COTEHELE QUAY GIG CLUB TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 2025

Cotehele Quay Gig Club (CQGC) is a charity registered in 2020. Its **purpose** is to

'To promote community participation in healthy recreation by providing facilities to participate in the sport of Cornish Pilot Gig Rowing, both recreationally and competitively. (For the purposes of this clause "facilities" means land, buildings, equipment, access to coaching and organising sporting activities).

Its **mission** is 'To enable as many people as possible to access Cornish Pilot Gig Rowing at the highest level and to improve the health, fitness and social interaction of all its members'.

Its **vision is** 'To be recognised as Devon and Cornwall's foremost inclusive rowing club with a wide community membership of competitive and recreational rowers'.

The club seeks to uphold the following **values** in relation to all its work, to be **inclusive, dynamic, professional** and **welcoming.**

Financial Summary

- Reporting period: 1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025
- Cotehele Quay Gig club account balance at the start of the period: £16101.26
- Total 2025 Income: £46716.15
- Total 2025 Expenditure: £38391.46
- Cotehele Quay Gig club account balance at the end of December 2024 was £24425.95
- 2025 income and expenditure records have been reconciled against the Bank statements and have been independently examined prior to submission to the Charities Commission in accordance with Charity Commission rules.

Notes:

- Membership subscriptions covered 55% of expenditure and 50% of income.
- £325 was received from One Lottery.
- £258.26 was received from Easyfundraising
- £350 donation from Burcombe Haulage was gratefully received in January 2025
- £3,154 from Sport England was gratefully received in August 2025
- £3,416 donation from the Crowdfunder campaign was gratefully received in September 2025
- £175 donation from Cornwall County Council was gratefully received in October 2025

- £250 donation from Calstock Parish Council was gratefully received in October 2025
- An Income and Expenditure Forecast continues to provide clarity on the expected financial wellbeing of the club for 2026 and beyond.

Treasurers' Comments:

- Membership subscriptions were increased during 2025 from £17 to £19 for competitive rowers and from £11 to £13 per month for recreational rowers. Junior Membership remains at £5 .
- Dependency on active fundraising through club events and donations will continue to be pivotal in maintaining club financial wellbeing.
- Going forward 'high value' expenses are required to have a policy that identifies what we consider to be 'high value' and how they should be invoiced.
- The high cost of expenses claimed for the Loch Ness event was identified. A new club policy to create clarity around what we regard as claimable expenses that can be incurred whilst travelling/towing for the club has been implemented.
- An inventory of small items possessed by the club has been drawn up from which we can demonstrate appropriate spending of club funds. A new policy to define what we regard as consumable versus club assets is recommended.

Trustees

Sheila Snellgrove – Chair

Nigel Cooper – Club Secretary

Alan Harper - Treasurer

Colin Peters – Club Captain

Steve Leonard-Williams – Welfare & Safeguarding Officer

Andy Wilshire - Health & Safety Officer

Marilyn Downes - Membership Secretary

Coryn Peters – Recreational Officer

Kath Dandy - Fundraising Officer

Nicola Mathieson - Juniors Officer

Kate Fowle – Logistics Officer

Steve Fox – Defects Officer

Overview of the Year

There have been several enhancements to the administration of the club . The most important of these was the granting of a new 5-year lease for our facilities on the Quay, securing the use of these facilities till 2030. Historically the Loft space was on a separate yearly licence for various reasons, one of which being the National Trusts concern about the appropriate use of the area and noise issues for nearby holiday lets. We have allayed the National Trust's fears and this area is now included in the 5-year lease. The annual rent has increased in line with inflation and similar increases are factored into the lease over the five years. The current rent is £4,100.00 per annum which may appear high but come into perspective when we consider other clubs who are paying £750.00 a year just to store a gig outside on the dockside.

An additional position of Youth Mentor has been added to the Committee. We all appreciate the successes of the Junior section over 2025 both racing results and membership numbers, but some concerns were raised both within and around the Junior section that there were some communication issues across the club that directly affected the Juniors. Additionally, we had no clear process to guide Juniors in their transition from the Junior section into the Senior club membership and getting them incorporated into the Senior crews. This change to the Committee is already showing benefits across the club.

The only additional policy that has been added to the Club is the "Towing and Club Support Vehicle Use" with the purpose of clearly setting out the compensation to members who use their personal vehicle to support the Club's activities. At the end of 2025 the Committee started the process of reviewing and reapproving all the Club's policies to ensure that they remain current and appropriate.

