

WEST YORKSHIRE CANOE CLUB

England & Wales · Charity number 1198634

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2022-04-14

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

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Activities

Objects: 1. TO PROMOTE AND PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR THE SPORT AND RECREATION OF PADDLE SPORTS2. IN FURTHERANCE OF THE ABOVE OBJECTIVES THE CLUB IS COMMITTED TO TREATING EVERYONE EQUALLY REGARDLESS OF AGE, DISABILITY, GENDER ASSIGNMENT, MARRIAGE AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP, PREGNANCY AND MATERNITY, RACE, RELIGION OR BELIEF, SEX OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION.

Activities: We are a family Paddle sports club, founded in 1955, and based in and around Wakefield in West Yorkshire, affiliated to Paddle UK (Formally known as British Canoeing). Club membership is drawn from a wide geographical area, catering for a variety of interests including White Water and touring Kayaking, Canoeing, and Paddleboarding

Classification

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

Geography

- City Of Wakefield

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-30	£6,395	£17,605	-	-
2024-09-30	£2,394	£5,063	-	-
2023-10-01	£35,336	£7,965	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Ben Andrew Abrams	Chair	2022-04-14
Andrew Currell		2022-04-14
Andrew Walker		2022-04-14
David Wolfenden		2026-03-03
Lucy Moorhouse		2025-03-13
Nova Elizabeth Burkinshaw		2022-04-14
Philip Barker		2024-06-13
Sara Cole		2024-06-13

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Annual Report and Financial Statements for the period 1st October 2024 to 30th September 2025



**WEST YORKSHIRE
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1955 *70* Years 2025

Chair's Statement

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I am pleased to present the Annual Report of West Yorkshire Canoe Club for the financial year 2024-2025.

This year has been a truly landmark period for our club as we celebrated our 70th anniversary. Seven decades of paddlesport excellence is a remarkable achievement, and our anniversary celebration event brought together old and new members in a historic gathering that reminded us of the club's enduring legacy and the generations of paddlers who have been part of our journey.

Beyond this milestone celebration, we have made significant investments in our people. We have taken bold steps to enhance our coaching capabilities and support our volunteers, positioning the club for sustainable growth in the years ahead.

A significant challenge the club has successfully overcome this year has been the adoption of the Paddle UK Standards for Deployment Framework. I am pleased to confirm that West Yorkshire Canoe Club is fully compliant with these standards, ensuring our club is safe and well-governed for the next generations of paddlers.

The investments and compliance work have resulted in higher expenditure than in previous years, representing a significant utilisation of our reserves. However, this strategic investment will secure the club for many years to come. As we move into the next financial year, our focus will be on consolidating these gains and achieving greater financial stability.

I would like to thank our members, volunteers, instructors, and supporters for their dedication and enthusiasm throughout the year. Your passion for paddlesport continues to be the driving force behind everything we achieve.

Objectives and Activities

The West Yorkshire Canoe Club operates in accordance with its core charitable objectives:

- To promote and provide facilities for the sport and recreation of paddle sports.
- To ensure inclusivity and equitable access for all, regardless of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation.

In pursuit of these objectives, the Club has undertaken the following key activities:

River Sessions

We have maintained regular river sessions throughout the year at Broad Cut Lane on the Calder and Hebble Navigation. These sessions have provided consistent opportunities for members to develop their paddling skills, offering taster sessions for newcomers and sessions to suit more experienced paddlers.

Skills Development and Training

A significant focus this year has been our investment in coach and leader development. We have supported members through various qualification pathways, including Paddlesport Instructor awards, White Water Leader qualifications, and Coach awards. This investment has substantially expanded our pool of qualified personnel capable of delivering safe, high-quality instruction.

In addition to coaching qualifications, we have ensured our leaders maintain current First Aid certification, recognising this as a critical component of safe paddlesport delivery. This comprehensive approach to skills development ensures that every session we run is led by appropriately qualified and prepared individuals who meet Paddle UK standards.

These investments in people have enhanced our capacity to deliver diverse training opportunities and support members at all levels of their paddling journey, from complete beginners through to those pursuing advanced skills and leadership roles themselves.

Inclusivity and Equality

The Club remains steadfast in its commitment to fostering an inclusive environment. All activities and programmes are conducted in adherence to our equality policy, ensuring that every individual feels welcome and valued.

