

# SLSA WALES

Surf Life Saving Association of Wales



# Cymdeithas Achub Bywyd o'r Môr Cymru

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# Surf Life Saving Association of Wales

## At a Glance

-  Thirty one volunteer lifeguard clubs affiliated to SLSA Wales in 2018
-  SLSA Wales had nearly 3000 individual members in 2018
-  10 people were rescued by SLSA Wales volunteers and 58 first aid incidents were dealt with
-  152 volunteers successfully passed the NVBLQ lifeguard award
-  136 Beach Lifesaver Level 1 qualifications were awarded
-  23 Beach Lifesaver Level 2 qualifications were awarded
-  370 nipper Surf Competence awards were achieved
-  255 nippers with 69 helpers and coaches attended the 2018 Nipper Camp held at Celtic Camping, St David's
-  168 junior members attended the Junior Camp at St David's, with 42 coaches and 40+ Beach Lifesaver Level 1 awards were taken

## President

2019 proved to be a very special year when SLSA Wales celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the Towers Hotel Swansea. Once again they did us proud, with outstanding food, great accommodation, excellent facilities and friendly staff.

Thanks to both Chairman Pat and Liz for booking the venue and making sure everything was in place. Also special thanks to Simon Perry who for the first time organized the new internet booking system and also his dad Lee Perry for organizing the Welsh Team presentations.

This year I shared the MC duties with Andrea our Vice Chair, who kept me under control? I must say it worked well and we had a great time working together with lots of off the cuff humour.

It was an honour for me to introduce Mr John David, our first SLSA Wales Chairman to give the maiden speech, where he covered our early years.

As President I formally replied by thanking John plus all past and present members who have contributed and supported us over the years.

It was a pleasure to have invited guests such as Mr & Mrs Gerald Bassett, a former Treasurer of 18 years; Mr & Mrs Colin Morris, Ex. Supt.Examiner, who were both of incredible help to us during those years; not forgetting Phil & Wendy who are so supportive of us to this present day.

It was also a pleasure to have invited guests Mr Ian Griffiths and partner, owner of Celtic Camping, to be with us. Ian has been so supportive of our development needs since we moved our Nipper and Junior Training Camps down to West Wales. On behalf of SLSA Wales I would like to thank him for his continued support.

**Letters of Apologies** from Mr Reg Whittle (Founder Secretary) and Former Chairman Dr George Middleton M.B.E. who both were unable to attend owing to ill health, along with Margaret Johns wife and former Chairman Mr Tony Jenkins. All sent their congratulations and paid tribute to SLSA Wales.

Meeting so many former, new and current members during the evening made the whole occasion very memorable.

These occasions do have to be managed and formally organized, but this year was just a very special Surf Lifesaving night. Club members and special guests enjoyed the whole evening in a very relaxing atmosphere.

With the formal part of our evening over, our Honours and Welsh Caps Presentations were to proceed

Special Presentations of (Flowers) By President.  
Presented to Liz Thomas & Andrea Pennell

In Appreciation & Recognition of Work Beyond the call of Duty.

Format Presentations were presented by the President with scripted summaries by Andrea our Vice – Chair. Andrea reported in detail on all actions taken and why Awards were given.

**AWARDS**

Lifesaver of the Year 2019 (Awarded for saving a life)	Mrs Sian Parry SLSA Wales Humanitarian Award 2019.
Life Membership.	Mr Chris Parry
Nipper Club of The Year 2019	Whitmore Bay awarded by Mr Mike Allen.

Following the main association awards, I called upon Chairman Mr Pat Thomas, Mr Lee Perry, as Executive Welsh Team Manager and the Team Managers to carry out the Welsh Team presentations, which again was a joy to watch.

I will only make one very brief comment about our Welsh Teams. I just can't believe how many incredible young athletes we produce each year. This highlights the standard of training and coaching.

So well done to all concerned, you are a credit to our Association.

I cannot complete a report without mentioning how good all our sub committees' function. IRB / Technical / Sports /NYD are progressing on all fronts of development, which highlights our Board of Management structure and the incredible voluntary efforts that committee members put into our Association.

Congratulations to all clubs, members, coaches, committee members, and finally to our SLSA Wales Board of Management which is led by a very motivated Chairman Mr Pat Thomas.

I will conclude by saying that after so many years, I think you know why I have been around for so long. Surf Lifesaving is something very special to us all, we have committed members who are willing to give everything and take nothing in return.

That is truly exceptional in this day and age.

Please keep up the good work and our beaches safe.

Best Wishes for the coming season.

*Peter Lake MBE*

President.