Thanks to the approved maintenance plan it was identified in 2025 that Govenek was coming into the window for refurbishment, with a forecast cost in the order of £5000.00. While considering the options to complete the refurbishment the replacement of Govenek with a new gig was considered. The price for a new gig was £33,000.00 and Govenek was valued at £22,000.00 and would avoid the £5,000.00 refurbishment cost with an effective outcome of having a replacement new gig for cost of £6000.00, this was considered to be a prudent use of the club's funds. One smaller club showed serious interest in the purchase of Govenek and Patrick Bird confirmed that he would be able to provide CQGC with a new gig in time for Scillies 2026. Unfortunately, the purchasing club was unable to reach a consensus on the purchase and the deal fell through. As we require two gigs for the Scillies 2026, we have not sought another buyer, but we will be considering options after the Scillies.

Along with everyone else, the cost of the Club's insurance has increased again, and this was aggravated by a National Trust requirement for the club to hold cover of £10m for public liability and £5m for employee liability (all members are considered as employees for insurance purposes). For many reasons, this requirement was going to be very expensive, but the club had no choice, however working with our insurance broker we managed to arrange the £10m/£5m liability cover at a reasonable cost by limiting the coverage to only apply on National Trust property.

CQGC AGM was held at The Rifle Volunteer at 19.00 on Wednesday 25th February 2025. 28 club members attended as well as the full committee of 12, 40 attendees made the AGM quorate.

Social Media

Our social media presence is growing, thanks to the concerted efforts of our small but highly qualified team of volunteers. Every event in 2025 was covered by the team offering an insight into the clubs activities and racing successes. This has had a real knock-on effect in encouraging new members to join the club, visibility affects reputation, professionalism and ambition.

	Facebook	Instagram
Total followers	1272	651
Change on previous year	26.40%	33%
Total Views	302500	40300

When viewing these figures against much more established clubs it is clear that our Facebook followers figures are excellent in comparison with more established clubs like Falmouth, Newquay etc. Instagram figures for the club are also very good and an area that will be focused on in 2026. A Junior member of the club will be sourced in 2026 to ensure that Junior Voice is clearly articulated and broadcast using appropriate social media channels.

An updated business plan was put into place in February 2025 to ensure that the club delivers appropriately on its targets for the future. The new plan is for the period 2026 – 2027. These documents are essential in providing clarity on the future trajectory and priorities of the club. The dissemination of these plans ensures all members are aware of our future needs and releases members to support the delivery of key club priorities going forward. The business plan enables potential grant makers to understand the planned aspiration and progression of our charity and provides a clear picture for external agencies of how their potential investment will positively impact the club.

Maintenance of Boats

Wooden boats

- Gallos - repairs to damaged keel and rudder. Leak from bung fixed.
- Govenek - repair to damaged stretcher block
- Leather pin plates replaced with HDPE plastic plates on both boats.

Plastic boats

- Edgecumbe - damage to bow repaired
- Honicombe - rudder repaired
- Danescombe - all stretcher bars replaced

Trailers

- 3 rollers replaced
- 1 puncture repaired
- Lights repaired on 2 trailers

Oars

- Planned maintenance carried out on 7 sets of oars
- Orange - major repairs to 2 oars carried out by Andrew Nancarrrow
- Blue - 4 oars returned to Andrew Nancarrow for warranty repairs
- Yellow - 2 oars returned to Andrew Nancarrow for warranty repairs
- Silver - repairs to 2 oars
- Black - damaged blade repaired

Cushions

- 12 cushions repaired by Gigass
- New set of cushions bought from Gigass

Dollies

- All dollies serviced
- 1 flat tyre repaired
- Wheel bearings replaced on 1 dolly

Miscellaneous

- Straps for gig cover cut and hooks stolen - repaired / replaced
- All ergs maintained / serviced
- 2 replacement radio charger leads
- Key safe replaced
- 100 new soft / hard pins purchased
- New hose for oar shed
- 4 new boats hooks

Welfare report

The Welfare Officer has continued to arrange DBS coverage for coxes and those helping with the juniors. A small number of welfare issues have arisen over the year and have been resolved without any major ongoing issues.

