Current Trustees:

Daiga Taurite: Chairperson,

Corinne Leong: Secretary

Robert Davies: Treasurer

Cian O'Leary: Committee Member

Robin Banks: Committee Member

Ela Banach: Committee Member

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Trustees' Annual Report 2024-25

On behalf of the Pimlico Puffins committee, we would like to extend a warm welcome to all our members, volunteers, and supporters. We are delighted to see such a fantastic turnout and appreciate your continued support for our club.

We excited to present the Trustees' report for the year of 2024-25. We are a relatively small club, yet we are a busy one.

Facilities - Overall we had a good year, there were only a few pool cancellations. We had some issues with the pool hoist being out of commission from 1st July to 7th October, it was a stressful time as we wouldn't know exactly when it would be fixed which affected some swimmer's attendance. We have 7 swimmers that use the minibus transport, 5 of which have carers or family assistance .

Fundraising - Puffins had a good year as Eaton Square Schools have organised a few fundraising events on our behalf in 2024-25. In addition, some of our volunteers organised various fundraising, thanks for all the effort! In. Also thanks to Ela Banach who designed the new orange coloured t-shirts which were printed just in time for our Annual gala to raise some extra funds and get us all noticed.

Membership - We started membership subscriptions from April 2024 for the first time. Our membership year is running from 1st April to 31st March. Currently, all swimmers pay £10 per year with family members paying £5. We can account for 30 active swimmers in 2024.

Puffins Gala - We organised our gala on Sunday 27th October 2024. We had 5 visiting clubs (the Barking Beavers, Halliwick Penguins, WeSwim, the Ruislip Turtles, and The Dolphins) There were around 100 people in attendance. Great effort for everyone involved in organising it!.

Policy Development - In line with our new charitable status, we have diligently updated our policies to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements and best practices. The policies will shortly be accessible to the public on our website.

Challenges and Opportunities - While we celebrate our achievements, we also acknowledge the challenges we face. The demand for our services continues to grow, resulting in a

membership backlog. We are committed to exploring ways to expand our capacity and reduce waiting times. We also recognize the need to expand our volunteer base to meet the increasing demand for our services. We will continue to promote volunteer opportunities and provide comprehensive training to ensure that our helpers feel supported and valued.

We confident that with the continued support of our members, volunteers, and sponsors, Pimlico Puffins will continue to thrive and make a positive impact on our swimmers.

We remain a committed small number of volunteers giving our time and energies into running the club. We are grateful to those who continue to contribute. Thanks, as always, go to our volunteers and all of our Committee members who give so much of their free time to help to run this club.

Secretary Report

Database - All membership data is held on Google Drive and is accessible by Daiga, Cian & Corinne only

DBS checks - Each volunteers is subjected to DBS check when joining our club

Attendance Register is monitored weekly, on monthly basis we also have to report the attendance to Westminster Council.

In 2024 we participated in various competitions.

Halliwick Regional Gala

On Sun 1 Sept, Lynn, Maxine, Eileen, Mark and Patrick, with Ela, Lucy and Corinne travelled to Enfield, to compete in the Halliwick Regional Gala.

Eileen, Patrick and Maxine took home the bronze for the league relay.

Eileen then went on to win the silver for the ladies' 1 length and Mark got gold for the men's 1 length.

Both Maxine and Patrick won bronze for their respective 2 lengths.

Lynn swam amazingly well and won silver for the ladies' 4 lengths and Mark won bronze for the men's 4 length race.

Maxine, Patrick, Lynn and Mark then put every effort into the senior 4x1 relay and took home the silver.

Everyone won at least one medal, so the whole team did tremendously well.

Ruislip Turtles Gala

Then we went to another gala the following weekend, this time hosted by the Ruislip Turtles, held in Hillingdon, near Heathrow.

So on Sat 7 Sept, Lynn, Maxine, Inci and Brandon, with Corinne, Ita, Daiga travelled to visit our friends the Turtles.

At this gala, Inci won gold for the ladies' 1 length, not bad for her first ever gala!, and Brandon took home the silver for the men's 2 length.

National Gala

Because Mark won the men's 1 length gold at the Regional Gala, he qualified to take part in the National Gala. For the first time, in at least 20 years, Puffins took part in the Halliwick National gala.

On Sat 19 October, Mark travelled to Crewe in Cheshire to compete against four Halliwick ASTRA regions: Halliwick ASTRA 1 (Greater London—North of the River Thames); Halliwick ASTRA 2 (Greater London—South of the River Thames, Kent Surrey and Sussex); Halliwick ASTRA 8 (Cheshire, Staffordshire and Shropshire); and Halliwick ASTRA 15 (Wales).

