

LANCASHIRE SPITFIRES POWERCHAIR FC

England & Wales · Charity number 1206707

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2024-01-25
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS THE RELIEF OF DISABLED PERSONS IN LANCASHIRE BY ENCOURAGING AND FACILITATING THEM IN POWERCHAIR FOOTBALL AND ASSISTING IN THE PROVISION OF TRAINING FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT FOR THIS PURPOSE.

Activities: We provide Powerchair football for both males and females of all ages, in the Lancashire area. Our players have a multitude of varying disabilities, but are all wheelchair users. We provide this service to help to break down barriers and to promote inclusion.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Disability, Amateur Sport, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities

Geography

- Lancashire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£6,582	£5,540	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
WARREN JONES	Chair	2024-01-01
CARLY JONES		2024-01-01
DEREK WHITTLE		2024-01-01
Nigel Parkinson		2024-01-01
SIMON THORPE		2024-01-01

Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report

For the year ended **31/03/2025**.

1. Reference and Administrative Details

Charity name:

Lancashire Spitfires Powerchair FC

Charity registration number:

1206707

Principal address:

33 Gregory Fold, Rossendale BB4 4JW

Trustees serving during the year:

Carly Jones, Nigel Parkinson, Simon Thorpe and Derek Whittle

2. Structure, Governance and Management

Governing document

The charity is governed by its constitution and operates as a non-profit organisation.

Trustee appointment and recruitment

The trustees are family members of players involved in the team. The charity does not actively recruit trustees. Trustees are appointed based on their involvement with, and commitment to, supporting the players and the running of the charity.

Management of the charity

The charity is managed by the trustees, who are responsible for decision-making and the day-to-day running of activities. Trustees meet informally and communicate regularly.

- The Chair and one trustee oversee the arrangement of training venues, league participation, and general management of the team. The Chair attends training sessions and matches as availability allows.

- One trustee manages the storage, charging, maintenance, and transportation of players' powerchairs and attends every training session and match. This trustee also assists, with support, in hoisting players into their chairs.
- Other trustees attend training sessions and matches and provide assistance and support to players where required.

All trustees act in a voluntary capacity and receive no remuneration.

3. Objectives and Activities

Objectives

The charity's objective is to benefit individuals with physical disabilities by providing opportunities to participate in powerchair football in a supportive, inclusive environment. The charity aims to improve wellbeing, reduce isolation, and create a sense of community and enjoyment for its members.

Activities

During the year, the charity: - Held powerchair football training sessions every two weeks - Enabled players to practise football skills, drills, and match play - Participated in approximately five league games, held in Liverpool - Provided and maintained powerchairs to enable participation

The charity places greater emphasis on participation, enjoyment, and community than on competitive success.

Some players were initially provided with older donated powerchairs, which are limited in speed and comfort and are no longer fit for purpose. While some players have since been able to purchase or obtain funding for modern powerchairs, others still rely on older equipment. The charity therefore continues to fundraise to replace outdated powerchairs and improve safety and accessibility.

In addition to sporting activities, the charity also: - Holds an annual presentation event, where players are recognised for their participation and achievements with certificates and trophies and organises a Christmas party to provide a social opportunity for players and families and to strengthen the sense of community within the club.

4. Achievements and Public Benefit

Achievements

During the year, the charity successfully: - Maintained regular training sessions - Enabled players with significant physical disabilities to take part in organised sport - Supported participation in league matches - Recognised players' involvement and achievements through an annual awards presentation - Provided social events, including a Christmas party, to encourage inclusion and community engagement - Continued to provide a welcoming and inclusive environment for players and families

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

The charity provides public benefit by: - Improving physical and mental wellbeing through regular activity - Reducing social isolation for disabled individuals - Encouraging confidence, teamwork, and social inclusion - Making a specialist sport accessible to those who would otherwise be unable to participate - Creating opportunities for social interaction and celebration through community events

5. Financial Review

Financial position

The charity's income for the year did not exceed £10,000.

Total income: £6582

Total expenditure: £5539

Reserves policy

The charity maintains a small level of reserves to meet ongoing running costs, including venue hire, equipment maintenance, and league participation. Due to the charity's size, reserves are kept at a minimum and reviewed regularly by the trustees.

Financial controls

The trustees are responsible for ensuring proper financial records are kept and that the charity's funds are used solely to further its charitable objectives.

Debts and liabilities

At the end of the financial year, the charity had no material debts or liabilities.

6. Funds Held as Custodian Trustee

The charity does not hold funds as a custodian trustee on behalf of any other organisation.

7. Trustees' Responsibilities Statement

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom accounting standards.

8. Approval

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf.

Name: _Carly Jones_____

Position: Trustee

Date: _26/12/25_____