



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 2nd April 2024 **To** 30th September 2025

Charity name: Chelmarsh Sailing Club

Charity registration number: 1207691

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The objects of the Club are: 1. To promote community participation in healthy recreation by providing facilities for water sports 2. To provide and assist in providing facilities for sport, recreation or other leisure time occupation of such persons who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity, disablement, poverty, social or economic circumstances and for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving their conditions of life; and 3. To advance education of the public through the provision of training courses in water sports and related activities.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The main focus in the current period has been setting up the Charity. The charity was formed 2nd April 2024 following submission of the constitution to the Charities Commission. Assets still have to be transferred into the CIO, when a variation to the lease which currently

		prevents novation has been signed off by the landlord, this is now scheduled to happen on 30th November 2025. Once Assets are transferred the CIO will be responsible for sailing, stand up paddle boarding and open water swimming activities taking place at Chelmarsh Reservoir.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	This has not been necessary this year.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	This is the first report since the approval of the CIO by the Charities Commission on 2nd April 2024. At the 2023 AGM of unincorporated Chelmarsh Sailing Club and the Limited Company, the constitution for the CIO was approved and the committee given the authority to transfer the assets of both into the CIO. Two matters were outstanding for the CIO to be brought into place: 1) For the Charities Commission to approve the CIO and our constitution to allow the CIO to be formed. 2) South Staffs Water Co to allow a variation to the lease to allow the lease for the Sailing Club to be held by the CIO, something their Estates Manager had already agreed to in principle The Charities Commission approved the formation of the CIO on 2nd April 2024 and issued our registered charity number. 12 Charity Trustees were appointed for the CIO at formation. An AGM for the CIO was held on 30th November 2024 when charity trustees were elected, some retiring by turn and offering re-election, some

		retiring and some new Trustees standing. There are currently 21 Charity Trustees for the CIO to the period ending 30th September 2025. The lease has proved much more problematic, firstly South Staffs Water and their legal team were very slow in drafting the lease variation, something they insisted they should do. Chasing by ourselves and our solicitors was frustrating. During the past 18 months South Staffs Water solicitors have tried to put in clauses which we could not agree to, for example being a joint party on our insurance which our insurers would not permit. The lease amendment will also remove the obligation in our current lease to have lease trustees, currently David Thursfield and David Stanley. However South Staffs Water solicitors tried to insist that the lease transfer was signed by one of the Sailing Club Trustees who is unwell and has long since retired as a Trustee and from the club. After much discussion and negotiation, the wording for the lease amendment and the transfer of the lease to the CIO were finally agreed between both parties on 8th September 2025. Both documents have now been signed by both parties along with a deed of transfer for assets from the limited company and unincorporated sailing club to the CIO. Formal transfer of assets to the CIO is scheduled for 30th November 2025. Charity Bank Accounts have been set up for the CIO and these will be with Lloyds our current bankers for the unincorporated Sailing Club and the Limited Company. Once the transfer of the lease and assets completes on 30th November 2025, the CIO will become the operating body for Chelmarsh Sailing Club and the current unincorporated club and Ltd Company will be wound up.
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	£0
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Funds cannot be transferred to the CIO from the unincorporated club until the lease variation has been signed by both parties. Assets will be transferred to the CIO from the unincorporated club and Ltd Company through a Deed of Transfer on 30 th November 2025
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£0
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	£0
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	£0
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Initially funds will be transferred from the unincorporated club. Then ongoing revenue will be from member subscriptions and water sports training activities.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Falling membership numbers is a risk, but currently numbers are healthy if reduced slightly from 2024.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust Deed
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting by club members

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Chelmarsh Sailing Club
Other name the charity uses	none
Registered charity number	1207691
Charity's principal address	Chelmarsh Sailing Club, Chelmarsh Reservoir, Hampton Loade, Chelmarsh, Shropshire. WV16 6BL

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Richard Woods	Commodore	2/4/2024 – 30/11/24	members
2	David Thursfield	Commodore	From 1/12/2024	members
3	Matt Thursfield	Vice Commodore (on water)	From 2/4/2024	members
4	David Ellis	Vice Commodore (land)	From 1/12/2024	members
5	Will Ranson	Secretary	From 2/4/2024 re-elected at AGM	members
6	John Toone	Treasurer GP14 Fleet Captain	From 2/4/2024	members
7	David Partridge	Principal of Training	2/4/2024 – 30/11/24	members
8	Nilesh Parekh	Principal of Training	From 1/12/2024	members
9	David Snell	Bosun	From 2/4/2024	members
10	Chris Jesshope	Membership Secretary	From 1/12/2024	members
11	David Bibby	Health & Safety Officer Supernova Fleet Captain	From 2/4/2024	members
12	James Cotton	Safeguarding Officer	From 1/12/2024	members
13	Dewi Pennell	SUP Representative	From 2/4/2024	members
14	Nikki Downing	SUP Representative	From 1/12/2024	members
15	Charlotte Hewer	Open Water Swimming Representative	From 1/12/2024	members
16	John Dickinson	Fleet Captain ILCA	From 2/4/2024 re-elected at AGM	members
17	Keith Clayton	Boat Park & Leisure Sailing	From 2/4/2024	members

18	Aimee Evans	Junior Representative	From 1/12/2024	members
19	Jonathan Carter	Solo Fleet Captain	From 1/12/2024	members
20	Tara Higgins	General Committee	From 2/4/2024	members
21	Martin Smith	General Committee	From 2/4/2024	members
22	Richard Woods	General Committee	From 1/12/2024 re-elected at AGM after stepping down as Commodore	members
23	Paul Jones	General Committee	From 1/12/2024	members

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
none		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
none		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	none
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Not applicable
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not applicable

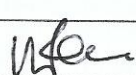
Exemptions from disclosure

None

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	David William Thursfield	William James Ranson
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Commodore	Secretary
Date	29/11/2025.	29/11/25

Chelmarsh Sailing Club CIO - 30th September 2025

Balance Sheet Position at 30/09/2025

	£
Fixed Assets	0
Total cash	0
Current Assets	0
Current Liabilities	0
Net Assets	0

Chelmarsh Sailing Club CIO - 30th September 2025

Income and expenditure account

Transactions
1st April 2024 to
30th September 2025

£

Income for the period

Total income

0

Admin. Expenses

Total premises and admin expense

0

Activity Expenses

Total Activity expense

0

Net surplus

0