



WESTON SUPER MARE PILOT GIG CLUB CIO
CHARITY NUMBER 1198444

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: 13.5.23 2DN

15th January 2025





Weston Super Mare Pilot Gig Club

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

	2023/24 £
Receipts Undesignated	
General fundraising & Donations	2,775
Crowdfunder Campaign	21,269
Gift Aid	1,188
Membership	4,180
Total	<u>29,412</u>

Payments	
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
Total Payments	<u>29,479</u>

Net Loss **67**

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



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

	£	£
Assets (insurance purposes)		
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
 Bank Balance at 31 March 2024		14,574
Total Assets		41,924
 Liabilities		
Geof Lane		(718)
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		41,206

