Pilot Gig World Championship scheduled for May 2025. Despite this, recruiting and preparing new volunteers—especially those willing to organise and cox rowing sessions—remains an ongoing challenge.

### **Governance**

The Trustees convened an Annual General Meeting (AGM) in February 2025. The six trustees reappointed / appointed in September 2023, continue to serve. Each Trustee contributes essential skills and experience to the management of the charity and the advancement of the club’s mission. The Trustees are supported by an operational committee.

### **Committee Members**

WSMPGC is constituted as a membership CIO with a membership committee. Each committee member is responsible for a particular task to help run the club. Meetings are held either in person or via Zoom. Trustees attend these meetings to provide input and to ensure the club’s purpose and legal obligations are met. While committee meetings can take place without trustees, resolutions cannot be proposed or passed unless a quorate number of trustees are present. Sometimes, committee roles may remain unfilled due to members being unable to meet the demands of the role because of time pressures, work, or family commitments. In such cases,

trustees do their best to fill these roles. There is always a need for members to volunteer for these positions. The pace of the club's development depends largely on the number of committee members and trustees available.

## **Competitive Rowing**

Ownership of a wooden gig has enabled the club to join the Cornish Pilot Gig Association (CPGA), the governing body for pilot gig rowing. The British Rowing Association continues to offer guidance on fixed seat rowing. Many club members have taken part in local competitions, which has sparked interest among more experienced rowers in developing the club's competitive activities further. Plans now include attending regattas at other clubs as well as hosting club-run regattas. With the CPGA-compliant gig "Weston Spirit," the club is well positioned to organise its own regattas, raising the club's profile and fostering community pride in maritime sports. Initially, the club will collaborate with local clubs to build the skills needed to add events to the CPGA calendar. Several members have developed the expertise and ambition necessary to compete at the 2025 World Championships.

## **Community Engagement**

During 2023-24, the club launched a project aimed at individuals aged 55 and over, offering weekday daytime rowing sessions when tides permitted. Although the project started later than planned, it continues into 2025. A group of volunteers was trained to operate these sessions and remains dedicated to supporting the club. The goal was to establish regular daytime rowing for those over 55, and as hoped, several participants have since become full members. Additionally, interest from shift workers has meant that daytime rowing sessions are now open to all age groups.

## **Challenges**

The club's continued growth remains dependent on having enough experienced coxswains. However, encouraging members to become coxswains is challenging, as most prefer to focus on improving their rowing skills. To address this, the club has implemented a three-tier training programme: Novice Coxswain, Club Coxswain, and Coach Coxswain. The club remains committed to supporting and funding members who wish to gain qualifications through external training providers.

## **Future Development Planning**

### **Activity Development**

The CPGA has indicated that all clubs should aim to develop a youth section. WSMPGC has begun discussions with Broad Oak Academy, a local secondary school, with the intention of establishing a youth section. However, this initiative will require additional trained volunteers and child protection measures, and currently, the club does not have enough coxswains or volunteer capacity to move forward. The committee has therefore prioritised the recruitment of more adult members and the training of additional coxswains before advancing with the youth section. The club remains open to collaborating with local youth teams and organisations, provided the necessary skills, qualifications, and insurance are in place.

Membership is gradually increasing, although there is a drop-off in numbers, particularly during the winter. The winter season provides an opportunity to hold shore-based training sessions, especially for coxswains, as well as sessions on rowing machines. A local gymnasium has offered the club use of its equipment for this purpose.