As part of our efforts to make rowing at Cotehele Quay as accessible and inclusive as possible, the club has set aside a sum of money for use as an 'assistance fund'. This fund is to help any member who is struggling with the costs associated with rowing such as buying kit or attending events due to financial constraints. All applications are dealt with in strictest confidence.

There was one request for help from the 'assistance fund'. This fund was formerly called the Hardship Fund. Financial resources were put into the Hardship Fund but no members ever requested support from it. The committee reflected that the title suggested that only people in extreme circumstances could apply to this fund. The change of name has encouraged more interest from members and one application was made for assistance to attend the Scillies World Pilot Gig Championships which the club was very pleased to help with.

The Welfare Officer attended on-line training via the Cornish Pilot Gig Association to increase the clubs knowledge and awareness of our duties to safeguard all members. The CPGA recommends that clubs use closed communication systems e.g. SPOND as opposed to WhatsApp where names and email addresses are readily available for all to see. This clearly represents safeguarding issues that the club is keen to rectify and we are currently in research to compare and contrast various new platforms that ensure member confidentiality at all times.

Cotehele Quay Gig Club – Digital Presence & Website Strategy Report

The club currently operates a website – www.cqgc.org.uk, which includes a public section and a private members' area for storing documents such as minutes and policies and social media accounts on Instagram: @cotehelequaygigclub and Facebook: @cotehelequaygigclub

The club committee had expressed concerns about the difficulty of maintaining and updating the current website, the extent to which club photos and media are controlled by Meta (Facebook/Instagram) and the need to develop a clearer, longer-term digital strategy for the club.

The purpose of the review was to evaluate the benefits and drawbacks of maintaining a website alongside social media channels, identify the best use of digital tools for both internal and external communication, recommend a sustainable and practical digital strategy that aligns with the club's volunteer capacity, data ownership needs, and long-term goals.

The review found that the website , owned and managed by the club, ensures full control over content, privacy, and data storage. A maintained website provides legitimacy and serves as a central, official point of contact for prospective members, sponsors, and the community. It is a single source of truth and consolidates club information, policies, and documents that may otherwise be scattered across social platforms or personal drives. The private members area enables a secure storage of club minutes, policies, and other internal documents.

However the review also found that the current system is time-consuming and technically challenging for volunteers to update. Without regular updates, the website can quickly appear inactive or neglected. Managing both website and social media can result in duplicated work

and inconsistent messaging. Furthermore hosting, security updates, and maintenance carry ongoing costs and require oversight.

The final recommendations of the report concluded that the website should be retained but simplified and refocused within a broader, integrated digital strategy. A simplified, integrated approach will now be actioned where the website serves as the central, authoritative source and social media provides the dynamic engagement. This will ensure long-term efficiency, privacy, and accessibility for both members and the public.

Key Principles

1. Single Source of Truth – The website should host authoritative, permanent content (joining information, policies, contact details).
2. Ease of Use – A platform or CMS should be chosen that non-technical volunteers can manage.
3. Media Ownership – The storage and back up of all club photos and documents should be in systems owned or controlled by the club.
4. Cross-Linking – Social media should be used to drive traffic to the website for further information.
5. Members' Value –The members' section should provide tangible benefits (e.g. easy access to minutes, policies, calendars).
6. Sustainability – Clear responsibilities should be defined and multiple volunteers trained to update the site.

The report outlined an implementation plan which was approved by the committee in November 2025. This digital strategy will be reviewed annually to ensure relevance and efficiency.

The Social Media volunteer team have four people from different elements of the club working together to raise the profile of the club. It is important to represent all areas of club activities and the inclusion of a Recreational Rower on the team has really helped broaden coverage on the platforms. The growth we have seen this year in followers and interactions has been partly due to the increased use of Reels (short videos) rather than just picture posts. This indicates that TikTok may be a good platform for future use and would help increase the amount of younger followers and interactions. Young people are a key area of development for the future of the club and we will be sourcing a young member of the club to fulfil this role next year.

Youth Mentor

There has been a marked increase in the numbers of young people becoming members of the club throughout 2025. This has been partly due to the excellent recruitment work of the Junior Officer but also a growing awareness locally of the quality of provision at the club.

In order to fully understand, encourage and support young people to take up, and continue to row, the committee created a new role of Youth Mentor. This is a mediating role offering peer support and guidance to young people from an individual who is themselves also young. The Youth Mentor immediately invited all juniors to attend the loft at the quay for regular training sessions on the rowing machines there. This has improved rowing skills, strength and fitness by teaching young people how to use the rowing machines and was particularly useful for those who were interested in being selected for Scillies.

