Southwell Leisure Centre Trust

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for the period 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026

Reference and Administration Details

Charity Name:	Southwell Leisure Centre Trust
Registered charity number	: 1189114
Address:	Southwell Leisure Centre Nottingham Rd Southwell Nottinghamshire NG25 0LG
Trustees:	Trustees appointed in 2025-26 for 1189114 were: Jeremy Berridge - resigned 3 May 2025 Karen Roberts - resigned 28 April 2026 Peter Harris - resigned 28 April 2026 Maurice Shakeshaft - resigned 3 May 2025 Keith Melton - resigned 3 May 2025 Penny Rainbow - resigned 3 May 2025 John Lightwood Tim Wendels - resigned 3 May 2025 Philip Barron - resigned 28 April 2026 The Trustees since 28 April 2026 have been: Joanne Harbord Andrew Wilson (Southwell Town Council nominated) Alison Berwick Andrew Worrall (Southwell Town Council nominated) Jonathan Mitchell Verdun Webley John Lightwood (Southwell Town Council nominated)

Structure, Governance and Management

How the charity is constituted:	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Governing document:	CIO Constitution Foundation
Appointment of Trustees:	The appointment of Trustees to the active charity (522301) has hitherto been from two local councils,

Newark and Sherwood District Council (6) and Southwell Town Council (3). There has never been separate appointment of Trustees to the CIO, since it was founded in April 2020. As a result of an issue which arose in Autumn 2023, the District Council Trustees for the active charity 522301 were considered to have an unresolvable conflict of interest. This led to changes in the appointment of new Trustees, with no Trustees being appointed by Newark and Sherwood District Council in May 2024. Southwell Town Council has continued to exercise its power to appoint 3 Trustees. As a result of problems with quoracy and non-representative Trustees, independent Trustees were appointed by the Trust to the active charity in June 2024 (1) and July 2024 (3). However changes were not made to the composition of the CIO Trustee body until April/May 2025, with no person prior to this having the administrator rights to make alterations.
Under the then constitution, each NSDC and STC appointment was made for a term of one year at a meeting convened in accordance with the ordinary practice of the appointing council and the persons so appointed need not be a member of the appointing council.
NSDC did not seek to appoint Trustees following the surrender of their lease on 21 May 2025.
Changes to the constitution in January 2026, which received Charity Commission approval in August, now provide that :
there should be not less than four nor more than nine appointed trustees and not more than three nominated trustees appointed by Southwell Town Council, all for terms of three years.

In future new Trustees are likely to be appointed by the existing Trustees, to maintain a good mix of skills and experience (including lived experience) on the Trustee Board. The system of appointment by local councils is likely to end entirely.

Objectives and activities

The objects of the CIO are: FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT AND, IN PARTICULAR, FOR (BUT NOT LIMITED TO) THE INHABITANTS OF SOUTHWELL AND DISTRICT, THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF A SWIMMING POOL, SPORTS HALL AND SUCH OTHER SPORTING, RECREATIONAL AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES AS THE TRUSTEES CONSIDER APPROPRIATE FROM TIME-TO-TIME IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE SAID INHABITANTS.

The Trustees confirm that they have had regard to the Charity Commission Guidance on public benefit in directing the work of the charity.

Achievements and performance

The CIO was established on 17 April 2020. The intention was to transfer the assets and operations of an existing unincorporated Trust (number 522301) in due course to the CIO. This did not happen during this reporting period. Therefore, the CIO has remained inactive for the reporting period. The Trustees expect to effect this transfer in the coming year.

Financial review

The CIO has had no income nor incurred any expenditure in the reporting year, because all operations remain with the existing charity, number 522301.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' report and financial statements above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees:

Signature: 

Full name: Joanne Harbord

Position: Trustee

Date: **24 September 2026**