Trustees' Annual Report

Swimming Together and Recreational Sports (STARS)

Charity Number: 1207886

Reporting period: 1 January 2025 – 31 December 2025

Objectives and Activities

STARS provides inclusive, affordable and accessible opportunities for swimming and recreational sport, with a particular focus on children, young people and people who may face additional barriers to participation. The charity uses sport to improve physical activity, confidence, wellbeing, social connection and inclusion.

Public Benefit

The trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. STARS seeks to remove financial, practical and accessibility barriers so that children, young people and families can take part in sport in a safe and welcoming environment.

Achievements and Performance

The trustees consider that the financial figures alone do not reflect the full success and reach of STARS during 2025. The charity continued to deliver sporting opportunities through a combination of grant funding, community fundraising, careful use of resources, volunteer support and cost-effective delivery.

Alongside swimming, STARS provided accessible recreational opportunities including free athletics activities in local park settings, cricket taster sessions and introductory multi-sport activities. These opportunities enabled children and young people to try new sports without the cost or commitment of a full programme.

Community fundraising was used directly for charitable projects, including prizes, equipment and facility hire. Inclusion remained central to the charity's work, particularly through disabled swimming sessions and activities designed for children and young people with differing needs and abilities.

Financial Review

Total receipts for 2025 were £26,701 and total payments were £35,571 (figures rounded to the nearest pound), resulting in net payments over receipts of £8,870. Opening cash funds were £22,038 and closing cash funds were £13,168, which agrees to the bank balance on 31 December 2025.

A significant amount of further funding was secured in early 2026. That funding falls outside this reporting period and is therefore not included in the 2025 accounts, but it supports the continuation and development of STARS' work.

Structure, Governance and Management

STARS is a registered charity governed by its constitution. The trustees are responsible for strategic oversight, risk management and financial control. Operational delivery is supported by staff, volunteers and community partners with trustee oversight.

The trustees maintain a register of interests and manage conflicts of interest in line with the charity's governance arrangements. In 2025 STARS paid approximately £23,718 to Strawberry Fields Swim Academy Ltd for pool and facility hire connected with its swimming activities, including disabled swimming sessions. Sarah King, a trustee, is connected to the company. She took no part in decisions about the hire, and the trustees are satisfied that the rates charged were no higher than those of comparable swimming facilities.

Funding and Future Development

The charity entered 2026 with encouraging prospects. Funding secured after the year end will support the continuation and development of inclusive swimming and recreational sport. The trustees intend to continue combining grant funding with community fundraising, partnerships, volunteer support and accessible community-based activities.

Reserves Policy

STARS aims to maintain sufficient reserves to support continuity of its core activities, meet short-term commitments and manage delays between funding applications, awards and receipt of grant income. The trustees review reserves in the context of planned delivery, known commitments and future funding.

Trustees

Sarah King

Tom Smith

Carol Rimmer

Approval

Approved by the trustees on: 29.10.2026

Signed on behalf of the trustees PP: C.Rimmer **T. SMith**

Print name: Carol Rimmer, Tom Smith

CC16a – Receipts and Payments Accounts

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Section A – Receipts and payments

Category	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Endowment £	Total £	Last year £
A1 Receipts					
Grants / donations	1650	17508		19,158	43800
Fundraising / other income	7543			7543	22462
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	**9193**	**17508**		**26701**	**66262**
A2 Asset and investment sales					
Total receipts	**9,193**	**17,508**		**26,701**	**66262**
A3 Payments					
Equipment / materials		1,352		1,352	7406
Coaches Hire		3370		3370	6900
Pool / facility hire		23718		23718	27010
Admin/Project costs paid from fundraising-prizes, equipment and facility hire	2900	3281		6181	2008
Insurance	950			950	900
Sub total	3850	**31721**		**35,571**	**44224**
A4 Asset and investment purchases					
Total payments	**3850**	**31721**		**35571**	**44224**
Net of receipts / (payments)	5343	-14213		(8,870)	21463
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	**2148**	**19890**		**22038**	**575**
Cash funds this year end	**7491**	**5677**		**13168**	**22038**

Notes: Figures are shown to the nearest pound. The 2025 fundraising-support figure is shown by purpose rather than by the name of the supplier. The fund allocation reflects restricted funds brought forward and restricted grants applied to charitable project costs during 2025.

Section B – Statement of assets and liabilities on 31 December 2025

Category	Details	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Endowment £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at bank	**7491**	**5677**	
	Total cash funds	**7491**	**5677**	

Related-party transactions

During 2025 the charity paid approximately £23,718 to Strawberry Fields Swim Academy Ltd for pool and facility hire for its swimming activities. Sarah King, a trustee of STARS, is connected to Strawberry Fields Swim Academy Ltd. Sarah King took no part in trustee decisions relating to the hire or payments. The trustees are satisfied that the rates charged were no higher than those of comparable swimming facilities and that the arrangement was in the charity's best interests.

Trustee approval

Approved by the trustees on: 29.10.2026

Signed on behalf of the trustees PP: C.Rimmer **T. SMith**

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