Achievements and Performance

This year has been one of significant progress and development:

- **Full Compliance with Paddle UK Standards for Deployment:** Successfully achieved full compliance with the Paddle UK Standards for Deployment Framework, ensuring our club meets the highest standards for safety, governance, and operational excellence.
- **70th Anniversary Celebration:** Celebrated our club's 70th anniversary with a historic event bringing together old and new members, commemorating seven decades of paddlesport excellence in West Yorkshire.
- **Completed Full Year at Minsthorpe Leisure Centre:** Successfully completed one full year of regular training sessions at Minsthorpe Leisure Centre, providing our members with consistent access to quality pool facilities.
- **Investment in Coaches and Volunteers:** Made substantial investments in coaching and volunteer development, qualifying new Paddlesport Instructors and White Water Leaders, significantly expanding our coaching team and ensuring we can safely deliver a broader range of activities.
- **Launched Club Merchandise:** Launched branded club merchandise, strengthening our club identity and providing members with professional quality gear.
- **Enhanced Digital Presence:** Developed and launched a new club website, significantly improving our digital presence and making it easier for new members to discover and join our activities.

Training and Development

Paddle UK Standards for Deployment Framework

A significant achievement this year has been our successful adoption of the Paddle UK Standards for Deployment Framework. This presented a considerable challenge for the club, requiring a comprehensive review and enhancement of our operational procedures, safety protocols, and governance structures.

The Standards for Deployment Framework sets out the minimum requirements for clubs and centres delivering paddlesport activities. It covers essential areas including qualified leadership, appropriate supervision ratios, emergency action plans, safeguarding procedures, and equipment standards. Meeting these standards demonstrates our commitment to providing safe, well-managed paddlesport activities.

The process required significant effort from our committee, coaches, and volunteers to ensure every aspect of our operations met or exceeded the required standards. This included updating our documentation, enhancing our risk assessment procedures, ensuring appropriate insurance coverage, and verifying that all our leaders and coaches held current qualifications.

I am pleased to confirm that West Yorkshire Canoe Club is now fully compliant with the Paddle UK Standards for Deployment Framework. This achievement provides assurance to our members, their families, and external partners that we operate to the highest standards of safety and governance. It positions us strongly for future growth and ensures the club is well-equipped to serve the next generation of paddlers.

Investment in People

A cornerstone of this year's strategy has been our significant investment in coaching and volunteer development. We recognise that our instructors and leaders are the foundation of everything we do, and their development directly impacts the quality of experience we provide to our members.

Our investment has resulted in newly qualified Paddlesport Instructors and White Water Leaders, enabling us to deliver a wider variety of sessions and support members progressing through different skill levels. This enhanced coaching capacity positions us well to accommodate growth in membership and offer more specialised training opportunities.

Facilities and Partnerships

Our partnership with Minsthorpe Leisure Centre has proven highly successful, completing a full year of regular pool sessions. This consistent access to quality facilities has been instrumental in supporting both beginner training and skills development for more experienced paddlers.

The reliable scheduling and professional environment at Minsthorpe have enabled us to deliver structured training programmes throughout the year, regardless of weather conditions.

Digital Transformation

Recognising the importance of digital outreach in today's connected world, we launched a completely redesigned club website this year. The new website serves as a comprehensive resource for current and prospective members, providing information about our activities, training programmes, and how to get involved.

This digital investment complements our branded merchandise initiative, together creating a more professional and cohesive club identity that helps attract new members and strengthens our presence in the regional paddlesport community.

Governance

The Club operates under a robust governance structure, with the trustees ensuring adherence to regulatory requirements and best practices. We remain committed to maintaining transparency and accountability in all our governance activities.

Financial Overview

The 2024-2025 financial year has been characterised by strategic investment in the club's long-term development. As planned, expenditure was higher than in previous years, primarily due to:

- Coaching and leadership training courses and qualifications
- Website development and digital infrastructure
- Merchandise development and initial inventory
- Regular facility fees at Minsthorpe Leisure Centre

These investments are expected to yield returns in the coming years through increased membership, enhanced revenue from training courses, and merchandise sales. For the 2024-2025 financial year, our primary financial objective is to achieve greater account stability while maintaining the quality improvements we have implemented.

