

# SLSA WALES

Surf Life Saving Association of Wales

Cymdeithas Achub Bywyd o'r Môr Cymru



2020 Annual Report




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# Surf Life Saving Association of Wales

## At a Glance

 **26** volunteer lifeguard clubs affiliated to SLSA Wales in 2018

 SLSA Wales had **2321** individual members in 2020

 **54** people were rescued by SLSA Wales volunteers and **58** first aid incidents were dealt with

## President

Firstly, I must state that this has almost been an impossible time to operate a voluntary public rescue service, where all club lifeguard stations have been officially closed during lockdown. Nevertheless, many individual members have performed rescues whilst training.

One former long stand member performed an outstanding rescue, while visiting the Porthcawl Beach, by saving the life of a young lady. Her mum paid a special tribute saying the young gentlemen saved the life of her daughter, but sadly they didn't get his name. Thankfully via the internet it was brought to our attention along with a special tribute from the Wailuku Beach Surf Lifesaving Club Australia. Mark Harris is an ex- club member of Pen-y-bont SLSC and SLSA Wales. He was a member through Nippers, Juniors and Seniors is the hero of this story. This shows that once a lifeguard, always a lifeguard.

I mention these rescues, as I know that many rescues are not reported to us immediately with our present situation. But I stress, it is very important that they are recorded with a written report.

We have such a special association of clubs and members within Wales. Together you are all doing an incredible service to the community.

This present situation has really highlighted the way we develop young people into the community with a positive and responsible attitude; and how our members retain the life skills we teach.

I must also thank our Board of Management and commission sub/committee members, who have had much to contend with, even within the lockdown periods. You are all doing an incredible job.

To all clubs, committees and members, once again, you are doing an amazing job.

All committee meetings are now on-line from clubs to SLSA Wales. No, it's not the same but we are able to function until better times.

Please keep up the good work.

It has been once again been my privilege to be your President.

Pete Lake MBE

President

## Chair

During these unprecedented times I would like to take this opportunity just to thank people.

Firstly, all the clubs and members who managed to operate beach patrols and help keep our beaches safe.

I would like to thank Hugh Murray and Lyle Bluck together with the Technical Commission with the work they have done in working with the R.L.S.S. and Surf Lifesaving G.B re-writing the NVBLQ award and providing us with a much more COVID friendly version of the award, also Simon Perry in taking on the role of Covid Officer for the association and providing a workable guideline for clubs to operate.

I would also like to thank all of the Board of Trustees for all their help in making sure the association is in a good position to be up and running as soon as restrictions allow.

I know some of our members would have suffered loss and extreme sadness our thoughts and prayers are with you, any member who feels they need any help or assistance, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

As I write this report the vaccination program is rolling out and restrictions are beginning to be lifted so hopefully, we will have a better and safer summer and we will have some activity on the beach where we can all meet up again until then please be careful and stay safe.

Pat Thomas

Chair

## Membership Secretary

The 2020/21 season was a very dark year for us all and therefore it is not unexpected to see a reduction in membership figures. What was very surprising, that despite the lack of activities by clubs and our volunteers, since the stillwater competitions at the beginning of the year, 26 voluntary lifeguard clubs with 2321 members, still joined our Association.

I would like to acknowledge, the role of your Board of Management in this, who early on in the pandemic, reduced all membership fees to £5. It is also very pleasing to report, that for the 2021~22 season, the Board will be proposing to the AGM, that the £5 membership fees, are to continue.

With the ever-increasing roll out of the vaccine, a lot of our members going back to the educational environment, and the Welsh Government seemly recognising the importance of outdoor activities, let's keep our fingers heavily crossed that 2021 will be a much better year for everyone.

Keep safe.

*Phil Rees*

Membership Secretary

## Safeguarding Report

Thoughts to anyone who has lost someone close during this unprecedented year.

None of us thought a year ago that our way of life would change in such a way.

We've all adapted somehow in our personal and work lives and our Safeguarding Officers and Coaches have ensured that our young members continued to feel a part of this great organisation through online training and also fun activities to ensure they still have a connection with their club mates and their sport.

Safeguarding is key to any National Governing Body that has such a large number of under 18 year old members such as us.

I'm really pleased to say that Liz Wong has come on board and is the Deputy Lead Safeguarding Officer for SLSA Wales. There has been a lot to take on board and Liz has been supported with training from CPSU and we have had virtual coffee meetings and discussed safeguarding and all that it involves. I know that once that we are back to business as usual (or as near as we can get back to it) Liz is looking forward to working with all clubs.

Thanks to all the Safeguarding Officers for their ongoing support as always as we are a team. Communication is key and I've had some great conversations over the year over Zoom, Teams and the phone and can't wait like everyone else to meet back up face to face.

Safeguarding processes and procedures have also had to step up with regards to digital methods as restriction of movements and lockdown measures have meant that normal processes were difficult to maintain. It has always been a goal for Safeguarding, to utilise digital packages to avoid paper and save time, however COVID has made this a priority.

Digital DBS application forms will fully replace all other methods that have been used over the years. This is currently being looked at and will be the process that replaces all other methods for all clubs.