## Chair

Once again I would like to thank all the members on the Board of Trustees of S.L.S.A.Wales for all their hard work and dedication throughout the year, the amount of time it takes to provide Nipper & Junior Camp, organize the Open and Stillwater competitions, organize the boat crew that provide us with the best safety cover, all the exams that have been organized, courses to run, accounts to be organized and bills to be paid all takes endless hours of your time which are given free of charge. Thank you all very much S.L.S.A.Wales is a fantastic organization because of all of you.

There are also the people who sit on all the commissions and carry out endless tasks to help make S.L.S.A.Wales the organization it is today. Many thanks, to you all.

This year we celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a special night at the Towers Hotel. The night was companied by our President Mr. Peter Lake O.B.E., who is showing no signs of slowing down, and also Andrea Pennell, who apart from Peter's lovely wife Val, is the only person I know who can keep him under control, the evening continued on to be a very special night and a memorable one thank to all who attended.

Looking at the calendar for 2020 it is going to be a very busy year, so I am looking forward to seeing you all during the summer season.

Many thanks,

Pat Thomas

Chair

## Membership Secretary

In 2014 online payment of memberships was introduced into our MIS, followed by the electronic payment of awards registration, two years later. Both have been an unqualified success with the vast majority of clubs paying their fees this way and is probably the main reason why SLSA Wales do not employ office staff.

We are all aware traditional banking methods have been changing for a number of years now and recently we have been informed by our bank (Lloyds), that they have introduced a new computer system to deal with banking deposits at the branch. This new system is more sophisticated in dealing with deposits and quickly picks-up if the cheque being paid in, is not in the accounts **exact** name. Our account is named; Surf Life Saving Association of Wales, but most of the cheques made payable to us, are made out to; SLSA Wales. If the system doesn't recognise the name, it with- holds the cheque.

Taking into account our charity name and our official name used by organisations such as ILS, RNLI, etc. it is not really an option for us, just to be known as SLSA Wales.

With this in mind, I will be making a proposal to the Board of Management, that from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021, **ALL** payments to SLSA Wales will need to be executed electronically and that we will no longer accept payments by cash or cheque.

In the past there used to be an issue with organisations needing two signatures to authorise payment by cheque, this is no longer an issue with banks issuing electronic card readers which need two people to authorise, PAYPAL accounts, etc. More information will be given on this, when we have an agreement on the way forward for club payments.

Membership overall is fairly steady, just under 3000 again, although we do have a 'spike' in our numbers, in time for the stillwater competitions.

31 voluntary clubs affiliated to SLSA Wales and we hope to increase this figure by another 3 for the 2020/21 season.

Hope you all have a good summer.

*Phil Rees*

Membership Secretary

## Safeguarding Report

Our safeguarding processes and policies have been tested in 2019 and we have learnt and grown in experience with the challenges we have faced which can only be a good thing.

With every experience comes reinforced policies, more robust event safeguards and the comfort of knowing that our policies, processes and implementation of those are on a par with other well-known National Governing Bodies in sport.

The safeguarding messages are getting through to clubs and this is down to the club safeguarding officers who are proactive in their roles and ensure that they keep up to date with changes, are aware of the policies and processes with regards to incidents and disclosures and are engaged with safeguarding. They work to promote safeguarding in their clubs for the benefit of our young members.

DBS is running itself as more and more of our members are understanding the benefits of the Update Service and in a lot of cases saving money on having further DBS checks for other organisations as their current one with us is portable thanks to the Update Service.

The introduction of a Safeguarding rota for DBS checked members to provide safeguarding support at the Nipper Stillwater Champs was well received and the changing village had never been so quiet. This was noted by the Wales National Pool and all involved in that received thanks and praise from the management team there.

This year will see training and support being arranged for our club safeguarding officers and key volunteers who are engaged in regulated activity with our young members so they are better equipped to deal with any incidents or disclosures.

Myself, along with Regional Assessors will undertake a course to be able to deliver the required level of safeguarding training in house (Safeguarding Children in Sport). This will enable us to ensure that anyone who works in regulated activity with our under 18 year olds has access to the Safeguarding Children in Sport course which is the required minimum.

We now have a dedicated safeguarding tab on the SLSA Wales website where key safeguarding forms can be found and updates can be given here along with a link direct to the safeguarding documents available.

I have submitted the Level 1 Safeguarding Standards checklist which is being reviewed independently from the 17<sup>th</sup> February and hopefully this will result in us achieving the Level 1 standard for our organisation and then it's on to Level 2. This has an impact on whether we receive funding from Sport Wales and we will also join other sporting organisations such as Welsh netball, Welsh gymnastics, swimming, badminton and other sports in achieving this.

Our commitment to safeguarding is taken very seriously which is why the Board of Management attended a safeguarding course particular to board members to ensure that key safeguarding commitments from a senior level are followed and implemented.