Looking Forward

As we enter the new financial year, our priorities include:

- **Securing a Permanent Location:** Re-engage with Wakefield Council regarding Pugneys and work to secure a permanent location for the club, providing a stable base for our activities and long-term development.
- **Achieving Financial Stability:** Balancing expenditure with income and building sustainable revenue streams following our significant investment year.
- **Maximising Our Investment:** Fully utilising our expanded coaching team and new facilities to deliver enhanced member experiences.
- **Growing Membership:** Leveraging our enhanced digital presence, Paddle UK compliance status, and improved offerings to attract new members.

- **Continuing Partnerships:** Maintaining our partnership with Minsthorpe Leisure Centre and developing relationships with other local facilities.
- **Expanding Our Programme:** Including more diverse activities leveraging our newly qualified leaders and full Paddle UK compliance.

Conclusion

This year has been truly historic for West Yorkshire Canoe Club. Celebrating our 70th anniversary while simultaneously achieving full compliance with Paddle UK Standards for Deployment Framework represents a perfect blend of honouring our past and securing our future.

Our significant investments in coaches and volunteers, combined with our enhanced digital presence and facilities partnerships, have positioned the club strongly for the years ahead. While these investments required substantial utilisation of our reserves, they provide a solid foundation that will serve generations of paddlers to come.

The dedication of our paddlers, the enthusiasm of our members, and the supportive spirit within the club have been instrumental in our progress. The successful completion of our Paddle UK compliance work, in particular, demonstrates the commitment and professionalism of everyone involved in the club's operations.

As we look to the future, our priorities are clear: secure a permanent location through re-engagement with Wakefield Council, achieve financial stability, and continue to grow our membership and programme offerings. With continued collaborative effort, West Yorkshire Canoe Club will continue to thrive and provide a safe, welcoming, and vibrant paddling community for all.

The achievements outlined in this report would not have been possible without the dedication and support of many individuals and organisations:

- Our volunteer coaches, instructors, and committee members who give their time freely and worked tirelessly on our Paddle UK compliance
- All club members for their continued support and participation, especially those who attended our 70th anniversary celebration
- Minsthorpe Leisure Centre for their excellent facilities and partnership
- Paddle UK for their support throughout our compliance journey

As we look to the future, we remain committed to our core mission of making paddlesport accessible, safe, and enjoyable for all. Thank you for being part of our 70-year journey.

With Thanks on behalf of the Trustees and Committee

Ben Abrams

Chair, West Yorkshire Canoe Club

Receipts & Payments List by Cost Code

West Yorkshire Canoe Club

01-OCT-2024 - 30-SEP-2025

	Amount	Amount	Amount
RECEIPTS			
4000 REVENUES		4,583.95	
4002 River Calder Sessions (Horbury)	553.95		
4003 River Sessions (Misc)	60.00		
4004 Misc Paddling Sessions	381.00		
4005 Minsthorpe LC Pool Sessions	3,011.00		
4022 Merchandise	578.00		
4100 VOLUNTARY INCOME		0.49	
4135 Cash Back Rec'd	0.49		
4200 INVESTMENT INCOME		203.36	
4203 Rebate from Card Transactions	3.36		
4205 Income from Assets sold	200.00		
4300 FUNDRAISING INCOME		120.00	
4310 Raffle Ticket Sales	120.00		
5000 MEMBERSHIP PAYMENTS		1,487.46	
5001 Individual Membership	838.26		
5002 Family Membership	649.20		
TOTAL RECEIPTS			6,395.26
PAYMENTS			
7000 COST OF SALES		-4,527.06	
7002 Minsthorpe Pool Hire (Wakefield Council)	-1,890.00		
7003 Event Hire and Rental Costs	-591.60		
7004 Event Expenses	-1,905.46		
7008 Payments to 3rd Parties	-140.00		
7100 EQUIPMENT PURCHASE & REPAIR		-4,567.50	
7101 Purchase New Equipment	-3,967.50		
7102 Purchase Used Equipment	-600.00		
7200 OVERHEADS		-4,165.38	
7205 Repair & Maintenance	-291.31		
7213 Telephone Costs	-39.99		
7215 Website Hosting	-48.62		
7216 Membermojo Membership Software	-95.00		
7217 Accounting/Club Treasurer Software	-72.00		
7218 British Canoeing Affiliation	-283.80		
7219 Rental charges	-2,000.00		