Club DBS returns are now managed over TEAMS where Safeguarding Officers and Leads can ensure that information is current in real time and we are always complying with GDPR and our responsibility to keep up to date records of our DBS checked members.

Another step to remove paper and resolve the issue of reduced movement has been to include a Safeguarding Statement on all club membership forms this year to ensure that all members are agreeing to abide by the organisations Safeguarding Policies and Procedures and Codes of Conduct as a condition of membership. Going forward this will become part of membership culture and awareness. Safeguarding policies are easily found on the SLSA wales site and within 2 clicks of searching and Safeguarding Officers are there to promote these and ensure that they are adhered to as part of their role.

Incidents that occur within any organisation help shape it for the better and improve.

To ensure that we are fully supporting our 16 – 18 year old DBS checked members who are giving back to their clubs by volunteering to coach in their clubs they are being asked to complete the

Safeguarding and Protecting Children 16-18 course through UK Coaching as a requirement to this role. Take up has been fantastic and spaces fill up fast.

Safeguarding Officers are there for members with any concerns or queries about safeguarding. The digital process will free up more time to promote Codes of Conduct and the Policies and procedures within their clubs. SLSA Wales are working on achieving Level 2 Safeguarding this year and this will involve the engagement of all Club Officials supporting their Safeguarding Officers to ensure that as an organisation we achieve this and the safeguarding of our young members is on a par with national children sports organisations.

Take call all and see you on a beach soon hopefully

*Julie Wisden*

Lead Child Protection Officer



## Technical Commission

Well, it goes without saying that 2020/21 has been a year like no other.

However, the Lifesaving Commission has had its work cut out to make our Lifesaving Awards Covid Compliant and to put in place a pathway for those needing awards for work in early 2021.

It's worth mentioning the great team that have worked behind the scenes all the way through the pandemic and lockdown to help achieve this.

Daren Williams – Lifesaving Development

Mike Childs – Lifesaving Secretary

Our Regional Tutors

Geraint Rees

Andy Morgan

Paul Williams

Richard Kedward

Roger Pierce

And as always – the ever-present Lyle Bluck and Phil Rees giving us the benefit of their years of knowledge and experience.

In March 2020, when we would normally be carrying out our Regional TA updates we were hit with lockdown, which I think you'll all agree put everyone in a state of confusion.

This resulted in other lifesaving organisations trying to rush out a version of the NVBLQ which, to be honest was not fit for purpose. So, the next 4 months were spent on Zoom and Teams meetings, as well as so many phone calls I thought I'd end up with a cauliflower ear, to finally come up with a valid and Covid compliant NVBLQ. The downside to all this was that SLSGB could not agree to the format of the existing NVBLQ without changes. As RLSS and SLSAW did not see the point of changing the format, SLSGB has decided to part ways for the time being but we hold out hope that in the future they will rejoin the national award.

So, for now RLSS and SLSAW have agreed a formal partnership to develop and deliver this award.

Just as the Lifesaving Commission started to get things rolling with training and some assessments, the season ended and we went into another lockdown. But Zoom and Team meetings continued in abundance.

Lots of work has gone into updating the NVBLQ syllabus with both RLSS and SLSAW having real positive input into the way the award is set up. Almost all the changes have come from the 2019/20 review and analysis sessions which were attended by representatives from clubs. It's safe to say that changes to a National Award has come from grass root trainers and assessors. Thanks must go to all those club trainers who continue to get our members qualified. SLSAW and RLSS are joint authors and owners of the National Beach Lifeguard Manual and this is also being updated and again – lots of work is going on behind the scenes.

In recent months, we have been working with the RNLI to help them get qualified lifeguards on the beach for the 2021 season and the Lifesaving commission has developed a pathway to help get qualified Lifeguards within clubs to help those clubs provide safety cover for training sessions and patrols on the beaches. Once again, it's the club trainers who are stepping up and putting in the hard yards to be able to achieve this, with online training being the first step until we can start face to face training and assessments.

The Lifesaving Commission also strive to get our name out there with other Lifesaving organisations and its worth pointing out that we have a representative on the following groups and forums.

The National Water Safety Forum (Beach Advisory Group)

Water Safety Wales

Green Seas partnership

Blue Flag awarding body

Pembrokeshire Water Safety Forum

Visit Wales SE Wales tourism Forum

European Resuscitation Council

2021 will be a year of getting members qualified, and requalified; the Lifesaving Commission has already made great steps to achieving this.

Keep safe – see you at the beach

*Hugh Murray*

Lifesaving Commission

# Competition Commission

## Sport Commission Report

Every year we work hard in the sports commission to bring you an action-packed events calendar. 2020 seemed like this was going to continue the trend. We worked hard over the winter to bring a new evening surf series, high performance ocean man / ocean woman event, formal official and referee training courses and a trip to West Wales for the ocean championships. We can stand for hours on the beach in the rain, wind and even thunder but sadly Coronavirus was too big a challenge to overcome.

2020 wasn't all cancelled. We did manage to run a few pool based events in January and February. I would like to thank Mike Childs from Childsplaysurf for his organisation and support of the pool mini leagues. These are a great introduction to the pool sporting events and I would encourage all members to turn up and have a go and this fun focused competition.

