THE SPORTS COUNCIL FOR WALES TRUST

Report of the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2026

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2026. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2022 and the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by the Charities Commission published in 2019.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity number: 524477

Principal Office: Sport Wales National Centre, Sophia Gardens, Cardiff, CF11 9SW

Auditors: Auditor General for Wales, Capital Quarter, Tyndall Street, Cardiff CF10 4BZ.

Trustees and Accounting Officer

The organisation has a sole Trustee, which is the Sports Council for Wales. They did not receive any remuneration for their service in the year (2024/25, £nil).

The charity considers the Trustee, The Sports Council for Wales, to be its ultimate controlling party and parent. The address for obtaining copies of the ultimate parent's consolidated financial statements is given above. The Sports Council for Wales' objectives are 'fostering the knowledge and practice of sport and physical recreation among the public at large in Wales and the provision of facilities thereto'.

Structures, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The Sports Council for Wales Trust (the Trust) was constituted, under Trust Deed, on 16 May 1972 by the Sports Council for Wales.

Appointment of Trustees

The Trust Deed states that "the Trustees shall mean the Sports Council for Wales".

Trustee Induction and Training

Induction and training is delivered through the induction and training processes of the Sports Council for Wales.

Organisation

The Chief Executive of the Sports Council for Wales also acts as the Accounting Officer for the Trust, for which they receive no remuneration from the Trust. All the administrative functions of the Trust, such as attending meetings, preparing papers and final accounts, are undertaken by employees of the Sports Council for Wales at no cost to the Trust.

Details of the composition of the Sports Council for Wales Board and of its Executive Senior Management Team are set out in the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sports Council for Wales for 2025/26. Copies can be obtained from the Sports Council for Wales website *www.sport.wales or* at its registered office:

Sophia Gardens
Cardiff
Wales
CF11 9SW

Related Parties

The Sports Council for Wales is the Trustee of the Sports Council for Wales Trust. The only related party transactions recorded in these accounts are in respect of the Trust's relationship with the Sports Council for Wales. These transactions are detailed in the Statement of Financial Activities, Cash Flow Statement and Note 7.

Risk Management

The risk management process and the full Governance Statement can be found in the Sport Wales consolidated accounts.

During the 2025/26 financial year the main factors comprising the risk management process are:

- Four meetings per year of the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee;
- An internal audit programme, agreed by the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee and delivered and reported upon by appointed internal auditors;
- The maintenance of a Risk Register which is reviewed by internal audit and the Corporate Risk Register is reported at every Audit, and Risk Assurance Committee;
- Annual processes to ensure risks are identified and controls regularly reviewed;
- Four meetings per year of the Risk & Assurance Management Group.

Objectives and Activities for the Public Benefit

The charitable objectives of the Trust are:

- preserving and safeguarding the physical and mental health of the community through physical recreation (including sport) and the education in relation thereto; and

- the provision of facilities for physical recreation (including sport) which shall be available to members of the public at large.

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's Guidance on Public Benefit when reviewing the Trust's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

The Sports Council for Wales (as the Trustee of the Trust) holds two national sporting facilities (Sport Wales National Centre & Plas Menai Outdoor Centre) on trust for the Trust. These facilities are operated and managed for the Trust by the Sports Council for Wales via a Facilities Management Agreement. From 1st February 2023, Plas Menai Outdoor Centre is operated and managed for the Trust by Parkwood and Legacy Leisure in partnership with the Sports Council for Wales. The Trust therefore delivers its charitable objectives through these agreements with the Sports Council for Wales.

Financial Review

The net incoming resources for the Trust during the year was £635,000 (2024/25 incoming resource of £739,000). Overall, there was a net increase in funds of £368,000, (2024/25 decrease of £694,000) caused in the main by a lower loss on the revaluation of the two national centres. The professional valuation was carried out as at 31 March 2026.

Reserve Policy

The unrestricted public funds of the Trust are expendable at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the charitable objectives as contained within the Trust Deed.