An advert has gone out for the position of deputy Lead Safeguarding Officer which will be a big support to myself and ensure that we fulfil our safeguarding commitments timeously (outside influences willing). As awareness of processes and procedures increases with training this will be necessary to ensure that all of our clubs across North and South Wales get support when needed.

The next step now before the task of training is to visit the new clubs and support them and the new Safeguarding Officers with safeguarding support and advice on our established processes.

I also want to acknowledge the support of safeguarding officers in our clubs who are volunteers and always reply to emails, ring for advice as they want to “get it right”, and at times have gone beyond the expectations of a volunteer role and whose support makes this role a very enjoyable one.

*Julie Wisden*

Lead Child Protection Officer

## Technical Commission

Another great year with the Tech Comm continuing to Design, Develop and Deliver our core awards in Lifesaving Skills to over 800 of our members. Once again, this was only achieved by the commitment week in week out, of all of our TA's and guided by our 5 Regional Tutors, so thanks to Geraint Rees, Andy Morgan, Paul Williams, Richard Kedward and Roger Pearce.

Our development plan for North Wales is forging ahead with the main driving force behind it, Darren Williams and Phil Rees – spending hours behind the wheel, traveling back and forth but the 'hard yards' starting to show success with North Wales now boasting 5 clubs.

The Tech Comm continue to forge relationships with other Major Life saving and Emergency Services by holding seats and advising on policy for organisation such as :

National Water Safety Forum Coastal

Wales Water Safety

Green Seas partnership

Blue Flag Awarding Panel

We have been working in partnerships and on strategic plans with,

RNLI

Outdoor Partnership

Swim Wales

Adventuresmart UK

A new modular nipper award has been developed with cross input from the youth Commission and the Sport Commission but a huge thank you must go to Dave Murphy from Penybont SLSC who provided the bones of the project.

Remember. All Commission meetings are open to any member from any club.

We look forward to more of the same for 2020.

Thanks to all those who contribute – even if it's just a little bit.

*Hugh Murray*

Technical Chair

## 2019 Awards Summary

Powercraft Awards		Ocean Based Awards	
IRB Crew	1	Beach Lifesaver Level 1	136
IRB Driver	1	Beach Lifesaver Level 2	81
IRB Proficiency Test	1	NVBLQ	152
First Aid Awards		Masters Surf Competition	9
First Aid Awards	13	Racing Ski Competence	23
PADS	0	Nipper Awards	370
		Patrol Leader	0
Education Programme		Pool Based Water Safety Awards	
Trainer / Assessor updates	80	Pool Awards	0
Trainer / Assessor	6		

## Competition Commission

### Sport Commission Report

2019 was another busy year in the competition calendar. Adding to the existing national championships we saw an ocean mini league series run by Mike Childs from Childsplaysurf and the welsh team travelled to England to do battle. Should any club be looking for assistance in running their own carnivals or events then please get in touch with the commission.

We saw a large increase in numbers across all ages in the pool and ocean championships. I would like to thank all clubs and team mangers for their support in organising the entries and competitors for these championships.

### Stillwater 2019

Congratulations go to the following clubs for their successes at the Welsh Stillwater Championships 2019:

Nipper Champions – Sker and Pink Bay  
Youth Champions – Sker & Pink Bay  
Open Champions – Crawley Town LC  
Masters Champions - Penybont

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

Thanks goes to the referees for Stillwater competitions and all officials, helpers, timekeepers who without the competition wouldn't run.

### Ocean 2019

Congratulations go to the following clubs for their successes at the Welsh Ocean Championships 2019:

Nipper Champions – Sker & Pink Bay  
Youth Champions – Sker & Pink Bay  
Open Champions – Pen y Bont  
Masters Champions – Pen y Bont

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

The sport commission would like to add a special thanks to Aberavon who hosted both the nipper and youth champs after a few years on other beaches. Again, should a club wish to host they let the sports commission know.

## Super Club 2019

The 2019 Super Club competition was contested very fiercely by 14 clubs with a close battle for first place, the overall points score as seen below.

Place	Club	Points
1	Pen-y-bont	346
2	Sker	337
3	Rest Bay	315
4	Langland bay	287
5	Rhose	280
6	Vale	241
7	Mumbles	229
8	Aberavon	224
9	Llantwit Major	214
10	Poppit Sands	168
11	Southerndown	98
12	Whitmore Bay	58
13	Centurion	36
14	Aberporth	22

I always pride myself on the high level of competitions we are able to put on in Wales, and I know the visiting competitors and officials from Europe and Australia always credit both the organisation and high standard of competition we deliver. This cannot happen without the continued support of both the whole sports commission, Board of trustees and the clubs so thank you all for making my role (relatively) simple.