## Stillwater 2020

In a change to this year's rulings, all clubs needed to provide a qualified official in order to partake in the championships. A rule that will be continuing in the future. To aid this SLSA Wales ran an introduction to pool officiating course which was attended by 15 clubs and resulted in 30 new officials. Without these new and experienced officials our events wont happened. Appreciation and thanks comes from both myself and the competitors.

2020 again saw a strong field of athletes competing in the pool championships. I would like to thank all clubs and team mangers for their support in organising the entries and competitors for these championships.

Congratulations go to the following clubs for their successes at the Welsh Stillwater Championships 2020:

Nipper Champions – Penybont SLSC  
Youth Champions – Sker & Pink Bay  
Open Champions – Beacon LSC  
Masters Champions – Penybont SLSC

The Wilkinson Sword went to the first ranking Welsh club at the Youth, Open & Masters' Championships; congratulations go to Penybont.

Thanks go to all who help run the championships so smoothly including those on the pool deck, the timing suite, safeguarding volunteers and all the staff at the Wales International Pool, Swansea.

I always take pride in the level of competitions the sports commission are able to put on in Wales. This cannot happen without the continued support of the individual members of the commission, the continued support from the Board of Trustees and the clubs, so thank you all. I can assure you that when we are allowed back on the pool / beach in 2021 we will be ready to continue providing many more high-level competitions.

*Simon Perry*  
Sports Chair

## Powercraft Commission

I would normally start my annual report by thanking all the IRB Crews for the tremendous work they have done during the season. Unfortunately, 2020 was a difficult year for us all due to the Covid pandemic which virtually curtailed all Surf Life Saving activities in Wales and throughout the World.

As I am writing this there appears to be a bit of light at the end of the tunnel and at the moment it looks like we may be able to resume the 'beach life' we all enjoy at some time during the 2021 season.

As and when we are allowed back on the beaches, Powercraft sees a very busy time ahead for us all and I would encourage all clubs with IRB's to get involved in the SLSA Wales Powercraft Group. We plan on running organised training and requalification sessions throughout the season for clubs or individuals wishing to gain qualifications or improve their skills once we get out of the pandemic and we can help you with any technical issues you may have at any time – look out for the IRB Bulletins from SLSA Wales Powercraft in 2021 which will provide you with the latest updates and keep you informed on all matters associated with running an effective IRB service at your Club.

I genuinely look forward to seeing you on the water at some time in 2021.

*Chris Parry*

Powercraft Chair

## Youth Development Commission

This will probably be the shortest report I have ever done!

2020 will be a year we will all want to forget. Apart from the early Stillwater competitions, we had no nipper or youth camp, no club carnivals, no competitions!!!!

We did see a glimpse of summer when we were able to get to the beach and pool to and participate in a spot of training, but it was soon taken from us with another lock-down.

Come 2021 and where are we now? Waiting for another lock-down to finish so we can see a light at the end of the tunnel. Let's hope so.

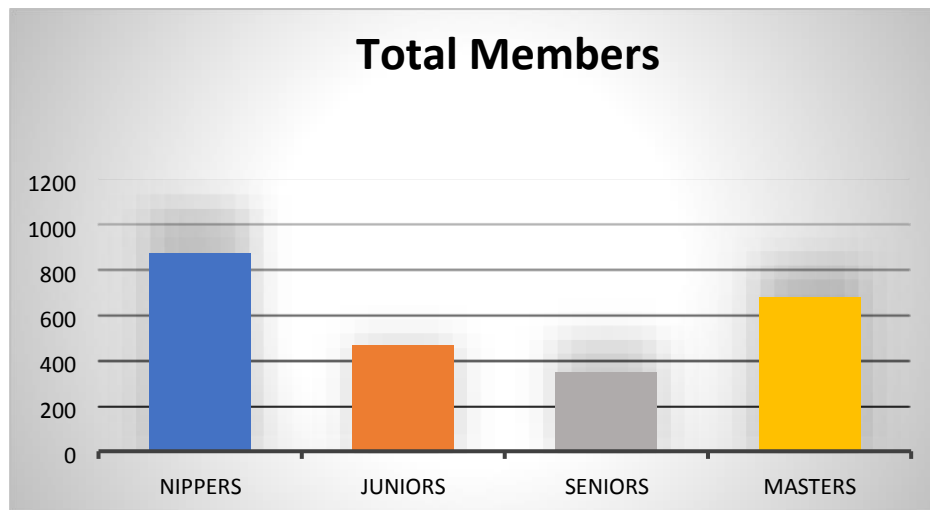
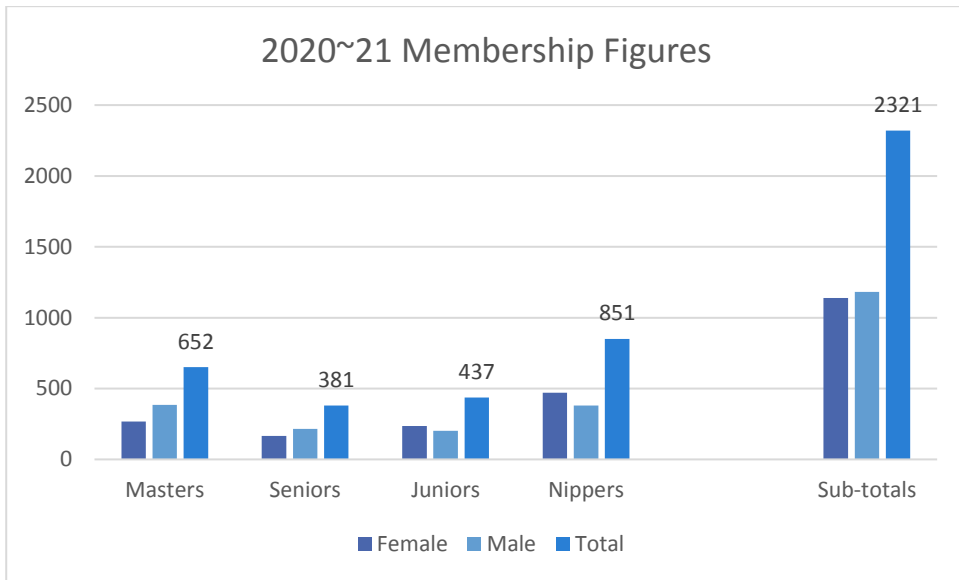
The Board of Management has still been meeting online once a month to make sure that all has been running smoothly, so hopefully before this year ends we will have some good news to tell you all.