# Weston Super Mare Pilot Gig Club

Receipts and payments for the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

	<b>2024/25</b>
	<b>£</b>
<b>Receipts</b>	
Events Self Funded	249
Fundraising & Donations	1,087
Gift Aid	1,146
Membership	3,752
Projects – 55+	77
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>6,311</u></b>

<b>Payments</b>	
Boats - Equipment & maintenance	1,519
Shore - Equipment & maintenance	1,067
Events Self Funded	249
Insurance	1,050
Mileage & expenses	71
Permits, licences & membership	369
Promotions & events	362
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b><u>4,687</u></b>

**Net Profit** **1,624**

<b>Receipts Designated</b>	
Sports England Grant	6,500
Quartet Foundation Grant	5,000
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>11,500</u></b>

<b>Payments Designated</b>	
Sports England Grant	
• Safety kit	49
• RYA Radio Course	2,030
• RYA Powerboat level 2	1,701
<b>Sub total</b>	<b><u>3,780</u></b>

Quartet Foundation Grant	
• Electric Motor	4,800
<b>Sub total</b>	<b><u>4,800</u></b>

**Total** **8,580**

**Balance Designated** **2,920**



## Weston Super Mare Pilot Gig Club

Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the period ending 31 March 2025

	£	£
<b>Assets (insurance purposes)</b>		
Eventide	11,850	
Weston Spirit	10,000	
Gig road trailer	2,000	
2x sets oars	3,000	
Gig cover	500	
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		27,350
<b>Bank Balance at 31 March 2025</b>		<b>6,899</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>34,249</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		<b>0</b>
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		<b>34,249</b>



## **Weston Super Mare Pilot Gig Club**

### **Notes in relation to the accounts**

Given that our annual turnover is less than £25,000 there is no requirement to have these accounts independently examined.

### **Income**

Most of the income for the year has come from membership fees. Donations in the year have been received from Yeo Valley and Weston Super Mare Lions Club. The Club receives monthly donations from North Somerset Community Lottery.

The club is registered for Gift Aid.

### **Expenditure**

The majority of spend during the year has been on maintenance of the gigs and servicing the trailer. New seat pads were also bought for Weston Spirit.

**The attached Annual Report and Accounts, have been approved by Club Trustees**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G Lane', written in a cursive style.

**Mr G Lane Trustee**

**For and on behalf of the Trustees**

**Date 6 November 2025**



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**Annual Report and Accounts for the Period**  
**1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024**

# Weston Super Mare Pilot Gig Club

## Trustees Annual Report

The aim of the Weston super Mare Pilot Gig Club, CIO (WSMPGC) is to provide the opportunity, equipment, training, and support for the communities in Weston super Mare and surrounding areas to take part in the active sport of Gig rowing for recreation, competitive sport, and the benefit of their health.

WSMPGC is in its second year and is managed and operated by its trustees and organising committee which is made up mostly of original members. All the background work, that makes the club work, is done on a voluntary basis. All members are encouraged to help in whatever way they can for the benefit of all, thus embracing an inclusive community spirit.

### Achievements in our Second Year

We have successfully raised sufficient funds to match fund a grant from Sport England of £10,000 making £20,000 to purchase two of our own gigs. One gig, "Eventide", being a newly built fibre glass training gig. This replaces the training gig loaned to us from the Cornish Pilot Gig Association. Our second gig, "Weston Spirit", is a traditional wooden gig built in 1998. Ownership of which, enabled us to apply and be recognised as an official Cornish Pilot Gig Association club and able to enter national events.

We also obtained a 40ft shipping container left over from an art exhibition and secured a 5-year lease to occupy part of the beach lawns near the southern end of the beach at Royal Sands to keep it. This is now our boat shed for our wooden gig. There are good public facilities adjacent to the site, and is an ideal location to organise and hold racing events with other local and regional clubs.

After many months of negotiations, we have formed an affiliation agreement with Weston Bay Yacht Club, that will enable our members to use the club house facilities and pontoon access to the river Axe. The agreement commences in April 2024. This finally allows us to commence a project to attract older people and shift workers to row during the weekday daytime periods when there is a suitable high tide.

Our successful bid to the Quartet Foundation enabled us to purchase additional safety and support equipment in the form of a support boat and electric outboard engine. This allows us to provide rowing opportunities for less confident or able people, by having additional means of support and an alternative means of getting them used to a water based activity environment prior to rowing.