The regular weekly Wednesday night training sessions included how to use the ergo and how to create a programme targeting improvements in splits each week. The Youth Mentor set goals on an individual basis to show how regular training could help them improve both technique and fitness. The sessions continue and are hugely enjoyed by the juniors who are really keen to improve and develop their understanding of rowing and to make friends with athletes of a similar age.

Club Captain's Report

The club selectors decided to experiment with a different form of training for the first two months of the year with 12 rowers (A's and B's) forming a single large squad for both men and women. This increased incentive to train hard as final selections were not in place until February.

The competitive year began with five weeks of training from the Mountbatten Centre at Cattewater, Plymouth to enable all crews to experience sea rowing and the variety of sea conditions likely to be encountered. This is especially important for novice rowers who have only experienced river conditions and lack knowledge of rowing through waves and challenging winds. Thanks to all the towers and oar/equipment carriers for making this happen so seamlessly. Squad reviews took place with a couple of changes made to both Ladies and Men's crews because of withdrawal and injury.

The Club also attended Roadford races over the winter period with monthly fixtures hosted by Bude, Boscastle and Crackington gig Clubs. Cotehele Quay Gig Club came 2nd overall, with many of our squads achieving top three positions in their races.

February and March continued to be busy months of preparation for the Scillies World Pilot Gig Championships with hard racing back training at the Quay. Caradon gig Club once again put clubs to the test at their gruelling 3 Rivers Race and CQGC managed some great results in tough conditions. LA were 8th, LB 37th (best LB result ever in this competition) LSV 71 (in a leaky borrowed boat!) and MA came in 20th, MB 33rd.

Conditions at Helford Mini Scillies at the beginning of March were horrendous and the club battled against top clubs from around the county and beyond, as well as the elements. Results were sound but the conditions did impact performance. LA - Long race 8th: Short race 5th,LSV - Long race 5th,MA - Long Race 12th,MB - Long race 17th (in a plastic loan boat),MSV - Long Race 3rd,LB - Long Race 5th rowing as SV in Open V/SV/M.

By the end of April we were ready to head out to the Scillies World Pilot Gig Championships for what we hoped would be one of our most competitive campaigns as a club. This indeed proved to be the case and many crews exceeded expectations in what were at times, the most awful conditions in memory.

Special mention should be made for the Women's Open A crew, who came 9th overall - the highest ever achieved by the club. Each year they grow stronger, faster, and more cohesive, supported by a brilliant cox who pushes them, challenges them, and help them become better with every outing and our mixed U 25 crew, who in spite of being relegated to the bottom group in the Open Race because of a missed start time; still managed to climb two groups and come top of group J against Men's crews from other clubs competing against them.

Overall Scillies results were as follows Women SV 19th, Open SV 15th, Women's A 9th (Club Record), Women's B 62nd, Open A 19th, Open B 41st, U25 Winners Group J

Everyone took a well-earned couple of weeks break after this event but were soon back into the summer racing season. Despite sometimes struggling with numbers, the Summer racing season largely went well with plenty of promising results from those who attended .

A sunny day in Looe saw good results in all races and the club finish in 2nd place overall and our Ladies GRR crew come home with a trophy for 1st place in the Round the Island race. Crews were selected for Newquay Championships, the London Great River Race and the CPGA Masters Championships and all settled in to some serious training.

However, once again the weather came in to play and first the Masters and then the Newquay Championships were postponed. September finished well for the club with Quarter final places for all of our Newquay crews on the rearranged and truncated to one weekend Championship.

This was preceded by some outstanding results from the Great River Race in which our Ladies Competitive crew came away with two magnificent trophies. One for Fastest female crew and one for Fastest Female Gig by handicap.

The Junior GRR squad also came home with a trophy for fastest U 16 crew. This was an extraordinary result for such a young squad and give us much hope for the future for this all male crew.

Unfortunately the Masters Championships were again postponed because of bad weather but were eventually held at Coxside in October in a combined regatta which also took in the County Championships. Our Ladies Masters came home first in the Plate Final and several juniors and senior rowers represented and achieved success for Cornwall in the County Championships.