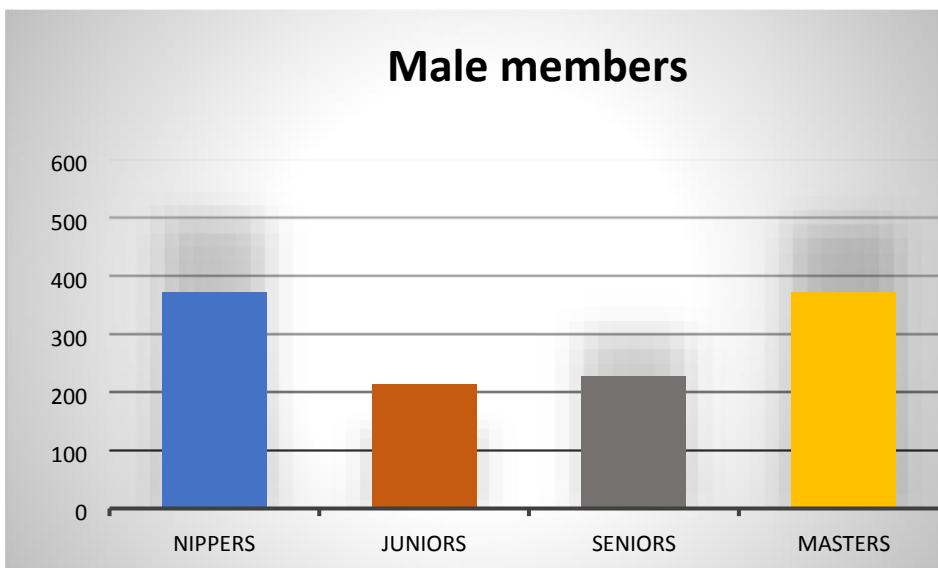
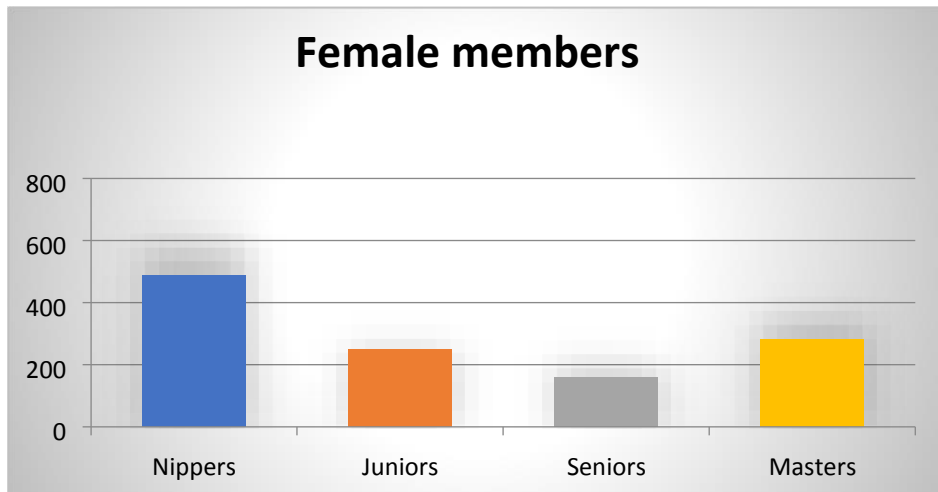
In the meantime, stay Covid safe and hope to see you on the beach soon.