	Amount	Amount	Amount
7223 Payment Provider Fees	-149.42		
7225 Merchandise	-1,185.24		
7300 TRAINING & QUALIFICATIONS		-4,344.80	
7304 Paddlesports Coaching (External)	-4,344.80		
<u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u>			-17,604.74
<u>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR PERIOD</u>			-11,209.48

Statement of Assets

West Yorkshire Canoe Club

Period Ending 30-SEP-2025

	Current FY at 30-SEP-2025		Prior FY at 30-SEP-2024	
ASSETS				
SAVINGS AND INVESTMENTS		0.00		<i>0.00</i>
Slalom Account	0.00		<i>0.00</i>	
FIXED ASSETS		0.00		<i>0.00</i>
CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND		13,492.88		<i>24,702.36</i>
Bank Account	12,362.41		<i>24,222.36</i>	
Stripe	1,012.50		<i>263.55</i>	
SumUp	117.97		<i>216.45</i>	
PayPal	0.00		<i>0.00</i>	
OTHER ASSETS		0.00		<i>0.00</i>
TOTAL ASSETS		13,492.88		<i>24,702.36</i>
LIABILITIES				
CURRENT LIABILITIES		0.00		<i>0.00</i>
TOTAL NET ASSETS @ 30-SEP-2025		13,492.88		<i>24,702.36</i>
REPRESENTED BY FUNDS				
General Fund	13,492.88		<i>24,702.36</i>	
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES				
TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE @ 30-SEP-2025		13,492.88		<i>24,702.36</i>



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Annual Report

It is my privilege to present the Chair's Annual Report for the West Yorkshire Canoe Club, covering the period 1st October 2023 to 30th September 2024. This report provides an overview of the Club's activities, achievements, and financial standing, reflecting our commitment to promoting and facilitating paddle sports within the West Yorkshire community.

70th Anniversary of West Yorkshire Canoe Club

For seventy years, West Yorkshire Canoe Club has been a cornerstone of the local paddling community. From humble beginnings to the vibrant club we see today, we've fostered generations of paddlers, shared countless adventures on our rivers, and built lasting friendships. This milestone is a testament to the dedication of our founding members, the tireless efforts of our volunteers, and the enduring passion of our members past and present. As we celebrate this remarkable anniversary, we look forward to continuing the legacy of West Yorkshire Canoe Club, ensuring its continued success for many more years to come.

Objectives and Activities:

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- To ensure inclusivity and equitable access for all, regardless of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation.

In pursuit of these objectives, the Club has undertaken the following key activities:

River Sessions: We have maintained regular river sessions on the River Calder, providing consistent opportunities for members to engage in paddling activities.

River trips: For those members competent in a moving water environment, the club has organised some excellent sessions, notably on the River Wharf, River Tees and River Lune.

Off-Site Excursions: Expanding our reach, we have successfully organised trips to Ladybower Reservoir and Slenningford Watermill, offering diverse paddling experiences in varied environments.

Skills Development and Training: Recognising the importance of continuous improvement, we have facilitated training sessions at Sowerby Bridge and Tees Barrage, focusing on white water kayaking skills. These sessions aim to enhance member proficiency and encourage participation in this specialised discipline.

Inclusivity and Equality: The Club remains steadfast in its commitment to fostering an inclusive environment. All activities and programmes are conducted in adherence to our equality policy, ensuring that every individual feels welcome and valued.

Achievements and Performance

Despite encountering a period of uncertainty in the previous year, the Club has achieved a significant milestone in establishing a stable foundation for its future. This stability has enabled us to:

Secure Short-Term Stability: This crucial achievement provides a platform for the Club to strategically regroup, rebuild, and strengthen its operational framework.

Maintain Membership Revenue: We are pleased to report that membership revenue has been successfully maintained, demonstrating the continued value and relevance of the Club to its members.

Governance

The Club operates under a robust governance structure, with the trustees ensuring adherence to regulatory requirements and best practices. We remain committed to maintaining transparency and accountability in all our governance activities.

Future Strategic Development

Building upon the solid foundation established this year, West Yorkshire Canoe Club is committed to a program of strategic development and expansion. Our future plans are designed to enhance accessibility, broaden our reach, and ensure the long-term sustainability of the Club.