*Simon Perry*

Sports Chair

## **Welsh Teams Report - Lee Perry (Executive Welsh Team Manager)**

Firstly I would like to thank the following who make the selection and development of the teams possible, the Board of Management, sports commission, Liz Thomas, Andrea Pennell, Simon Perry, Jen Pitt and Andy Wall and the boat crews, also to those who help the placing at the rankings and lastly Cerys Turner, Tomi Turner, Youth Team Managers and Karen and Gareth O'Donoghue-Harris, Senior Team Managers.

We decided to keep the changes to the selection process that we made last year but only having 2 rankings consisting of 1<sup>st</sup> ranking 2 x Beach and 1 x Water then 2<sup>nd</sup> ranking 2 x water 1 x beach. Again, we put all competitors into the water together and on the beach, we put the age groups separately and then merged them into the final. By doing this the selection team would then pick the youth and senior team without competitors deciding on taking what we felt was an easy option for a cap by picking a different level. This worked out very well.

We started the rankings at Coney and finishing at Rest Bay. I would like to take this chance to pass on our thanks for the clubs who held the rankings. They were well attended on the youth side with a slight increase on the seniors.

We had several training sessions and thanks to Lloyd and Tomi who took the sessions. It was decided that the team would travel independently due to other competitions on over that weekend to Perranporth.

The kit was organised through Tomi and Cerys and we had great comments on how good they looked and how it gave a very professional outlook.

The competition we were attending was England v Wales at Perranporth but due to weather conditions we moved to Carbis Bay.

The weather and conditions were totally different to the rest of the county with blue skies and flat sea.

The events contested were

Swim, Ski, Board, Iron man/woman, sprint and beach flags.

Team events.

Sprint relay, taplin relay and ocean relay and the guest event was a mixed board relay.

The competition was very close with not much distance between first and fourth, and the event was contested in a fair and sporting manner and enjoyed by competitors and supporters of which we had a lot of them.

After the event a curry evening with live music was organised in the Watering Hole and a great night was enjoyed by all who attended.

The Welsh senior team beat their counterparts and the Juniors came a very close second to the English. The team are consistently performing to a high standard and will only get better.

The season was finished off with the 50<sup>th</sup> SLSA Wales presentation evening which was well attended and a great success.

The Welsh management team have this year introduced a squad for monthly training sessions to cover all aspect of the sport and the team have been joined by competitors who have had exceptional placings within the Welsh championships and thanks to Cerys and Tomi for their hard work.

Thanks

Lee Perry, Karen O'Donoghue Harris, Gareth Harris, Cerys Turner, Tomi Turner

Welsh Management Team

## Powercraft Commission

I would like to start my report by thanking all 'boaties' for the tremendous work they have done in 2019. The season proved to be an extremely busy one for all Clubs with IRB's and our infrastructure and knowledge of all things IRB related are second to none - keep up the good work.

During the early summer of 2019 we organised IRB training in St David's coinciding with the Nipper and Youth weekends which proved to be very popular and a great success. We plan on repeating these events again in 2020 with an emphasis on training, updates and examinations and also some additional technical work around the IRB manual.

We carried out a comprehensive review of the IRB manual and training materials in 2018 and the SLSA Wales Inflatable Rescue Boat Manual 2019 has been published and is available. If you are keen to get involved this valuable learning aid is available online at <http://www.powercraft.wales> or as a traditional manual from your IRB Captain within your Club or via any of the instructors and examiners in the Powercraft Group and is an essential learning aid for those who want to get involved with IRB's or refresh your existing knowledge.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who found time as unpaid volunteers to learn the skills or get the hours in to keep their skills up to date and get the qualifications needed to operate an IRB safely and competently. None of our competitions can take place without boat cover and I would urge as many qualified members as possible to step forward to help out at these events to ease the workload in 2020

The SLSA Wales boats were on the water on over 40 separate occasions in 2019 and this takes dedication and lots of time and effort from everyone involved in Powercraft. We have high standards in Wales - our boats and motors have next to no mechanical issues and our crews remain safe on the water. This is not down to luck but due to the work put in and the height of the standards set.

Having high standards in Wales means our crews are always looking to improve the voluntary service they provide and would welcome any input you may have, including any potential negative feedback. However, as with all feedback, it is essential to put it into context and I would suggest the first step would be to get involved and trained in the use of the IRB and experience the amount of work and effort required. New or returning boat crew are always welcome and are actively encouraged to contact their Club IRB coordinator or SLSA Wales Powercraft, where you'll always find a friendly face.

Our 'fleet' currently consists of over 25 boats in Wales from several manufacturers including Zodiac Milpro, Arancia and Achilles on beaches as far apart as Barry in the East of Wales to Aberporth in the West. We have been fortunate to be involved with Zodiac MilPro since 2014 with the development of the ZMSR-380 which is manufactured in Europe and available as an option for anyone considering buying an IRB for Surf Rescue purposes.