We were also successful in obtaining a grant from Sport England to provide training for volunteers to support our project.

The links we made with Voluntary Action North Somerset (VANS) in 2023 can now come to fruition in the 2024 season.

Many of our original members have continued to develop their skills and have entered competitions, our women's team have achieved our first club trophy.

### **Development Plan 2024-5**

Due to the delay in agreeing terms with the yacht club to use their facilities, our development plan 23-24 has been put back by over 6 months. Also, our active membership numbers have fallen. Mostly, we believe due to the lack of shore side facilities and difficult access to our training boat at Uphill and the river Axe. Our membership renewal is in June 24 and we anticipate a drop off in renewal membership. However, with the 55s+ project starting in April 24 we hope to attract more members through this project.

In the early part of 2025 we hope, using our exiting contacts, to partner with youth organisations and local academies to develop a youth section.

**The attached Accounts, have been approved by Club Trustees**



**Mr G Lane Trustee**

**For and on behalf of the Trustees**

Date 15-01-2025

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees on the accounts of  
Weston Super Mare Pilot Gig Club Charitable Incorporated Organisation  
("the CIO")**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 31 March 2024.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, 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 CIO's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed:



Name: Mrs Julie Lane

Relevant professional qualification  
or membership of professional bodies (if any):

Retired accounts Mng Manager  
for University of Bristol

Address: 24B Highbury Road  
Weston Super Mare

Date: 13<sup>th</sup> 2025

15<sup>th</sup> January 2025





## Weston Super Mare Pilot Gig Club

Receipts and payments for the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024

	2023/24 £
<b>Receipts Undesignated</b>	
General fundraising & Donations	2,775
Crowdfunder Campaign	21,269
Gift Aid	1,188
Membership	4,180
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>29,412</u></b>
<b>Payments</b>	
Boats, Trailers, Oars	22,080
Boats - Equipment & maintenance	917
Shore - Equipment & maintenance	1,004
Gig Hire	1,000
Insurance	999
Mileage & expenses	254
Permits, licences & membership	345
Promotions & events	1,772
Storage	140
Sundry	45
WBYC fees	923
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b><u>29,479</u></b>
<b>Net Loss</b>	<b><u>67</u></b>
<b>Receipts Designated</b>	
Sports England Grant	6,500
Quartet Foundation Grant	5,000
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>11,500</u></b>



## Weston Super Mare Pilot Gig Club

Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the period ending 31 March 2024

	£	£
<b>Assets (insurance purposes)</b>		
Eventide	11,850	
Weston Spirit	10,000	
Gig road trailer	2,000	
2x sets oars	3,000	
Gig cover	500	
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		27,350
<b>Bank Balance at 31 March 2024</b>		<b>14,574</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>41,924</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Geof Lane		(718)
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		<b>41,206</b>



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# Weston super Mare Pilot Gig Club Trustees Annual Report

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WSMPGC is in its formative year and is managed and operated by the initial trustees and organising groups made up mostly of original members. All the background work, that makes the club work, is done on a voluntary basis. All members are encouraged to help in whatever way they can for the benefit of all, thus embracing an inclusive community spirit.

The original development of WSMPGC was intended to be through an affiliation agreement with Weston Bay Yacht Club (WBYC). It was proposed that WSMPGC would pay an annually agreed sum for the use of the club facilities. The sum being based on our membership numbers and was to include social membership of WBYC for all WSMPGC members. This was an aspiration of the WBYC management committee at the time.

However, due to changes in the WBYC management, and subsequent differences, this type of arrangement has proven not to be possible to date. Whilst both parties continue to explore options, this uncertainty has highlighted the need for our own premises and to be a stand-alone organisation.

Although these negotiations have been time consuming, we have in the meantime been developing our organisational structure.

For such a young organisation, we are on the way to achieving a good financial standing to enable us to purchase our own gig and equipment. We are working with the Executive member of North Somerset Council as we continue to explore opportunities to secure a permanent base and storage for our gigs and equipment.