*Mike Allen*

Chair Youth Commission

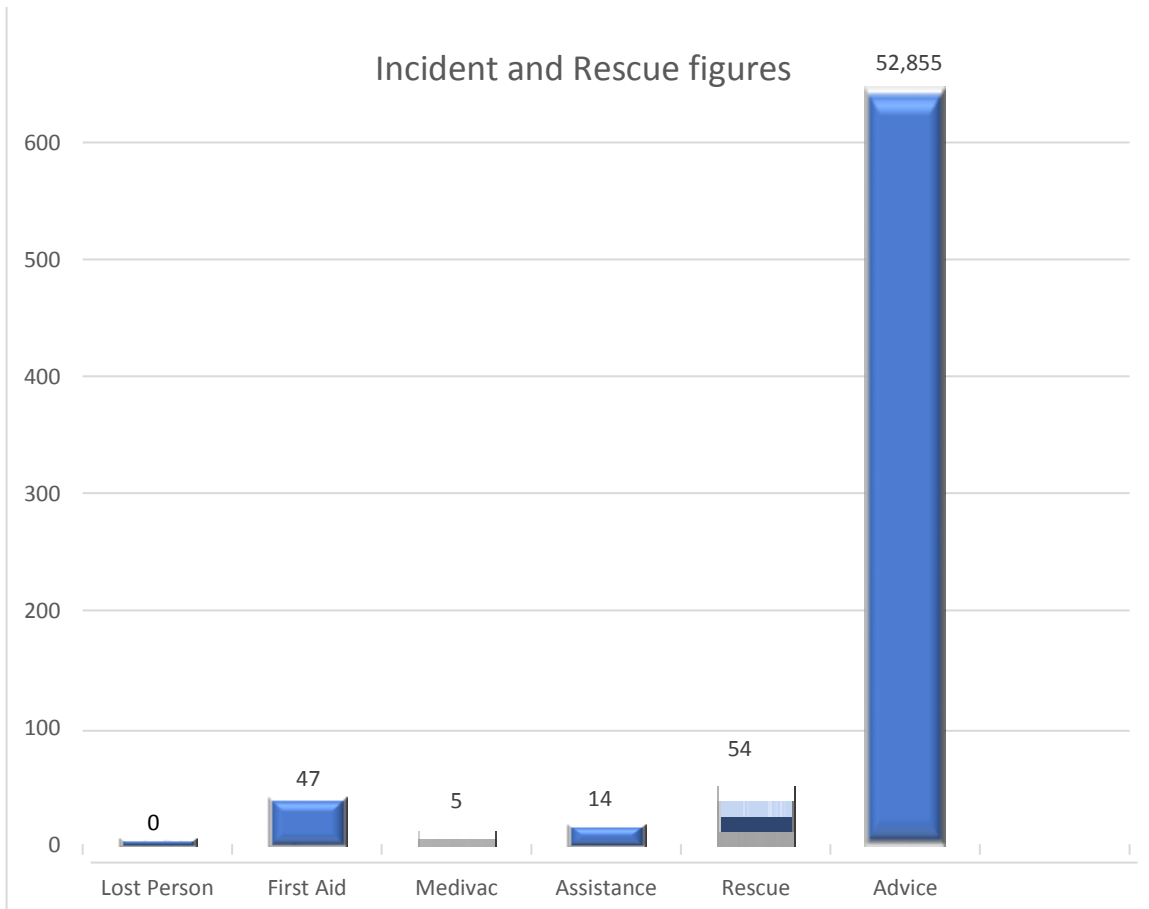
## Membership Statistics





### Incident and Rescue Figures

Shown below is a summary of the record of incidents and rescues for last summer (2020). In total 54 people have been saved during that period and advice given to a staggering **52,855** members of the public; so is there a better endorsement of the invaluable service the volunteers of Surf Life Saving, Wales provide?



Looking at the table above, although highlighting the fantastic work of our volunteers, the numbers themselves, do not describe the humanitarian picture behind them. From the summer of 2020, two descriptions at the scene of some of the rescues, will give a much better insight to this invaluable, totally unselfish action, in saving lives:

**Amelie Clode**

On June 20th 2020 at Ogmores-by-Sea, Amelie was training on her racing board, near the river mouth at approximately 6pm when she heard cries for help.

Two members of the public were in difficulties in the river. They were attempting to cross the river at high tide when they realised they were out of their depth and caught in the current.

She immediately paddled to them and got one of the girls onto her board, while the other girl got washed to the rocks and managed to get to safety. Amelie then paddled the other girl to the beach and made sure they were both alright.

This rescue took place before the RNLI started on their summer patrols at the beach.

Footnote to this rescue, is, that Amelie didn't realise until the following day that both these girls attended her school!!!



## **Tomi Turner**

Monday June 22nd 2020 at Ogmores-by-Sea

Tomi Turner was getting ready to go in the sea for a rescue board training season. A shout went up that a person was in trouble in the river mouth and going under the waves. Tomi immediately grabbed his board, ran down the slipway and entered the river.

He quickly spotted a man floundering in the middle of the river, caught in the strong current and struggling to keep his head above the waves that were breaking on him.

Tomi reached the man as his head went under, so had to scoop him up and hold on to him while the waves crashed over them. It took a few attempts to get him safely on the board before heading back to shore.

