**Weymouth Surf Life Saving Club**

**Registered Charity Number: 1198020**

**Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2025**

## 1 Reference and Administrative Details

**Charity Name**: Weymouth Surf Life Saving Club

**Registered Charity Number**: 1198020

**Legal Structure**: Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

**Principal Address**: Weymouth Main Beach, 4 The Esplanade, Weymouth, Dorset, DT4 7AX

**Reporting Period**: 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

Trustees serving during 2025:

- Alice Higgins
- James Sanderson
- Benjamin Alford
- Rebecca Phillips
- Laura Foden

There were no changes to the composition of the Board of Trustees during the reporting period.

## 2 Structure, Governance and Management

Weymouth Surf Life Saving Club is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation governed by its constitution adopted on 16 February 2022.

The affairs of the Club are managed by a Board of Trustees responsible for strategic direction, governance, financial oversight and ensuring that the Club operates in furtherance of its charitable purposes.

Under the constitution, trustees may be appointed by the existing Board or by the Club's members. The constitution also provides for retirement by rotation at the Annual General Meeting (AGM), with retiring trustees eligible for reappointment.

The constitution provides for a minimum of three and a maximum of six trustees. An AGM was held in May 2025.

The Club is volunteer-led, relying on the commitment and expertise of trustees, coaches, instructors and other volunteers to support its management and deliver its activities.

## 3 Objectives and Activities

### 3.1 Charitable Purposes

The charitable objects of Weymouth Surf Life Saving Club, as set out in Clause 3 of its constitution, are to save lives, prevent drowning and provide education and training in lifesaving, rescue and resuscitation for the benefit of the public in the Weymouth area.

The Club seeks to achieve these objectives through:

- Promoting and providing surf lifesaving qualifications and training in water safety, rescue, lifesaving, coaching, resuscitation and first aid.
- Organising beach and pool-based lifesaving training, water sports and related activities that encourage fitness, teamwork, responsibility and excellence.
- Promoting voluntary lifesaving and rescue services to the community and wider public.
- Providing education and information about water safety and the prevention of drowning.
- Promoting the Club and its charitable activities within the local community.

### 3.2 Activities Undertaken During 2025

Throughout 2025, the Club continued to provide beach and pool-based training activities for children, young people and adults.

These activities supported the development of swimming ability, lifesaving techniques, rescue skills, water safety awareness and physical fitness.

Members were encouraged to develop their skills, participate in surf lifesaving sport and work towards recognised qualifications.

The Club also hosted the 2025 National Surf Life Saving Championships in Weymouth in partnership with Surf Life Saving Great Britain (SLSGB), providing an opportunity to promote lifesaving, water safety and participation in the sport.

### 3.3 Public Benefit

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when planning and reviewing the Club's activities.

The Club's activities provide public benefit by developing practical lifesaving skills, improving awareness of water safety and drowning prevention, and encouraging participation in activities that promote physical fitness, teamwork, confidence and personal responsibility.

Through education, training and community engagement, the Club contributes to its charitable purpose of saving lives and preventing drowning.

## 4 Achievements and Performance

### 4.1 Maintaining a Strong and Active Club

Weymouth Surf Life Saving Club maintained a strong and active membership throughout 2025, continuing to provide opportunities for children, young people and adults to participate in surf lifesaving activities.

The Club sustained its regular training programme, supporting the development of water safety awareness, lifesaving skills, physical fitness and teamwork.

Maintaining these activities alongside the substantial demands of hosting a national event was an important achievement in itself, made possible by the commitment and dedication of the Club's volunteers.

### 4.2 Hosting the 2025 National Surf Life Saving Championships

The outstanding achievement of 2025 was the successful hosting of the National Surf Life Saving Championships in Weymouth, in partnership with Surf Life Saving Great Britain (SLSGB).

Hosting this national event represented a major undertaking for the Club, requiring extensive advance planning, coordination and practical preparation.

A dedicated core organising team, comprising volunteers from Weymouth SLSC and SLSGB, worked tirelessly to deliver the Championships.

Their contribution extended well beyond the event itself, with considerable preparation undertaken beforehand and exceptionally long working days during the two-week event period.

The successful delivery of the Championships was testament to their extraordinary dedication, professionalism, resilience and teamwork.

The Championships brought the surf lifesaving community together, showcased Weymouth as a venue for national competition and provided an opportunity to promote the importance of lifesaving and water safety.