Some key objectives we seek next year:

Reinstating Indoor Pool Training Sessions:

We recognise the vital role indoor pool sessions play in developing fundamental paddling skills, particularly during the winter months. We are actively exploring options to reinstate these sessions, focusing on securing suitable facilities and developing structured training programs that cater to all skill levels. This initiative will provide a safe and controlled environment for beginners to learn essential techniques and for experienced paddlers to refine their skills.

Expanding Craft Inclusivity:

To broaden our appeal and cater to a wider range of interests, we will actively promote craft inclusivity within our activities. This will involve:

- Increasing the frequency and variety of stand-up paddleboard (SUP) trips, offering scenic and accessible experiences on local waterways.
- Organising more flatwater trips on reservoirs and canals, providing relaxed and enjoyable paddling opportunities for all ages and abilities.
- Maintaining our commitment to white water kayaking while ensuring a balanced program that caters to diverse paddling preferences.

Investing in Coach Development:

Our coaches are the cornerstone of our Club. We will invest significantly in their ongoing training and development, ensuring they possess the latest skills and knowledge to deliver high-quality coaching. This will include:

- Providing access to advanced coaching courses and workshops.
- Implementing a mentorship program to support newer coaches in their development.
- Actively encouraging experienced members to undertake coaching qualifications and supporting them through the process.
- Ensuring our coaches are up to date with safeguarding and first aid requirements.

Securing a Permanent Location and Developing a Long-Term Strategic Plan:

A key strategic priority is to secure a permanent location for the Club, addressing the need for a suitable replacement for our previous location. This will provide a stable base for our activities, enabling us to:

- Develop dedicated training facilities and equipment storage.
- Create a welcoming and accessible hub for members.
- Facilitate long-term planning and investment in the Club's future.

Alongside this, we will develop a comprehensive long-term strategic plan, outlining our vision, goals, and strategies for sustainable growth and development. This plan will address key areas such as membership growth, financial sustainability, and community engagement.

Expanding Training Programs:

We will expand our training programs to cater to a wider range of skill levels, from complete beginners to advanced paddlers. This will involve:

- Developing structured training pathways for different disciplines and skill levels.
- Offering specialised training courses in areas such as river safety, navigation, and rescue techniques.
- Creating programs for youth development, encouraging the next generation of paddlers, through outreach to Scout groups and youth organisations.

Increasing Community Outreach:

We are committed to increasing our community outreach, promoting paddle sports to a broader audience and fostering a love of paddling within the local community. This will involve:

- Organising taster sessions and introductory courses for schools and community groups.
- Participating in local events and festivals to raise awareness of the Club.
- Developing partnerships with other community organisations to promote paddle sports as a healthy and accessible activity.
- Better utilisation of social media and our website to promote our activities and engage with the wider community.

By pursuing these strategic initiatives, the West Yorkshire Canoe Club aims to enhance its impact, broaden its reach, and ensure its long-term sustainability as a vibrant and inclusive community organisation.

Financial Review:

A detailed financial report, including the Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet, is provided separately. Overall, the Club's financial position remains sound, allowing us to continue fulfilling our charitable objectives.

See Appendix 1

Conclusion

In conclusion, this year has presented both challenges and successes for West Yorkshire Canoe Club. We've navigated the impact of relocating venues twice, while celebrating increased participation with members through sessions and events. The dedication of our paddlers, the enthusiasm of our members, and the supportive spirit within the club have been instrumental in our progress. Looking forward, we remain committed to expanding the club offering, key goal for the future, e.g., expanding our junior program, enhancing safety protocols, fostering community engagement]. With continued collaborative effort, West Yorkshire Canoe Club will continue to thrive and provide a vibrant paddling community for all.