November saw the Tamar Challenge - a well established and popular final event on the CPGA calendar. This year we had a record 26 gigs taking part and some close racing came to a head with Looe Open A taking the honours in both First to Finish and Fastest time. Our Women's B were the first female crew to cross the line and our Open B came a respectable 4th overall.

This year we took part in the resurrected Tamar Winter League where we started well with a 2nd Overall place at Coxside and a joint 1st at Tamar & Tavy in early January. Scillies crews were selected in December and after a faltering start due to winter storms, crews started training in earnest - first at the Quay and then at our new home at Queen Ann's Battery, Coxside.

Junior Rowing

It has been a very successful year for the Junior Squad. We not only maintained our numbers but also increased them. Going into next year, we currently have 7 U14s, 12 U16s and 4 U18s. We managed to enter at least one junior crew for all of the regattas attended by the Club during the summer season. Our junior crews were very successful in these races regularly coming in 1st or 2nd.

Our U16 crew did really well in the U16 CPGA Championships in Newquay, ending up 4th after narrowly missing a podium place. Unfortunately, the CPGA junior internationals were cancelled in October. 7 of our Juniors were selected to represent Cornwall in the County Championships, they all did very well.

A junior crew took first place in their category at the London Great River Race. This was an incredible achievement. Their talent, enthusiasm, hard work and team spirit fills us with pride and confidence for the years ahead.

Unfortunately, we still have problems with coxes signing up to assist crews getting out on most weeks although we do have coxes coming forward when asked and it is rare that we have to cancel training due to this. There is an intention to train new coxes in 2026 to fill the shortfall.

We are looking forward to the new season and are hoping that our crews can achieve great things next year as they have gained more experience and technique. We will also start to actively recruit some U14s so that we can keep our numbers stable.

Recreational Rowing

It has been a busy year of Recreational rowing with 15 rowers joining us, some from Learn to Row (L2R) courses and some moving from the competitive section. 8 rowers left the recreationals and two moved to join the competitive rowers. We now have 81 members. with 22 coxes.

We have introduced long 2 hour rows to improve stamina across the recreational section, and those rowers who want a workout, continue to be challenged by our 'workout coxes'

We entered a team in the Great River Race, and 2 teams competed in the 'Monster the Loch' event. Great fun was had by all. Gill Mannings-Cox ran development courses and a 'cox 2 coach' course to help our coxes maintain technical ability and to continue to help our rowers.

We entertained a team from Bermuda who were on a 'world' tour in excellent weather. Brixham came and joined us for a row to weir quay.

The recreational rowers continue to support the competitive section, providing excellent catering for the regattas both Adult and Juniors.

Membership Secretary's Report 2025

Cotehele Quay is a thriving Gig Club.

The Membership has increased this year. We frequently have requests to join the club and regularly run Learn to Row courses to accommodate new members.

We have four sections in the club : Competitive, Recreational, Junior and Social.

It is the Recreational and Junior sections of the club that have gained members this year.

In January 2025, we had 167 members comprising of 71 Competitive members, 73 Recreational members, 17 Juniors and 6 Social non-Rowing members.

However, as of January 1st 2026 we now have 183 members in total comprising of 71 Competitive members, 87 Recreational members, 23 Juniors and 4 Social non-Rowing members. The Junior section is proving very popular.

We are an all-inclusive club. Our youngest Rower is 11 and our oldest 84.

We encourage all our members to participate in supporting activities within the club to ensure that our gigs, equipment and facilities are well maintained. We serve a wide community with members travelling from Plymouth and across the Tamar as well as many who live locally to our base at the Quay.

Fundraising Report 2025

In January 2025 Burcombe Haulage donated £350 towards trailer maintenance.

We also received £400 from St Dominick Parish Council and £350 from Calstock Parish at the end of 2024, which has been used this year to pay for a new set of lightweight junior oars which have been ordered, and should be available to row with soon.

We were fortunate to be awarded £3154 from Sport England towards lightweight junior oars and junior lifejackets from Sport England, provided we raised an equal amount from our Crowdfunder campaign, and this target we reached thanks to the support and generosity of many people. Some of the funds raised in our Crowdfunder came from the auction of old oars and Concept 2 ergs, and Cornwall Council donated a further £175 towards more junior lifejackets. Calstock Parish then donated a further £250 towards a second set of lightweight oars, which will be ordered by the end of December. The total value of all grants received in 2025 is £7,645.