Plas Menai Operating Partner

Sport Wales commenced a procurement process to identify an operating partner for Plas Menai. This process concluded during 2022/23 and the partnership with Parkwood and Legacy Leisure commenced 1st February 2023. Parkwood and Legacy Leisure assume day to day responsibility for the operation of the site, but ownership of Plas Menai (including land and buildings) will continue to reside with the Trust.

Statement On Disclosure of Relevant Audit Information

1. As far as the Accounting Officer is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the auditors are unaware, and

2. The Accounting Officer has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken to make themself aware of any audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Under its Trust Deed, dated 16 May 1972, the Sports Council for Wales Trust is required to prepare a statement of accounts on an accruals basis. The accounts must give a true and fair view of the Trust's state of affairs at the year end and of its incoming resources and resources expended, and cash flows for the financial year.

In preparing the accounts the Trust is required to:

- observe the Statement of Recommended Practice issued by the Charity Commission for England and Wales, including the relevant accounting and disclosures requirements, and apply suitable accounting policies on a consistent basis;
- make judgements and estimates on a reasonable basis;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, and disclose and explain any material departures in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to presume that the entity will continue in operation;
- Ensure that the annual report and accounts are fair, balanced and understandable.

The Principal Accounting Officer for the Welsh Government has appointed the Chief Executive as the Accounting Officer for the Sports Council for Wales Trust. My relevant responsibilities as Accounting Officer, including my responsibility for the propriety and regularity of the public finances, for which the Accounting Officer is answerable, for keeping proper records and for safeguarding the Trust's assets, are set out in the Welsh Government's Accounting Officer's Memorandum issued by the Treasury.



ACCOUNTING OFFICER: B DAVIES
(ON BEHALF OF THE SOLE TRUSTEE)

18 September 2026

The independent auditor's report of the Auditor General for Wales to the trustees of the Sports Council for Wales Trust

Opinion on financial statements

I have audited the financial statements of the Sports Council for Wales Trust for the year ended 31 March 2026 under the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.

The financial statements comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cashflow Statement and related notes, including the material accounting policies.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In my opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at 31 March 2026 and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing in the UK (ISAs (UK)) and Practice Note 10 'Audit of Financial Statements of Public Sector Entities in the United Kingdom'. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of my report.

My staff and I are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements in the UK including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, I have concluded that the use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work I have performed, I have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the body's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

My responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other Information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and my auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. My opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in my report, I do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. My responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with

the financial statements or knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If I identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, I am required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work I have performed, I conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, I am required to report that fact.

I have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which I report by exception

I have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require me to report to you if, in my opinion:

- I have not received all the information and explanations I require for my audit;
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for my audit have not been received from branches not visited by my team;
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report.

Responsibilities of the trustees for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for:

- maintaining sufficient accounting records;
- the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view;
- internal controls as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements to be free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error;
- assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees anticipate that the services provided by the charity will not continue to be provided in the future.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

I have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 154 of that Act.

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. I design procedures in line with my responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud.

My procedures included the following:

- enquiring of management and those charged with governance, including obtaining and reviewing supporting documentation relating to the Sports Council for Wales Trust's policies and procedures concerned with:

  - identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations and whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance;
  - detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud; and
  - the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- considering as an audit team how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud.
- obtaining an understanding of the charity's framework of authority as well as other legal and regulatory frameworks that the charity operates in, focusing on those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the financial statements or that had a fundamental effect on the operations of the Sports Council for Wales Trust.
- obtaining an understanding of related party relationships.

In addition to the above, my procedures to respond to identified risks included the following:

- reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with relevant laws and regulations discussed above;
- enquiring of management about actual and potential litigation and claims;
- reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance; and
- in addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessing whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluating the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

I also communicated relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all audit team members and remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

The extent to which my procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is affected by the inherent difficulty in detecting irregularities, the effectiveness of the Sports Council for Wales Trust's controls, and the nature, timing and extent of the audit procedures performed.

A further description of the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of my auditor's report.

Other auditor's responsibilities

I communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.