This will enable the organisation to move forward in achieving our vision, and purpose, to expand our membership and rowing activity for the local communities.

## Our Early Achievements

During the first year the initial rowing members, with the help and assistance of the other local Gig Clubs, have developed systems and procedures to operate over 60 rowing sessions, in the 10-month period to 31 March 2023.

During this time, we have filled 384 seats, and a significant proportion of our membership have become experienced rowers having worked their way through from absolute beginners to fully competent. Many new members have developed a desire to take part in competitive rowing and we have successfully competed in local regattas.

Our pilot gig “Walter Hicks” is on loan from the Cornish Pilot Gig Association. We’ve fully crewed this on many of the tidal opportunities available, however, we’ve have had to cancel some rowing sessions due to insufficient numbers and on 15 rowing sessions, where we’ve had to cancel planned sessions due to a lack of a Coxswain.

As a club, we have trained our initial members and can now support new and novice rowers. We are actively working on attracting new members.

Our neighbouring clubs have been fantastic in assisting our development, especially providing Coxswain for our rows. The coxswains have been instrumental in designing a training programme and have coached all our current members to competent novice level.

Our more experienced members are now stepping up and learning the skills to become coxswain for our rowing sessions, which reduces our demand on our neighbouring clubs.

We anticipate, that in our 2nd year of development, as membership numbers grow, there will be fewer cancellations due to availability of coxswain and rowers.

We have developed links with Voluntary Action North Somerset (VANS) to recruit volunteers and engage with support groups, particularly older, less active and people in the community. In addition, we are working with Broad Oak Academy, a local secondary school. To encourage young and to engage with rowing and the environment to improve mental and physical wellbeing.

## Development Plan Changes

Our development plan has now changed to reflect the change from affiliation to the yacht club to the search for our own base to store our equipment and operate our rowing activity.

Work is already underway with this in consultation with North Somerset Council, who are very supportive of our vision and aims, and are actively searching for suitable beach location for us to operate. At the same time, as Gig rowing is a very versatile and mobile sport, various temporary storage and launching options are being used to ensure activity continues.

## Financial Report



### Weston Super Mare Pilot Gig Club

Receipts and payments for the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

**2022/23**

**£**

#### **Receipts**

Donations	487
Events	924
Social Events (Self Funded)	849
Membership	4,662
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b><u>6,922</u></b>

#### **Payments**

Boats - Equipment & Maintenance	1,348
Shore - Equipment & Maintenance	217
Gig Hire	1,000
Insurance	651
Permits & Licences	165
Social Events (Self-Funded)	849
WBYC Fees	270
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b><u>4,500</u></b>

**Net Surplus / (Deficit) 2,422**



## Weston Super Mare Pilot Gig Club

Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the period ending 31 March 2023

	£	£
<b>Assets (insurance purposes)</b>		
Storage Cabinets	60	
Emergency Equipment	614	
Electric Outboard Motor	100	
Rowing Boat Tender	162	
Trolley	217	
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		1,153
<b>Bank Balance at 31 March 2023</b>		2,422
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>3,275</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		-----
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## **Weston Super Mare Pilot Gig Club**

### **Notes in relation to the accounts**

Given that our annual turnover is less than £25,000 there is no requirement to have these accounts independently examined.

### **Income**

Most of the income for the year has come from membership fees. Fundraising income has come from a regatta which was well supported by our neighbouring gig clubs. Donations continue to be made through Just Giving.

### **Expenditure**

As a newly formed gig club the majority of our expenditure has been on hiring our boat, Walter Hicks, from the CPGCA for the year.

Miscellaneous equipment has been bought, including a tender, motor and safety equipment and is included in general assets.

**The attached Annual Report and Accounts, have been approved by Club Trustees**

**Mr G Lane Trustee**

**For and on behalf of the Trustees**

**Date 1 June 2023**