



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **01/04/2024** Period start date To **31/03/2025** Period end date

Charity name: **Wimborne Wagtails Swimming Club for the Disabled**

Charity registration number: **1162701**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The provision of swimming support, water therapy, carer respite and social activities to people of all ages who have physical, mental health or learning disabilities (and their carers) in the Wimborne and East Dorset area, in a safe and friendly environment to improve their health and wellbeing.
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	We offer a supported session at Ferndown Leisure Centre on a Saturday afternoon. Here our volunteer teachers and helpers assist the members if they require it. The aquatic activities include advice on individual swim technique, water therapy and pool games. They also assist with advice and guidance if necessary to the carer/parent/partner to aid the swimmer. For the more able and independent swimmer who attends the swim session it can provide respite for the carer/parent/partner. The Trustees considered these activities met the Clubs Charitable objectives. We monitor and review our services every year. We ensure our funds and donations meet the aims and objectives we requested them for.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees have regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p>We have a team of swim helpers and trained teachers who assist in the pool at our Saturday session which enables the charity's aims to be fulfilled.</p> <p>Trustees and other Club helpers are all volunteers. Without this administration and organisational support the Club would not be able to function effectively.</p>
Other		

Achievements and Performance

<p>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.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p>The Club continues to offer aquatic activities for those with disabilities.</p> <p>Members benefit by participating in activities such as swimming, playing games and general free movement in the water.</p> <p>Members have continued to benefit from the supported session at Ferndown Leisure Centre.</p> <p>We also provide parent/carer respite.</p> <p>The website is regularly updated with the Club's activities, future events, policies and news. The Club also has a Facebook page and a what's app group.</p> <p>The social activities enable our disabled members to access the local community safely and feel less isolated. This year many social events were organised including a spring social, several café get togethers, boat trips, AGM social, picnic and our Xmas party.</p> <p>All the activities of the Club aim to increase the confidence, health and well-being and self-esteem of our members.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

<p>Achievements against objectives set</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	<p>The Club continues to offer a Saturday swim session for the disabled.</p> <p>The swim charge is set at £5 per adult and £4.50 per child per month with an option to "pay as you swim" for less regular swimmers.</p> <p>See paragraph 1.20</p>
<p>Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	<p>We will continue to raise funds to support the Club's activities.</p>
<p>Investment performance against objectives</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity has a bank balance of £11,564. We aim to break even each year with income coming from swim charges, donations, sponsored events and other fundraising activities.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We hold reserves to enable us to meet our responsibilities. We have no paid staff.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£5,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

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	We rely on donations each year from various authorities and other sources. Plus, fundraising through raffles etc. We normally raise most revenue from the subsidised swim charge.
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	QE Leisure Centre at Wimborne (where our weekly swim session used to take place) was closed on 31/03/2024. The centre was jointly run by Queen Elizabeth School and Dorset Council. In January 2024, after an unsuccessful attempt finding a private company to take over the centre, closure was confirmed. Initio Trust (who run QE School) took over the running of the pool from 01/04/2024. They had notified clubs such as ours that the pool would be available to them for private hire after various works were completed. These were not completed by 31/03/2025. The club had searched for a local pool offering exclusive hire but this was not possible so until the pool at QE reopens the Club will swim at Ferndown Leisure

		Centre in a public session on Saturday afternoon.

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Foundation model Constitution dated 19/03/2015
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
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	Apart from the first charity Trustees new Trustees are appointed at a Trustee meeting. Every year at the AGM all Trustees resign and may be re-elected by the members.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	To be reviewed and monitored
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Ongoing
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Wimborne Wagtails Swimming Club for the Disabled
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1162701
Charity's principal address	8 Beech Close Verwood Dorset BH31 6XB

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Julian Vernon	Chairman		
2	Alexandra Tuckey	Treasurer		
3	David Allen	PR Officer		
4	Rosalind Barton	Safeguarding Officer		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser Name Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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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)	Alexandra Tuckey	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	
Date	17/11/2025	