Catherine Mealing-Jones
Auditor General for Wales
22 September 2026

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Tyndall Street
Cardiff

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

	Notes	2025/2026 £'000 Unrestricted Public Funds	2024/2025 £'000 Unrestricted Public Funds
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and Legacies:			
Grant received from the Sports Council for Wales	2	1,167	1,191
Other Income	6	-	-
Total		1,167	1,191
EXPENDITURE ON			
Depreciation	3	453	448
Charitable Activities:			
Audit fee		4	4
Other	6	-	-
Revaluation loss	3	75	-
Total		532	452
NET INCOMING RESOURCES		635	739
(Loss) on revaluation of tangible fixed assets	3	(267)	(1,433)
NET INCREASE / (DECREASE) IN FUNDS FOR THE YEAR		368	(694)
Total funds brought forward at 1 April	4	18,823	19,517
Total Funds carried forward at 31 March	4	19,191	18,823

All activities are continuing
All gains and losses have been recognised

The notes on pages 11 to 15 form part of these accounts

THE SPORTS COUNCIL FOR WALES TRUST

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2026

	Notes	31 March 2026 £'000 Unrestricted Public Funds	31 March 2025 £'000 Unrestricted Public Funds
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	3	19,187	18,819
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank and in hand		4	4
NET CURRENT ASSETS		4	4
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		19,191	18,823
FINANCED BY:			
Unrestricted Revaluation Reserve	4	-	720
Unrestricted General Fund	4	19,191	18,103
Total unrestricted funds		19,191	18,823

The financial statements were approved by the Sole Trustee on 18 September 2026 and were signed on its behalf by;



ACCOUNTING OFFICER: B DAVIES
18 September 2026

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CASHFLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

A cash-flow statement for the year ending 31 March 2026 has not been produced because the Trust did not generate any cash transactions during the year.

All of the entries shown in the Statement of Financial Activities were either notional, non-realised or transacted through the bank account of the Sports Council for Wales.

	2025/2026 £'000	2024/2025 £'000
Increase in cash in the period	-	-
Net funds as at 1 April	4	4
Net funds as at 31 March	4	4

The notes on pages 11 to 15 form part of these accounts

THE SPORTS COUNCIL FOR WALES TRUST
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

1. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention modified to include the revaluation of certain fixed assets. Without limiting the information given, the accounts meet the requirements of Accounting Standards issued and adopted by the Accounting Standards Board in so far as these requirements are appropriate to the Trust, and also the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) issued by the Charity Commission for England and Wales in 2019 (FRS 102) & Updated Bulletin 2 issued in October 2019.

The national centres are managed on the Trust's behalf by the Sports Council for Wales for Sport Wales National Centre, and Parkwood and Legacy Leisure for Plas Menai Outdoor Centre. All financial transactions relating to the income and expenditure of the national centres (Plas Menai up to 31st January 2023) are brought to account by the Sports Council for Wales, including relevant amounts for debtors and creditors. The Sports Council for Wales prepares a separate consolidated account which brings together the balances relating to the Trust and its own financial affairs.

1.2 F**unding**

The Trust receives a notional grant from the Sports Council for Wales for capital expenditure on tangible fixed assets and to meet the costs of the external audit service. This grant is credited to the Statement of Financial Activities. The proceeds from the disposal of all tangible fixed assets are surrendered to the Sports Council for Wales.

1.3 Incoming Resources and Resources Expended

The Trust, as a non-operating entity, receives no income apart from the non-cash grant from the Sports Council for Wales, gains on the disposal of fixed assets and any investment income it receives. Likewise, the Trust incurs no expenditure other than to account for depreciation on its assets and the external audit fee.

1.4 Tangible fixed assets

Plas Menai is owned by the Trust and the freehold land is included in the balance sheet at open market value. The Sport Wales National Centre is leased, and the land is considered to be held under the operating lease and is therefore not included in the Trust's balance sheet.

Both buildings are included in the balance sheet at depreciated replacement cost to reflect the specialist nature of the buildings. Professional valuations are obtained every year.

The equipment on the Trust asset listing is included in the balance sheet at historic cost less a provision for depreciation. In the opinion of the Trustees, there is no material difference between the historic and current cost net book values of these assets. Any further capital equipment purchased is capitalised as a Sport Wales asset and not as a Trust asset.