With Thanks on behalf of the Trustees and Committee

Ben Abrams
Chair, West Yorkshire Canoe Club

Receipts & Payments List by Cost Code

West Yorkshire Canoe Club

01-OCT-2023 - 30-SEP-2024

	Amount	Amount	Amount
RECEIPTS			
4000 REVENUES		1,265.50	
4002 River Calder Sessions (Horbury)	953.50		
4003 River Sessions (Misc)	100.00		
4004 Misc Paddling Sessions	212.00		
4200 INVESTMENT INCOME		3.57	
4203 Rebate from Card Transactions	3.57		
5000 MEMBERSHIP PAYMENTS		1,124.85	
5001 Individual Membership	592.00		
5002 Family Membership	532.85		
TOTAL RECEIPTS			2,393.92
PAYMENTS			
7000 COST OF SALES		-538.44	
7004 Event Expenses	-538.44		
7100 EQUIPMENT PURCHASE & REPAIR		-48.60	
7101 Purchase New Equipment	-48.60		
7200 OVERHEADS		-4,475.87	
7205 Repair & Maintenance	-3,292.99		
7208 Audit Fees	-504.00		
7213 Telephone Costs	-60.00		
7215 Website Hosting	-49.88		
7217 Accounting/Club Treasurer Software	-72.00		
7218 British Canoeing Affiliation	-455.20		
7223 Payment Provider Fees	-41.80		
TOTAL PAYMENTS			-5,062.91
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR PERIOD			-2,668.99

Statement of Assets & Liabilities Report

West Yorkshire Canoe Club

Period Ending 30-SEP-2024

	Current	Current	Prior Yr	Prior Yr
ASSETS				
SAVINGS AND INVESTMENTS		0.00		0.00
Slalom Account	0.00		0.00	
FIXED ASSETS		0.00		0.00
CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND		24,702.36		27,371.35
Bank Account	24,222.36		26,771.13	
Stripe	263.55		410.10	
SumUp	216.45		190.12	
PayPal	0.00		0.00	
OTHER ASSETS		0.00		0.00
TOTAL ASSETS		24,702.36		27,371.35
LIABILITIES				
CURRENT LIABILITIES		0.00		0.00
TOTAL NET ASSETS @ 30-SEP-2024		24,702.36		27,371.35
REPRESENTED BY FUNDS				
General Fund	24,702.36		27,371.35	
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES				
TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE @ 30-SEP-2024		24,702.36		27,371.35

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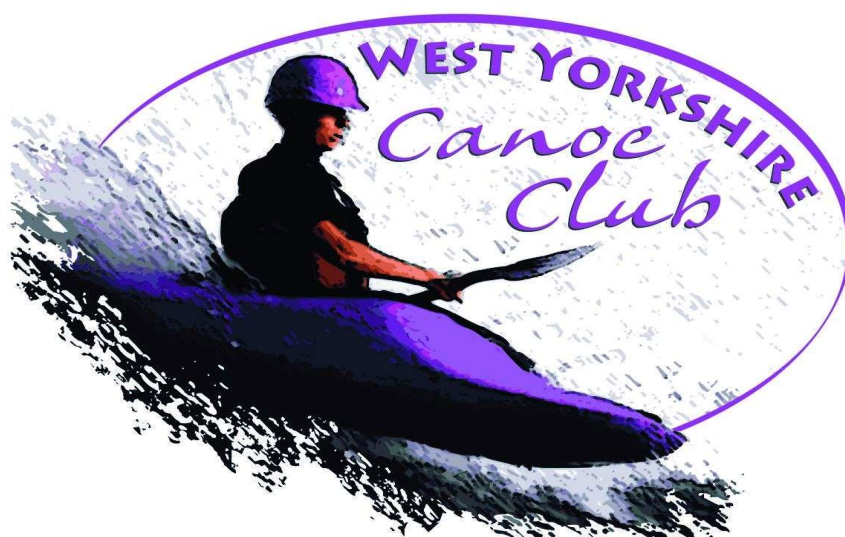
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Prepared by West Yorkshire Community Accountancy Service CIO

West Yorkshire Canoe Club CIO

Trustees' report for the period 14 April 2022 to 30 September 2023

Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

The trustees during the financial year and up to and including the date the report was approved were:

Name	Position	Dates
Richard Cooke	Chair	appointed 14 April 2022
Andrew Currell		appointed 14 April 2022
Kevin Jackson		appointed 14 April 2022
Adam Dunne		appointed 14 April 2022
William Tindle		appointed 14 April 2022
Andrew Walker		appointed 14 April 2022
Peter Dawson		appointed 14 April 2022
Nova Burkinshaw		appointed 14 April 2022
Ben Abrams		appointed 14 April 2022

Charity number 1198634 Registered in England and Wales

Registered and principal address	Bankers
9 Earl Street	Virgin Money
Fitzwilliam	6-10 Northgate
Pontefract	Wakefield
WF9 5FJ	WF1 1TA

Independent examiner

Katy Sargeant ACA

West Yorkshire Community Accountancy Service CIO

Stringer House
34 Lupton Street
Leeds
LS10 2QW

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) association formed on 14th April 2022 and is governed by a constitution.

Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees of the charity are appointed by the members at the AGM.

West Yorkshire Canoe Club CIO

Trustees' report (continued) for the period 14 April 2022 to 30 September 2023

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects

To promote and provide facilities for the sport and recreation of paddle sports, in furtherance of the above objectives the club is committed to treating everyone equally regardless of age, disability, gender assignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation.

The charity's main activities

The club's main activities have been flatwater paddlesports (paddleboarding, canoeing and kayaking) and kayaking at venues across west Yorkshire and white water kayaking at venues in England and Wales.

Public benefit statement

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our Trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular the promotion of health and wellbeing through the pursuit of paddle sport activities in various locations in West Yorkshire.

Achievements and performance

West Yorkshire Canoe Club (the CIO) was founded to secure the future of the previously unincorporated club of the same name, which was founded in 1967. By registering as a charitable organisation, we aim to secure the future of the club by ensuring appropriate governance and management for future generations and to seek funding to further develop our facilities and equipment to allow affordable and accessible participation of paddlesports in the region.

In order to continue to deliver safe and accessible paddle sport activities, the club has invested in development and training in future coaches and leaders to ensure the continuance of charitable activities.

A key goal this year has been the investment of new equipment to enable easier participation to paddlesports by all members of the public. The new paddleboards have seen a sizable increase of paddlers being introduced to the sport. Similarly, the investment in white water kayaks have allowed training of new paddlers to the white water/moving water environment.

We ran a number of taster sessions introducing new members of the public to paddlesports and have run training sessions, to certify volunteers and paddlers with appropriate safety and coaching qualifications.

We also showcased environmental issues and raised awareness of ecological systems and the impact of human activity on waterways by facilitating river clean-ups in conjunction with local volunteer groups

Financial review

The net receipts for the year were £27,371, all of which were unrestricted in nature.

Reserves policy

The charity's free reserves, at the year end were £27,371.

The charity does not currently have a reserves policy.

Approved by the board of trustees on 17/5/2024

B Abrams (Trustee)

West Yorkshire Canoe Club CIO

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of West Yorkshire Canoe Club CIO

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CIO for the period 14 April 2022 to 30 September 2023, which are set out on pages 5 to 8.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the CIO 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 as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Charities Act;
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Katy Sargeant ACA

22/5/2024

West Yorkshire Community Accountancy Service CIO

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West Yorkshire Canoe Club CIO
Receipts and payments account
for the period 14 April 2022 to 30 September 2023

	Notes	2023 Total funds £
Receipts		
Donations	(2)	1,000
Fee income		1,687
Membership income		970
Donation from old organisation		31,523
Other income		156
Total receipts		<u>35,336</u>
Payments		
Paddler charges		172
General programme and events		426
Equipment		5,148
Repairs and maintenance		182
Phone, IT and software		159
Memberships and subscriptions		484
Bank charges		64
Awards		135
Training and qualifications		1,195
Total payments		<u>7,965</u>
Net receipts / (payments)		27,371
Fund balances brought forward		-
Fund balances carried forward	(3)	<u>27,371</u>

West Yorkshire Canoe Club CIO
Statement of assets and liabilities
as at 30 September 2023

	2023
	Total
	£
Cash funds	
Cash at bank	27,371
Total cash funds	<u>27,371</u>

Assets retained for the charity's own use

White water river safety equipment
4 x Fanatic inflatable paddleboards and paddles
5 x Pyranha white water kayaks

Liabilities	2023
	£
Accruals	504
	<u>504</u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 17/5/2024

B Abrams (Trustee)

West Yorkshire Canoe Club CIO

Notes to the accounts

for the period 14 April 2022 to 30 September 2023

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The trustees have taken advantage of section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and have prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

Taxation

As a charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

Fund accounting

All funds are unrestricted funds and are therefore available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

West Yorkshire Canoe Club CIO
Notes to the accounts continued
for the period 14 April 2022 to 30 September 2023

2 Grants and donations	2023
	Total
	funds
	£
Next	1,000
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	1,000
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3 Related party transactions

Trustee expenses

No trustee received any expenses during the period.

Trustee remuneration and benefits

No trustee received any remuneration or benefit during the period.