The event was an outstanding success and a defining achievement for Weymouth Surf Life Saving Club in 2025.

The Trustees wish to place on record their sincere appreciation and thanks to the core organising team, the wider volunteer community, SLSGB colleagues and everyone who contributed to planning, organising and delivering the Championships.

Their collective efforts made an exceptional contribution to the Club and to the success of the event.

### 4.3 Fundraising

The Club continued to benefit from the generosity of its supporters during 2025 receiving £2,105.60 in donations.

As part of the National Surf Life Saving Championships, volunteers organised raffles to support the Club's activities.

All fundraising activities were volunteer led without the use of paid professional fundraisers.

The Trustees would like to thank everyone who supported the Club through donations, provision of prizes and volunteering their time.

The Club remains committed to conducting fundraising activities responsibly and ensuring that funds are used to further its charitable objectives.

### 4.4 Overall Performance

The Trustees are pleased that the Club maintained a strong membership and continued to deliver its core charitable activities throughout a particularly demanding year.

The successful delivery of the National Championships, alongside the continuation of regular Club activities, demonstrates the strength of the Club's volunteer community and its commitment to promoting lifesaving and water safety.

## 5 Financial Review

### 5.1 Financial Performance

For the year ended 31 December 2025, Weymouth Surf Life Saving Club recorded the following financial results:

| Financial Measure | 2025 |
|---|---|
| Total receipts | £54,149.74 |
| Total payments | £34,128.43 |
| Surplus for the year | £20,021.31 |
| Cash and bank balances at 31 December 2025 | £38,873.61 |

The financial results were significantly influenced by the successful hosting of the National Surf Life Saving Championships in partnership with Surf Life Saving Great Britain.

The Championships generated income of £39,586.80 against directly identified expenditure of £20,753.70, producing a positive contribution of £18,833.10 before any indirect costs.

The Club's normal activities continued throughout the year.

At 31 December 2025, the Club held total cash and bank balances of £38,873.61, comprising:

| Account | Closing Balance |
|---|---|
| Main bank account | £33,516.46 |
| Raffal account | £1,682.15 |
| Cash | £3,675.00 |
| Total | £38,873.61 |

The separate Raffal account held Club funds raised through fundraising during the National Championships. These funds were not held on behalf of another organisation.

The opening cash and bank balance was £18,852.30.

The Trustees are pleased that the Club maintained its normal activities while undertaking the significant additional responsibilities associated with hosting the Championships.

The resulting financial surplus has strengthened the Club's ability to support its charitable objectives and meet future operating needs.

### 5.2 Reserves Policy

The Club did not have a formal written reserves policy during 2025.

Historically, the Trustees have managed financial resilience by seeking to maintain a prudent cash balance, rather than a formally specified reserves target, to meet regular operating costs and unforeseen expenditure.

At 31 December 2025, the Club held £38,873.61 in cash and bank balances.

Based on the information available to the Trustees, these funds were held for the Club's general charitable purposes, with no restricted or designated funds or significant outstanding commitments identified.

The Trustees therefore regard the £38,873.61 as unrestricted liquid reserves available to support future activities, subject to the Club's normal operating requirements.

The Trustees intend to consider adopting a formal written reserves policy, including an appropriate target level that reflects the Club's operating costs and foreseeable risks.

### 5.3 Independent Examination

The Club's accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025 were independently examined by Helen Johnson ACMA CGMA.

Her Independent Examiner's Report, dated 20 October 2026, stated that no matters had come to her attention giving cause for concern and that she had no other matters to report.

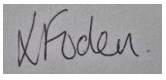
## 6 Funds Held as Holding Trustee

During the year ended 31 December 2025, Weymouth Surf Life Saving Club did not hold any funds or assets as holding trustee on behalf of another charity or organisation.