Further funds were raised by a dedicated group of club members from the sale of food and drink at the Intra Club Funday and the Tamar Challenge, and £315 was raised at the Quiz Night in February. The Assistance Fund now has £600 raised from the entry fee for the Tamar Challenge, and a further grant has been applied for from the Common Ground Award for this fund.

Easyfundraising and One Lottery continue to bring in around £600 a year, and we will receive some funds from Tesco towards Junior kit in February 2026.

End of Year Celebration & Awards Evening

Over 50 members attended our end of year celebration and awards evening in November in Calstock Village Hall. A sub-committee of six members organised the event, supporting the external caterer on the day of the event with hours of chopping onions, carrots, cabbage, making puddings and decorating the event space. It was very successful and the following people received awards for their contributions to the club and their improvement in rowing.

Male Recreational rower of the year – Andy Court

Female Recreational rower of the year - Maria Stoneman≅

Male Competitive rower of the year- Mark Wheatley

Female Competitive rower of the year – Christie Ash

Male Junior rower of the year – Oliver Goldsworthy

Female Junior rower of the year- Gracie Wood

Outstanding junior rower – Zack Harris

Recreational Cox of the year – Ron Clarke

Competitive Cox of the year – Sam Rogers

Contribution to club Competitive – Simon Pither

Contribution to club Junior - Poppy Harrison -Shearer

Business Plan 2025 – 2027

The following key areas for development for the period 2025 – 2027 were articulated in December 2024.

1. Juniors – a recruitment programme focusing on 11+ young people to develop the next wave of championship rowers and to develop the skills of young people e.g. supporting young people to learn to cox and coach, supporting young people to be part of the managing committee, investigation into qualifications or relevant sports administration courses i.e. seeing our training as part of a bigger picture and connecting to those services/stepping stones. It is hoped that this will include an annual regatta based at Cotehele Quay that is specifically for Juniors.

In process

The major focus on Juniors has really paid off in 2025 with a big increase in numbers. This investment must be seen in the long term with a four or five year trajectory. Kane Underwood became Junior Mentor in September with a full job description including supporting young people with their training on and off the water, fitness advice and a development programme. This has connected the Juniors to the wider club training ethos and created a much more inclusive atmosphere enabling dialogue between Juniors and adult members with benefits all round. The Junior boys squad is particularly strong and they have done well in competition this year. The Junior girls are also coming together and growing in confidence. The club successfully inaugurated a Junior regatta at Cotehele Quay in May with four clubs attending. This spearheads a movement towards more Junior opportunities to participate in racing, vital experience if they are to achieve their ambitions in competition locally, regionally and internationally.

2.Competitive Rowers – having reached 9th at the World Pilot Gig Championships there is recognition that we now need sustainable growth and development. How this is achieved is under consideration but there is an understanding that we must avoid the temptation to move too fast and ensure the momentum and commitment by members can be sustained. Adjustments to our training plans will be required to take this momentum forward. The energy and commitment now required of A club rowers is intense and we must ensure that members remain part of the club whilst recruiting new members who can row at a similar high level to retain continuity at the top.

In Process

Further consideration is required into how training is undertaken, when selections for competitions are made, where training takes place (e.g. river training, sea training), the

development of new coxes and coaches to facilitate this and the extent to which we can source outside support to provide expert guidance to stimulate our progress to the next level.

3.Recreational Rowers – the implementation of a development and intermediate programme of training to enable recreational rowers to increase their knowledge and skill on the water. Recreational rowers will be able to row with recreational squads who are more aligned in terms of strength, commitment and ability. After completing courses recreational rowers will be able to apply to become competitive rowers if appropriate and desired.

Achieved

There has been a noticeable change in recreational rowers understanding that the club is fluid and, given the appropriate work and commitment, recreational rowers can compete at every level of the club if they so desire. One recreational rower now rows both in competitive and recreational sections of the club and the hope is that more will follow.

4.Coxing and Coaching – a rolling programme of coxing and coaching courses for members to increase the pool of competent coxes and coaches across the whole club. Where this cannot be achieved internally funds will be set aside to buy external support. A development programme will be implemented for the rower, cox, race cox and coach. It is understood that individuals can be great coaches but not great race coxes and vice versa. This could free people up for larger events where people could have coached a crew but not need to race cox them.