A large wave then confronted him so he instructed the man to hold onto the front board handles while he pinned the man to the board. It turned out to be a text book rescue, as the wave picked the board up and carried them both to the shore.

Tomi then passed the man onto club members, while he then paddled back across the river, to pick up the man's clothing and car keys!

Over the last 26 years, since digital records were first kept in 1995, the voluntary lifeguards of our lifesaving clubs have rescued **1761** people. That is an incredible endorsement of the outstanding efforts our members deliver. But it is not all about rescues, prevention is key and to forward that aim over the same period, we have given over half a million pieces of advice to the visitors on Welsh beaches.



**Rhif Elusen ~ 1157762 ~ Charity Number**

## CLUB REPORTS FROM 2020

### Rest Bay Lifeguard Club - Our voluntary patrols

With both competitions and training cancelled, we still wanted to get our members together (socially distanced of course) at Rest Bay to keep an eye on beach users outside of RNLI patrol hours. Following discussions between the team it was felt that Rest Bay needed us at the crucial times before and after the RNLI patrol the beach from 10am-6pm.

When we asked our members if anyone would be keen to do voluntary patrols, we had an incredible amount of interest, meaning we had to split into three teams: Yellow, Green and Black, each with a team leader and a deputy. Our aim was to cover peak weather and tide times from either 7:30am-10am or 6pm-8:30pm, especially when the tide was flooding, meaning the current was at its strongest and 'the point' became particularly dangerous.

It was fantastic to see the juniors and masters enjoying the fundamentals of being in a lifeguard club, giving the public important safety advice about Rest Bay as they walk down the slipway and even carrying out important rescues, first aids and assists. Juniors brought their own first aid kits with gloves, masks, hand sanitiser (to ensure we were COVID-19 secure), and plasters. Some even brought whistles to call surfers across who had drifted toward the point. So, with our slipway covered with lifeguards and sanitised boards and rescue tubes, we were good to go.

The more experienced team leaders, some even members of the RNLI, taught our younger members skills like using our radios to communicate with each other on the beach, what to do in a first aid scenario and making tannoy announcements to the public from our lifeguard station. We were also very grateful to have the help of the Rest Bay RWC and IRB which were able to patrol the point from the water, advising countless surfers of the dangers of the current and assisting swimmers, bodyboarders and surfers in difficulty. We also spent quieter times clearing the slipway of rocks which can cause a hazard at high tide, and carried out regular litter picks on every patrol.

Over the course of nine weeks, this is what we achieved:

- A total of 24 patrols, with 23 members
- 55 hours of patrolling
- Over 100 preventative actions
- 15 water assists
- 14 first aids
- 5 rescues
- 2 missing children

Meg McCloy  
Youth Captain  
Rest Bay Lifeguard Club

### Langland report

Llangennith is a long sandy beach on the edge of the Gower Peninsula, South Wales. It is popular with surfers and other water sports users due to consistent surf. This can result in the formation of dangerous rip currents, as a result of the constant shifting of sand and build-up of sandbanks along the beach.

Llangennith is also popular with tourists. Many people from the local community rely on seasonal tourism to earn a living. Safe, well managed beaches are crucial to ensuring a thriving local tourism economy. The absence of a lifeguard service combined with the public's general lack of

beach & water safety knowledge can result in people getting into difficulty when visiting the beach.

At the start of the 2020 summer season, there were several incidents involving persons in difficulty at Llangennith. In response to this problem, the Club agreed to provide limited patrols on weekends in July and August.”

I'd also like to share with you that the Club has been successful in securing a National Lottery Community grant to support the continuation of volunteer patrols at Llangennith next year. Although the Club has received the money, we have not formally publicised this yet, as we are waiting on guidance and an official press release from the donor. Once we have this, I will let you know, and hopefully we can share this via SLSA Wales social media platforms.

### **Vale report**

As we wave goodbye to 2020 today, Vale SLSC have given us their COVID roundup to enjoy.

“Of course, like all other clubs, Vale SLSC's year has consisted of zoom fitness and zoom quizzes, socially distanced beach training and voluntary patrol bubbles and last but by no means least... cringey covid tiktok videos. But, having adapted and overcome the obstacles set out by constantly changing restrictions, our biggest successes and best memories from 2020 include:

- Zoom fitness and summer beach training continued for both our juniors/seniors and our nippers this season
- Our ever-growing nipper section doubled in size over summer 2020. A national lockdown provided many with an incentive to be more active and to try new things
- Voluntary patrols were able to go ahead in a covid safe environment at Jacksons Bay with 5 significant water rescues
- Vale SLSC made an appearance on ITV with Beth Fisher
- Some of our members assisted in raising money for our local lifeboat station, helping the crew to run/cycle the distance of the perimeter of Wales
- Enjoyed being able to hold our annual night swim
- Our Vale 100km lockdown challenge was a big hit, with 25 of our members covering the distance during the firebreak lockdown in October/November
- Claire Connolly became the first person to run all 43 welsh parkruns and James Blaby took home the gold in the 10km Jubilee River swim
- Reuben Hopkin took home gold in the virtual Coolangatta Gold

We hope to enjoy many more big successes and great memories in 2021. Bring it on!