SLSA Wales has 4 fully equipped boats available for safety cover within Wales and the use of a vehicle to assist with launching, recovery and transportation of our equipment throughout Wales and beyond. We also have IRB motors available as 'spares' for use within Wales via the Powercraft Commission. These motors are available for short term loan

periods to Clubs in the event of their own motor needing repair. Clubs across Wales can also tap into this valuable resource through the provision of locally provided IRB Crew training and development available through the structure of SLSA Wales Powercraft.

The competition calendar seems to grow in size every year and 2019 was no exception. We arranged IRB cover for all the various competitions, ranking events, youth events and examinations (when requested) which ranged from just a few hours on the water to running the water safety at the Welsh Championships in Aberavon in late July and the GB Championships in St David's at the start of September. Many thanks to all that took time out on their weekends to help with IRB cover. I would also like to thank Porthcawl SLSC for allowing us to use their facilities throughout the season for ongoing IRB training. Having the use of their premises has really helped with the training and development of IRB crews and I would like to formally thank the members and committee of Porthcawl SLSC for the help and assistance they have given to Powercraft throughout the 2019 season.

2020 is already shaping up to be another busy season and I would encourage all Clubs with IRB's to get involved in the SLSA Wales Powercraft Group. As always training sessions will be organised throughout the season for Clubs or individuals wishing to improve their skills or gain qualifications and we can help you with any technical issues you may have – look out for the IRB Bulletins from SLSA Wales Powercraft in 2020 which will keep you informed on all matters associated with running an effective IRB service at your Club.

Once again many thanks for the support in 2019 and I look forward to seeing you on the water in 2020.

*Chris Parry*

Powercraft Chair

## Youth Development Commission

As Chairman I am pleased to write this report on behalf of the commission. During the year I have been impressed by the support of all the Welsh clubs and the attendance at our youth meetings. With your help, we are able to carry forward any changes and act upon ideas put forward by your clubs. A big thank you to our secretary, Chris Braggins for all his help over the year.

2019 was again a busy year on and off the beach. Membership seems to be increasing going by the numbers that are attending the club carnivals and championships. We didn't hold as many club carnivals which I believe is due to such a busy calendar but a big thank you to the clubs that hosted these events and to the coaches who enable these youngsters to perform to their best ability. Not every child wants to compete at national level so it is great to see these carnivals taking place, so every member has the chance to enter these events, enjoy themselves and feel part of their club.

The season kicked off with the Welsh Stillwater event at the International Pool in Swansea followed by the Nipper event later in the month. We are very lucky to have this facility on our doorstep. These were very well attended and ran very smoothly. Well done to all that competed and a big thank you to all the club coaches and parents that helped on the poolside and to the sports commission.

Aberavon was the setting for the Welsh Nipper Ocean Championship. A tremendous amount of hard work was put in by the Sports Commission which made it a great success. Again, thank you to all the officials and helpers.

The youth section is also looking strong which holds well for the future of lifesaving.

Lee Perry put in a lot of his time in organising these youngsters and taking them to all parts of the UK, so please support him when asked and help make his job that much easier and rewarding. It was a pleasure to see them receiving their Welsh Caps at the presentation night. They deserve this accolade after the many training hours they put in.

Some of our clubs crossed the border and entered some of the SLSA GB events. There were good results against the strong clubs from Devon and Cornwall. Well done.

Our calendar is again very full for 2020 so check out the web site and get your dates booked especially if you require accommodation or camping!

### **NIPPER TRAINING WEEKEND**

The venue was again Celtic Camping in West Wales. Jen Pitt took on the organizing of this event and managed to get it all together with the help of Chris Braggins. After months of organizing over 300 nippers with ages ranging from 8 to 11 and 50 coaches and helpers descended to St David's for the weekend. The weather was kind once again and awards were taken in beach safety, resuscitation and first aid and we were able to run board, beach and swim training at Whitesands beach. Nearly every Welsh club was represented. Many thanks to Jen and her band of coaches and helpers for their commitment in running this

training weekend, IRB crews for safety cover and to Porthmawr club for the use of their clubhouse. What a fantastic venue and hope it continues for years to come.

### **YOUTH DEVELOPMENT WEEKEND**

Again, we travelled down to West Wales and had a weekend of training, instruction and fun at Celtic Camping. The training took place on site and also at Whitesands beach, St David's. The venue was perfect and enjoyed by all so this year's weekend has been booked again. A big thank you again to Jen and Chris for all the work put in getting this event off the ground. Also thanks once again to all the coaches and helpers for making it successful, to the IRB crew for their cover on the beach, Kim James for organizing the awards and to Porthmawr club.