Mark competed for the ASTRA 1 region and won gold in the Men's 1 length. We can definitely say he is a national swimming champion!

Chief Instructor's Report

Besides the away galas we also attended, the Marvel's Superhero Triathlon in August and the Swim Serpentine in September 2024.

We want to acknowledge and thank the swimmers who took part in these events and hope that more swimmers will take the chance to participate in the future and build on their own experience and growth.

Continued training sessions for new Helpers are still being received well. The feedback is that new helpers are more confident in supporting a swimmer. The training session along with a few sessions of shadowing has worked in giving new helpers some base knowledge of supporting a swimmer in the water and hands-on experience with our swimmers. We will continue this support for new helpers going forward.

There is expansion of current helpers' experience with the swimmers attending sessions. When helpers are paired with a swimmer they have not worked with for a long period of time, or it is their first time with that swimmer, they get an update or brief from another helper who worked with that swimmer recently where possible, or from one of the Committee members. Our goal is to have a team of helpers with wide experience who feel comfortable with any swimmer they are paired with.

Election of Officers & Committee

Daiga Taurite is standing down as a chair.

Cian O'Leary being proposed for the Chair position by Daiga Taurite and seconded by Lynn Yambao.

Daiga Taurite proposed for the position of a Committee Member by Riccardo Ferrari, seconded by Cian O Leary.

All the following Officers and committee members remain, to be dealt with en bloc, proposed by Keith Dunmore and seconded by Robert Darko, agreed unanimously by all at the meeting.

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AOB

- Lynn - Proposed that communication is passed onto everyone via email, post, whatsapp, text and/or phone.
    - At next membership subscription collection to ask members their preference on how to be contacted
    - After collecting this information committee to fine tune how Pimlico Puffins communicates
- Robin - reinforced that committee is open and people can join the committee
    - Committee to review process to join the committee
    - People can ask to join the committee and contact the Chair to discuss
        - To have a responsibility when they are on the committee, but a member can contribute without joining
    - This can be included in the newsletter - to be discussed at next committee meeting
- Brandon - Thanks to Daiga, the outgoing Chairperson - sentiments mirrored by other attendees
- Next committee meetings
    - Thursday 10 April 2025
    - Thursday 3 July 2025
    - Thursday 6 October 2025

Thanks were given to all current and retiring officers. That concluded the meeting with there being no other business of the meeting

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of: Charity Name: PIMLICO PUFFINS SWIMMING CLUB

On accounts for the year ended: 2026 | **Charity no (if any)**: 1206716

Set out on pages: 3 (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 **07/ 01 / 2026**.

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.

Independent examiner's statement

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:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: [signature] **Date:** 25-10-2026

Name: Stephanie Ramsay

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): CGMA, Chartered Institute of Management Accountants

Address: Flat 6 476 Harrow Road, London, W9 3RU

Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose. - n/a.

Pimlico Puffins Swimming Club
Annual Accounts
8th January 2025 – 7th January 2026

Income		
Donations Just Giving/Donnelly family/etc	3748.99	
Funds raised with Eaton Square School	80000	
Interest	1305.84	
Westminster Council	4000	
Marylebone Rotary	1000	
Membership donations	290	
Rashvest/t-shirt/Xmas dinner	65	
		90,409.83
Expenditure		
Halliwick affiliation	187.50	
Phone	244.82	
Westway transport	1965.75	
Everyone Active Queen Mother pool	6597	
Rois/Robin expenses	140.64	
Daiga webhosting/Google G suite	326.85	
Gala food, trophies, medals	528.37	
Xmas dinner	614.14	
Bank charges	35.80	
Finance adjustments	8	
		10,648.87
Surplus/(Deficit)		**£79,760.96**

The opening balance on 8th January 2025 was £9,666.37 and the closing balance £16,121.49
The opening balance of investments on 8th January 2025 was £27,783.84 and the closing balance was £101,089.68. During the year we paid in £72,000 and received £1,305.84 from a bond maturing in October 2025, which was reinvested. The investment is across four fixed rate bonds with Cambridge & Counties, with £12,000 invested for 1 year, £30,000 invested for 2 years and £30,000 invested for 5 years and £29,089.68 reinvested on maturity.

Without the one off donation from Eaton Square School in 2025, our deficit would have been £239.04.