## 7 Approval of the Trustees' Annual Report

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees of Weymouth Surf Life Saving Club and signed on its behalf by an authorised trustee.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

Signature: 

Name: Laura Foden

Position: Trustee

Date of Approval: 30 October 2026

**Weymouth Surf Living Club**
**Income and Expenditure**
**1st January 2025 - 31st December 2025**

| Description | | Amount (GBP) | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Income** | | **2025** | **2024** | **Variance** |
| Membersip fees Received | | 8,933.60 | 9,244.27 | - 310.67 |
| Pool Fees | | 1,275.00 | 709.92 | 565.08 |
| Requal Fee | | 645.00 | 225.70 | 419.30 |
| New LG Assessments | | 120.00 | 713.15 | - 593.15 |
| Fundraising | | - | 1,281.75 | - 1,281.75 |
| Merchandise | | 1,387.00 | 708.13 | 678.87 |
| Grants | | - | ######## | - 11,800.00 |
| Donations | | 2,105.60 | 491.50 | 1,614.10 |
| Beach Competitions | | - | - | - |
| Sundry | | 22.14 | 17.47 | 4.67 |
| SLSGB Registration Fee | | - | 89.05 | - 89.05 |
| Tuck Shop | | 74.60 | 230.39 | - 155.79 |
| Ongoing Actiivties | | **14,562.94** | **25,511.33** | **- 10,948.39** |
| Nationals | | 39,586.80 | | 39,586.80 |
| | **TOTAL INCOME** | **54,149.74** | **25,511.33** | **17,690.02** |
| **Expenses** | | | | |
| SLSGB | - | 5,201.0 | - 2,235.0 | - 2,966.0 |
| SLS Membership | - | 2,550.0 | - 3,676.0 | 1,126.0 |
| Pool Hire | - | 1,776.0 | - 2,164.6 | 388.6 |
| Merchandise | - | 544.8 | - 906.0 | 361.2 |
| Equipment | - | 595.8 | - 13,834.4 | 13,238.6 |
| Medals | | - | - | - |
| Admin | - | 478.5 | - 68.1 | - 410.4 |
| Assessment Exp | | - | - | - |
| Refunds | - | 104.0 | - | - 104.0 |
| Club mobile phone | - | 120.0 | - 120.0 | - |
| Club House | | - | - 688.4 | 688.4 |
| Competitions | - | 1,302.0 | - 304.2 | - 997.8 |
| Tuck Shop | - | 127.1 | - 415.0 | 287.9 |
| Spond Fees | - | 438.7 | - | - 438.7 |
| SUMup Fees | - | 136.9 | - | - 136.9 |
| **Ongoing Actiivties** | **-** | **13,374.7** | **- 24,411.6** | **11,036.9** |
| Nationals | - | 20,753.7 | - | - 20,753.7 |
| | **TOTAL EXPENDITURE** | **- 34,128.43** | **- 24,411.60** | **- 9,716.83** |
| **Excess Funds** | | **20,021.31** | **1,099.73** | **7,973.19** |
| **Bank Reconcilliation** | | 1,188.25 | | |
| Opening Balance 1st January 2024 | | 18,852.30 | | |
| Income | | 20,021.31 | | |
| **Expected Balance** | | 38,873.61 | | |
| **Actual Closing Balance** | | | | |
| | Cash | **3,675.00** | | |
| | Raffal Account | 1,682.15 | | |
| | Bank | 33,516.46 | | |
| **Total** | | **38,873.61** | | |
| Reconciliation | | - | | |

The Club generated excess funds of £20,021.31 in 2025
This largely driven by the commercial activity in hosting the SLSGB National Championships which generated an excess £18,833.06

Normal operating excess remained inline with 2024 with increased Donations offset by an increase in SLSGB and Competion fees, and a reduction in general fundraising due to focus on Nationals.

The activities of last year provide us with a supperb asset to invest into the club and build our SLS skills with the addition of more kit for the club to use and training opportunities to grow the club further.

Independent Examiner’s Report to the Trustees of Weymouth Surf Life Saving Club (1198020)

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31/12/2025.

## Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the charity’s trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 (“the Act”).

I have been appointed under section 145 of the Act to carry out an independent examination of these accounts.

My examination is carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and of explanations given by the trustees.

I can see the threshold for review has been exceeded due to the income received from the club hosting the SLSGB National Championships. The income and expenditure for hosting this have been kept separate from normal ongoing activities, showing a net income of £19k. Ongoing activities are within £100 of the previous year, so nothing of concern.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a ‘true and fair view’.

The examination provides a limited assurance that nothing has come to my attention which suggests the accounts are not in accordance with the records and the requirements of the Act.

## Independent Examiner’s Statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, accounting records have not been kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011; or the accounts do not accord with those records; or the accounts do not comply with the applicable accounting requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

I have no concerns and have no other matters to report.

Name: Helen Johnson

Qualification (if any): ACMA CGMA

Address: 17 Eleanor Drive, Bournemouth BH11 9PB

Date: 20/10/2026