### **NIPPER CLUB OF THE YEAR**

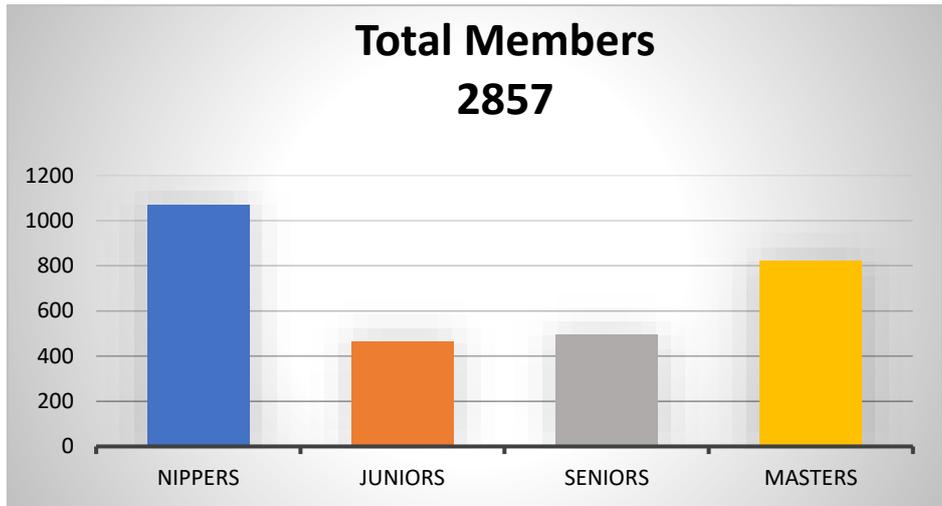
This award was presented at Wales SLSA 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Night. It goes to the club that the commission feels has supported the region in all aspects of lifesaving throughout the year. I was very pleased to present the trophy to WHITMORE BAY. They are a very successful club with a very strong group of coaches putting in hours of training at the beach and pool for their members. Well Done.

### **CONCLUSION**

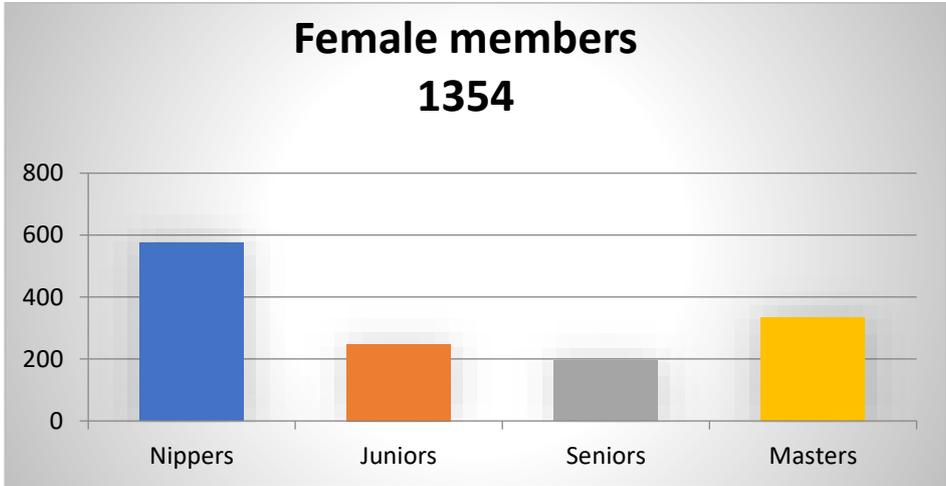
All that is left for me to say is a big thank you to you all for your continuing support and see you on the beach this summer.