In Process

There has been a significant increase in members coming forward to be coxes during the year but there are still rowing sessions cancelled due to lack of coxes. Coaching training has still not been implemented due to problems in sourcing external coaches for this work. This is a major focus for 2026.

5.Environmental Sustainability – to appoint a member of the club to the position of Environmental Officer, ensuring that the club meets its obligations to reduce waste and use recycled materials whenever possible.

In process

The club investigated the purchase of plastic cups for use at regattas which would be sold and then re-used by members. However further investigation revealed that the manufacture of the plastic cups was more detrimental to the environment than using cardboard so this scheme was dropped.

6.Website – the club website needs updating. A figure will be set aside to enable the purchase of a skilled external expert to deliver this for the club.

In process

In October 2025 a report was compiled by members of the club with experience of social media to assess whether Cotehele Quay Gig Club (CQGC) should continue to operate a website in addition to its social media presence, and to outline recommendations for a sustainable digital strategy. This is called Cotehele Quay Gig Club – Digital Presence & Website Strategy Report.

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The club committee has expressed concerns about:

· The difficulty of maintaining and updating the current website.

· The extent to which club photos and media are controlled by Meta (Facebook/Instagram).

· The need to develop a clearer, longer-term digital strategy for the club.

The review made recommendations as follows;

1. Retain the website, but simplify and refocus its purpose.

2. Audit current content to remove outdated material.

3. Select a low-maintenance CMS that suits volunteer capacity.

4. Define clear responsibilities for content updates.

5. Store all club media independently of Meta (Facebook/Instagram).

6. Use social media to promote the club and link back to the website.

7. Review the digital strategy annually to ensure relevance and efficiency.

Cotehele Quay Gig Club's website remains an important asset for credibility, member communication, and data ownership. However, its current form and management processes are unsustainable. A simplified, integrated approach—where the website serves as the central, authoritative source and social media provides dynamic engagement—will ensure long-term efficiency, privacy, and accessibility for both members and the public.

Looking Forward

CQGC continues to develop and grow with an ever increasing number of people wishing to join due to our inclusive ethos, our reputation and competitive success. However, we cannot be complacent and there have been instances where excellent rowers have left the club to join other, more sharply focused, organisations. It raises questions about how well the club provides excellent opportunities for advancement in all areas of its work and what we might do differently to stop very talented rowers choosing clubs that are for competition only.

The investment in Junior rowing has reaped fantastic rewards this year and it is exciting to see so many young people coming together to learn new skills, compete at the highest levels and also

meet new friends with similar interests. One in five children and young people have a probable mental health condition in the UK with depression, anxiety and behavioural difficulties causing illness and disability so anything we can do to support young adolescents through the sport of rowing will be acted upon alongside the obvious benefits of being a member i.e. increased fitness and well-being through the discipline of rowing.

The club is in a good position in terms of its kit with two wooden boats, eleven sets of oars, six rowing machines for off-water training, the Loft space for meetings, training, coffee and conversation. The club currently has nearly 180 rowers which means kit is well-used and there is a constant need for repairs, maintenance and renewals. In future it would be good to see the maintenance team expand so that the responsibility for mending oars, boats and trailers was not tasked to the same small group of people. A renewals plan will be implemented in 2026 to provide members with information about when, and how, new kit will be purchased.

The club has definitely reached a threshold in terms of numbers and next steps must be carefully thought through so that the club can continue to learn and grow without becoming fractured. Competitive rowers are by their very nature, hugely aspirational, and the movement from 9th in the world to 6th in the world will take several years, need experimentation and enquiry and will almost certainly have missteps as well as upward movement.

The committee's job is to keep all areas of the club – competitive, recreational and junior – feeling valued, understood and listened to, balancing the needs of each area so that all can succeed in the sport.

The club needs to carefully consider how leadership roles on the committee are managed when members retire. The club has enjoyed a prolonged period of consistency at committee level and this has really helped to maintain stability across the club. With several older members meaning to retire over the next few years we must look for handovers that maintain our forward momentum.

Cornish Pilot Gig Association (CPGA)

The CPGA continues to evolve as our lead association for gig rowing. Over the year there has been a major change in trustees and good training support for members dealing with race coxing, umpiring, safeguarding and health and safety. On-line teaching sessions have been very valuable enabling Cotehele Quay Gig Club committee members to take advantage of new learning and changes to rules.