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 DECEMBER 2020  
FOR  
THE SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION  
OF WALES**

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**THE SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION  
OF WALES**

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

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**THE SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION  
OF WALES**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Objectives and aims**

To save lives on all beaches in Wales in particular but not exclusively by:

1. Promoting, improving and controlling the work of beach life saving, resuscitation and first aid.
2. Developing and improving national and international standards of life saving.
3. Developing and improving beach life saving methods and equipment.
4. Establishing and maintaining national and international life saving qualifications.
5. Co-operating with all organisations with similar aims.

To help young people , especially but not exclusively through providing the facilities for young people to participate in organised life saving as a voluntary vital public service and to take part in beach and water sports, so as to develop their capabilities that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society.

**Significant activities**

The focus of the activities is that we teach voluntarily from the age of 7 years to 70 years Lifesaving & First Aid Awards.

- 7yrs - Nipper pool and beach competence.

- 12 /15 years Beach and Pool Lifesaver Levels 1 and 2.

- 16yrs Plus - NVBLQ Beach Lifeguard Awards, Racing Ski Competence, Emergency Aid 1,2 & 3, Emergency Responder, IRB Driver, IRB Crew & IRB Cox, Masters Surf Lifesaver Award, Trainer/Assessor, Tutor.

- Nipper & Youth Camp held every year at Celtic Farm St. David's with over 300 children at Nipper Camp (8-11 Years) and over 250 children at Youth Camp (12 - 14 years) all completing competency awards and learning valuable Lifesaving skills.

To deliver these awards for the benefit of all, ages by developing their self-confidence and social skills alongside practical activities for all ages. We welcome all persons regardless of personal background, faith, gender or personal circumstances and we believe this philosophy of openness to all enriches everyone through the sharing of the skills, aptitudes and life experiences of all ages 7 years to 70 years and all volunteers.

A great contribution is made by, member volunteers. We are grateful for the many hours volunteers have spent listening and encouraging our young people and working with our youth workers. Without this valuable contribution of time, energy and expertise we would not have been able to achieve so much.

Any surplus funds, which are not likely to be needed to pay for activities, are placed on deposit to earn interest.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Reserves policy**

At the balance sheet date the charity showed unrestricted funds of approximately £133,000 of which £103,469 were held in the charity's bank account.

These reserves are held for future planned activities. The board of trustees are currently in the process of formulating an appropriate reserves policy for the charity.

**THE SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION  
OF WALES**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

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**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**COVID-19**

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic SLSA Wales has been badly affected, during which time we were unable to organize and run the following competitions.

- Pool Championships at Swansea University Pool - Nippers.
- Pool Championships at Swansea University Pool - Seniors/Youth.
- Pool Championships at Swansea University Pool - Masters.
- Welsh Ocean Championships - Nippers.
- Welsh Ocean Championships - Seniors/Youth.
- Welsh Ocean Championships - Masters.
- Welsh Team Trials - Ranking Events for Seniors/Youth.

All these championships bring in much needed revenue and help us to run SLSA Wales, which is run entirely by volunteers.

The structure we are organized by is:-

- Sport Commission - which runs all competitions that are listed above.
- Technical Commission - all awards to a professional lifeguard standard (NVBLQ) Lifeguard qualification and youth standards (Level 1 & 2) also Nipper Qualifications to enable them to enter Ocean Competitions safely.
- Youth Commission - Nipper Camp and Youth Camp at Celtic Camping, St. David's, Pembroke for over 400 children in attendance.
- IRB Commission -Safety cover for all Ocean based events and examinations taken within SLSA Wales. Teaching younger members how to use the Inshore Rescue Boats (IRB's) safely and how to save anyone in difficulty during a competition or in general at sea when on patrol.
- Board of Trustees - which oversee all commissions and make decisions on their behalf.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic we have been unable to raise any funds and have received no income for 2020.

**FUTURE PLANS**

In the coming year we will see a continued emphasis on the Beach Lifesaving and Lifeguard Awards, Nipper Awards and other structured activities to build and deepen the confidence and capability of our young people.

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes a charitable incorporated organisation.

This report has been prepared with due regard to guidance published by the Charities Commission on public benefit.

**Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

Trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at the Annual General Meeting held in March.

**Risk management**

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Charity number**

1157762

**THE SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION  
OF WALES**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 21 March 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

P B J Thomas - Trustee



**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
THE SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION  
OF WALES**

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**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Surf Life Saving Association of Wales**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the The Surf Life Saving Association of Wales (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2020.