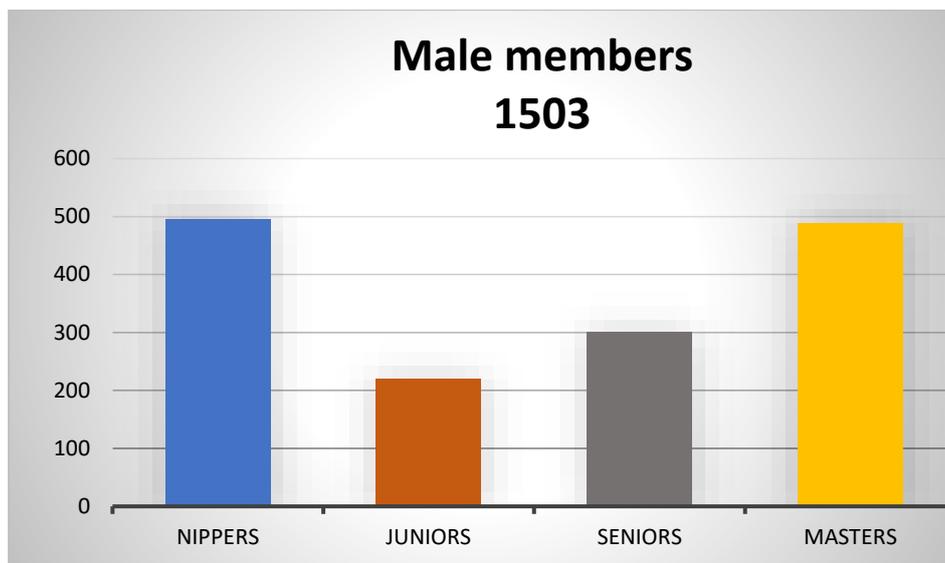
*Mike Allen*

Chair



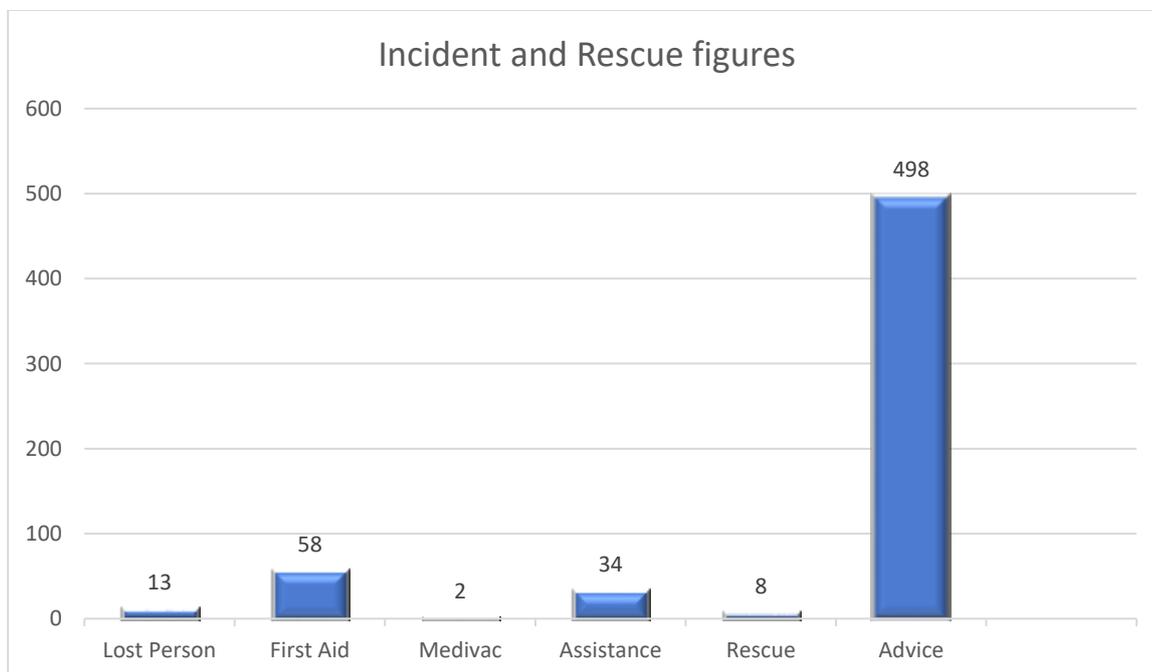
**Membership Statistics**





### Incident and Rescue Figures

Shown below is a summary of the record of incidents and rescues for last summer (2019). In total **10 people** have been saved during that period and advice given to 498 members of the public; so is there a better endorsement of the invaluable service the volunteers of Surf Life Saving, Wales provide?



Over the last 23 years, since digital records were first kept in 1995, the voluntary lifeguards of our lifesaving clubs have rescued **1707** 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.



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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 DECEMBER 2019  
FOR**

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**THE SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION  
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# **THE SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF WALES**

## **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019**

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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2019. 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 £143,000 of which £107,170 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.

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**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

**Principal address**

Kinsale  
Princess Margaret Way  
Port Talbot  
Neath Port Talbot  
SA12 6QW

**Trustees**

P B J Thomas  
Mrs E M Thomas  
P Lake  
M Allen  
Ms A Pennell  
P Rees  
C Parry  
S Perry  
Ms J Pitt

**Independent examiner**

J E Payne ACA  
Graham Paul Limited  
Court House  
Court Road  
Bridgend  
CF31 1BE

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 15 March 2020 and signed on its behalf by:

P B J Thomas - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
THE SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION  
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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 2019.