They have continued to develop the "Championship Regatta Series" which now includes specific events for Junior Rowers in addition to the existing Open, Vets and Masters regattas.

Our Club Secretary , Welfare Officer and Club Captain have attended meetings with the CPGA on-line to keep informed of the CPGA position and to be aware of their future intentions. Advice from these meetings almost certainly means that we will be changing from WhatsApp to SPOND for member communications in 2026.

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CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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Report to the trustees/ members of Charity name: COTEHELE QUAY GIG CLUB

On accounts for the year ended 31 DECEMBER 2025 **Charity no (if any)** 1188160

Set out on pages (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2025

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~ *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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Signed: [signature] **Date:** 29/01/2026

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Cotehele Quay Gig Club Accounts 2025

2025 Income

	Subs	Admin	Equipment	Events	Kit Order	Bonus Ball	Other	Mileage	Fundraising	Monthly Total
January	£1,894.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,080.50	£0.00	£76.00	£3,050.50
February	£1,638.00	£0.00	£0.00	£420.00	£190.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£417.82	£2,665.82
March	£1,901.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£182.50	£0.00	£2,120.00	£0.00	£41.50	£4,245.00
April	£2,051.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£205.00	£0.00	£2,078.50	£0.00	£0.00	£4,334.50
May	£2,010.00	£0.00	£0.00	£280.40	£187.50	£0.00	£195.00	£0.00	£149.06	£2,821.96
June	£2,765.00	£0.00	£0.00	£490.00	£257.00	£0.00	£205.00	£0.00	£0.00	£3,717.00
July	£2,761.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£242.50	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£29.50	£3,033.00
August	£1,933.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£295.00	£0.00	£420.00	£0.00	£613.42	£3,261.42
September	£1,931.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£135.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,670.83	£4,736.83
October	£1,961.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£175.00	£0.00	£5,193.78	£0.00	£0.00	£7,329.78
November	£2,053.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,014.75	£443.50	£0.00	£5.00	£0.00	£469.59	£4,985.84
December	£2,172.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£162.50	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£200.00	£2,534.50
Annual Total	£23,176.00	£0.00	£0.00	£3,205.15	£2,475.50	£0.00	£11,297.78	£0.00	£4,667.72	**£46,716.15**

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£16,101.26	£16,467.36
£16,467.36	£17,045.99
£17,045.99	£19,693.07
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2025 Expenditure

	Subs	Admin	Equipment	Events	Kit Order	Bonus Ball	Other	Mileage	Fundraising	Monthly Total
January	£0.00	£831.00	£37.40	£1,816.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,684.40
February	£0.00	£1,468.52	£149.97	£451.90	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£16.80	£0.00	£2,087.19
March	£0.00	£18.00	£197.97	£1,350.00	£0.00	£0.00	£31.95	£0.00	£0.00	£1,597.92
April	£0.00	£321.06	£79.21	£1,177.05	£269.20	£0.00	£1,424.50	£257.40	£0.00	£3,528.42
May	£0.00	£443.00	£37.40	£719.04	£315.60	£0.00	£0.00	£61.20	£0.00	£1,576.24
June	£0.00	£0.00	£591.17	£139.00	£100.00	£0.00	£0.00	£143.20	£0.00	£973.37
July	£0.00	£605.20	£3,317.17	£0.00	£429.40	£0.00	£0.00	£69.60	£0.00	£4,421.37
August	£0.00	£4,486.10	£426.82	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£110.40	£0.00	£5,023.32
September	£0.00	£94.98	£4,254.72	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,398.00	£2,288.54	£0.00	£8,036.24
October	£0.00	£144.00	£47.98	£350.17	£72.00	£0.00	£584.48	£428.00	£0.00	£1,626.63
November	£0.00	£15.00	£650.35	£168.04	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£833.39
December	£0.00	£66.00	£3,979.53	£1,932.94	£0.00	£0.00	£24.50	£0.00	£0.00	£6,002.97
Annual Total	£0.00	£8,492.86	£13,769.69	£8,104.14	£1,186.20	£0.00	£3,463.43	£3,375.14	£0.00	**£38,391.46**

2025 Annual Summary

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Balance	**£23,176.00**	**-£8,492.86**	**-£13,769.69**	**-£4,898.99**	**£1,289.30**	**£0.00**	**£7,834.35**	**-£3,375.14**	**£4,667.72**	**£8,324.69**

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less expenses £38,391.46
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