The carrying value of assets (excluding land and buildings), are reviewed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If such an indication exists, the assets recoverable amount is estimated. The recoverable amount of an asset is the greater of its net selling price and its value in use.

The Trust has a capitalisation threshold of £5,000.

1.5 **Depreciation**

Depreciation is provided on a straight-line basis on all tangible fixed assets having regard to their estimated useful lives and anticipated residual values. The asset lives used for this purpose are as follows:

Freehold property	35 years
Long leasehold property	35 – 50 years
Equipment – computers	3 years
Other	3 - 10 years

The policy of the Trust is to depreciate assets from the month following acquisition.

1.6 **Taxation**

As a registered charity, the Sports Council for Wales Trust is entitled to the exemptions from taxation in respect of income and capital gains received within Sections 478 – 489 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 and section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects purposes only. No tax charges have arisen in the charity.

1.7 **Administration Costs**

All administration expenses of the Trust are met directly by the Sports Council for Wales.

2. GRANT RECEIVED FROM THE SPORTS COUNCIL FOR WALES

A grant of £1,167,000 (2024/25 £1,191,000) was received from the Sports Council for Wales and was applied for the following purposes:

	2025/2026	2024/2025
	£'000	£'000
Purchase of capital assets	1,163	1,187
Audit fee	4	4
	1,167	1,191

No cash funds are paid to or received by the Trust relating to the above grant. Instead, the purchase of assets and the payment of the audit fee is transacted through the bank account of the Sports Council for Wales, and a notional figure equal to this expenditure is entered into the accounts of the Trust.

3. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plas Menai Freehold Land and Buildings	Sport Wales National Centre Buildings	Equipment	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Cost or Valuation at 1 April 2025	8,041	10,778	435	19,254
Additions	610	553	-	1,163
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Revaluation to revaluation reserve	(816)	96	-	(720)
Revaluation to SOFA	(75)			(75)
At 31 March 2026	7,760	11,427	435	19,622
Depreciation at 1 April 2025	-	-	(435)	(435)
Charge for the year	(217)	(236)	-	(453)
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Revaluation	217	236	-	453
At 31 March 2026	-	-	(435)	(435)
Net Book Value at 31 March 2026	7,760	11,427	-	19,187
Net Book Value at 31 March 2025	8,041	10,778	-	18,819

The Trust's land and buildings were valued as at 31 March 2026 at £19,187,000 by Messrs Cooke & Arkwright, Chartered Surveyors. The valuation was produced in accordance with the RICS Appraisal and Valuation Standards, 6th Edition. The buildings were valued using the depreciated replacement cost method because of their specialised nature.

4. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Revaluation Reserve	Unrestricted General Fund	Total 2025/2026	Total 2024/2025
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Fund at 1 April	720	18,103	18,823	19,517
Total incoming resources	-	1,167	1,167	1,191
Total resources expended	-	(532)	(532)	(452)
Revaluation of tangible fixed assets	(267)	-	(267)	(1,433)
Transfer to general fund	(453)	453	-	-
Fund at 31 March	-	19,191	19,191	18,823

The unrestricted revaluation reserve has arisen from the revaluation of Freehold land and buildings at Plas Menai and the Sport Wales National Centre.

The unrestricted general fund represents the funds available to all other activities that the Sports Council for Wales Trust undertakes as shown in the Statement of Financial Activities.

5. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

	31 March 2026	31 March 2025
	£'000	£'000
Contracted but not paid	284	235

These capital commitments are entered into by the Sport Council for Wales on behalf of the Trust and will be met by the Sports Council for Wales.

6. DISPOSAL OF TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Unrestricted Public Funds	2025/2026	2025/2026	2024/2025	2024/2025
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Proceeds from sale		-		-
Gross book value	-		-	
Accumulated depreciation	-		-	
Net book value		-		-
Gain on disposal		-		-

7. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There are no additional related party transactions that require disclosure other than the grant received from Sports Council for Wales, as shown in Note 2.

8. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

The financial statements were authorised for issue by the Accounting Officer on the same date as the Auditor General for Wales certified them.