**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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

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21 March 2021

**THE SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION  
OF WALES**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

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		2020 Unrestricted fund £	2019 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>	Notes		
Donations and legacies		-	524
Other trading activities	2	70,025	141,449
<b>Total</b>		<u>70,025</u>	<u>141,973</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>	3		
Life saving and other activities		80,693	154,997
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<u>(10,668)</u>	<u>(13,024)</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		143,522	156,546
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>132,854</u></u>	<u><u>143,522</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**THE SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION  
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**BALANCE SHEET  
AT 31 DECEMBER 2020**

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	Notes	2020 Unrestricted fund £	2019 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	8	26,769	37,372
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	9	3,686	-
Cash at bank		103,469	107,170
		<u>107,155</u>	<u>107,170</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(1,070)	(1,020)
		<u>106,085</u>	<u>106,150</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
		<u>106,085</u>	<u>106,150</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
		132,854	143,522
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>132,854</u>	<u>143,522</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	11		
Unrestricted funds		132,854	143,522
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>132,854</u>	<u>143,522</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 21 March 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:

P B J Thomas -Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

## 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

### **Financial reporting standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions**

The charity has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemption in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland':

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

### **Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Plant and machinery	- 15% on cost
Motor vehicles	- 20% on cost

### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2020 £	2019 £
Membership	12,761	44,505
Technical commission	1,059	7,741
Championships / ranking events	14,624	33,900
Nipper & Youth camp	-	41,564
Other income	8,581	13,738
Grants receivable	33,000	-
Bank interest received	-	1
	<u>70,025</u>	<u>141,449</u>

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct costs £	Support costs (See note 5) £	Totals £
Life saving and other activities	<u>75,543</u>	<u>5,150</u>	<u>80,693</u>

4. GRANTS PAYABLE

	2020 £	2019 £
Life saving and other activities	<u>-</u>	<u>4,849</u>

The total grants paid to institutions during the year was as follows:

	2020 £	2019 £
RNLI Grant	<u>-</u>	<u>4,849</u>

5. SUPPORT COSTS

	Finance £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Life saving and other activities	<u>15</u>	<u>5,135</u>	<u>5,150</u>

Included in support costs are Independent Examiners fees payable of £1,238 (2019: £1,068).

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2020 nor for the year ended 31 December 2019.

**Trustees' expenses**

During the year ended 31 December 2020 there were expenses paid to three of the trustees for travel & subsistence and for purchases of equipment etc totalling £4,616 (2019: £11,642).

7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>	
Donations and legacies	524
Other trading activities	141,449
<b>Total</b>	<u>141,973</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>	
<b>Charitable activities</b>	
Life saving and other activities	154,997
<b>Total</b>	<u>154,997</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	<u>(13,024)</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>	
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	156,546
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u><u>143,522</u></u>

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant and machinery £	Motor vehicles £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 January 2020	63,164	23,595	86,759
Additions	3,917	-	3,917
	<u>67,081</u>	<u>23,595</u>	<u>90,676</u>
At 31 December 2020	67,081	23,595	90,676
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 January 2020	40,736	8,651	49,387
Charge for year	9,801	4,719	14,520
	<u>50,537</u>	<u>13,370</u>	<u>63,907</u>
At 31 December 2020	50,537	13,370	63,907
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 December 2020	<u>16,544</u>	<u>10,225</u>	<u>26,769</u>
At 31 December 2019	<u>22,428</u>	<u>14,944</u>	<u>37,372</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

9. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2020 £	2019 £
Other debtors	3,686	-

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2020 £	2019 £
Other creditors	1,070	1,020

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.20 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	143,522	(10,668)	132,854
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>143,522</u>	<u>(10,668)</u>	<u>132,854</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	70,025	(80,693)	(10,668)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>70,025</u>	<u>(80,693)</u>	<u>(10,668)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.19 £
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>			
General fund	156,546	(13,024)	143,522
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>156,546</u>	<u>(13,024)</u>	<u>143,522</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	141,973	(154,997)	(13,024)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>141,973</u>	<u>(154,997)</u>	<u>(13,024)</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.20 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	156,546	(23,692)	132,854
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>156,546</u>	<u>(23,692)</u>	<u>132,854</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	211,998	(235,690)	(23,692)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>211,998</u>	<u>(235,690)</u>	<u>(23,692)</u>

12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2020.



**THE SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION  
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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	2020 £	2019 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations	-	524
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Membership	12,761	44,505
Technical commission	1,059	7,741
Championships / ranking events	14,624	33,900
Nipper & Youth camp	-	41,564
Other income	8,581	13,738
Grants receivable	33,000	-
Bank interest received	-	1
	70,025	141,449
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	70,025	141,973
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Rates and water	8,576	10,244
Insurance	13,091	16,703
Postage and stationery	-	143
Sundries	442	2,177
Pool hire	9,367	7,952
Competitions	11,755	16,382
Affiliations	3,114	20,656
Equipment and maintenance	999	3,740
Presentation night	-	7,729
Nipper and Youth camp	10,050	45,670
E-Learning and Web Page	3,629	3,579
Plant and machinery	9,801	9,386
Motor vehicles	4,719	4,719
Grants payable	-	4,849
	75,543	153,929
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Finance</b>		
Bank charges	15	-
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Professional fees	3,897	-
Accountancy	1,238	1,068
	5,135	1,068
<b>Total resources expended</b>	80,693	154,997

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
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	2020 £	2019 £
<b>Net expenditure</b>	<u>(10,668)</u>	<u>(13,024)</u>

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