**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.

J E Payne ACA  
Graham Paul Limited  
Court House  
Court Road  
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15 March 2020

**THE SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION  
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
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		2019 Unrestricted fund £	2018 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>	Notes		
Donations and legacies		524	599
Other trading activities	2	141,449	169,281
<b>Total</b>		141,973	169,880
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>	3		
Life saving and other activities		154,997	175,402
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		(13,024)	(5,522)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		156,546	162,068
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		143,522	156,546

The notes form part of these financial statements

**THE SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION  
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**BALANCE SHEET  
AT 31 DECEMBER 2019**

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		2019 Unrestricted fund £	2018 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>	Notes		
Tangible assets	8	37,372	49,404
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash at bank		107,170	108,282
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(1,020)	(1,140)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>106,150</u>	<u>107,142</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		143,522	156,546
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>143,522</u>	<u>156,546</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	10		
Unrestricted funds		<u>143,522</u>	<u>156,546</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>143,522</u>	<u>156,546</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 15 March 2020 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.

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**2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	2019 £	2018 £
Membership	44,505	37,178
Shop	-	8,415
Technical commission	7,741	13,823
Championships / ranking events	33,900	35,463
Nipper & Youth camp	41,564	41,727
Other income	13,738	5,675
Grants receivable	-	27,000
Bank interest received	1	-
	<u>141,449</u>	<u>169,281</u>

**3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	Direct costs £	Grant funding of activities (See note 4) £	Support costs (See note 5) £	Totals £
Life saving and other activities	<u>149,080</u>	<u>4,849</u>	<u>1,068</u>	<u>154,997</u>

**4. GRANTS PAYABLE**

	2019 £	2018 £
Life saving and other activities	<u>4,849</u>	<u>21,012</u>

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

	2019 £	2018 £
RNLI Grant	<u>4,849</u>	<u>-</u>

**5. SUPPORT COSTS**

	Governance costs £
Life saving and other activities	<u>1,068</u>

Included in support costs are Independent Examiners fees payable of £1,068 (2018 £1,240).

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**6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2019 nor for the year ended 31 December 2018 .

**Trustees' expenses**

During the year ended 31 December 2019 there were expenses paid to seven of the trustees for travel & subsistence totalling £1,384 and for purchases of equipment etc totalling £10,258.

**7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted fund £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>	
Donations and legacies	599
Other trading activities	169,281
<b>Total</b>	<u>169,880</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>	
<b>Charitable activities</b>	
Life saving and other activities	175,402
<b>Total</b>	<u>175,402</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	<u>(5,522)</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>	
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	162,068
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u><u>156,546</u></u>

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**8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Plant and machinery £	Motor vehicles £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 January 2019	61,091	23,595	84,686
Additions	2,073	-	2,073
	<u>63,164</u>	<u>23,595</u>	<u>86,759</u>
At 31 December 2019			
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 January 2019	31,350	3,932	35,282
Charge for year	9,386	4,719	14,105
	<u>40,736</u>	<u>8,651</u>	<u>49,387</u>
At 31 December 2019			
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 December 2019	<u>22,428</u>	<u>14,944</u>	<u>37,372</u>
At 31 December 2018	<u>29,741</u>	<u>19,663</u>	<u>49,404</u>

**9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2019 £	2018 £
Other creditors	<u>1,020</u>	<u>1,140</u>

**10. 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
	<u>156,546</u>	<u>(13,024)</u>	<u>143,522</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>156,546</u>	<u>(13,024)</u>	<u>143,522</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	141,973	(154,997)	(13,024)
	<u>141,973</u>	<u>(154,997)</u>	<u>(13,024)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>141,973</u>	<u>(154,997)</u>	<u>(13,024)</u>

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**10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.1.18 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.18 £
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>			
General fund	162,068	(5,522)	156,546
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>162,068</u>	<u>(5,522)</u>	<u>156,546</u>

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	169,880	(175,402)	(5,522)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>169,880</u>	<u>(175,402)</u>	<u>(5,522)</u>

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

	At 1.1.18 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.19 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	162,068	(18,546)	143,522
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>162,068</u>	<u>(18,546)</u>	<u>143,522</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	311,853	(330,399)	(18,546)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>311,853</u>	<u>(330,399)</u>	<u>(18,546)</u>

**11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2019.

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
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	2019 £	2018 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations	524	599
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Membership	44,505	37,178
Shop	-	8,415
Technical commission	7,741	13,823
Championships / ranking events	33,900	35,463
Nipper & Youth camp	41,564	41,727
Other income	13,738	5,675
Grants receivable	-	27,000
Bank interest received	1	-
	<u>141,449</u>	<u>169,281</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>141,973</b>	<b>169,880</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Rates and water	10,244	10,092
Insurance	16,703	16,575
Postage and stationery	143	681
Sundries	2,177	1,978
Pool hire	7,952	7,903
Shop	-	4,480
Competitions	16,382	24,986
Affiliations	20,656	9,062
Equipment and maintenance	3,740	4,282
Presentation night	7,729	4,415
Nipper and Youth camp	45,670	46,056
E-Learning and Web Page	3,579	6,971
Trophies & medals	-	5,204
Plant and machinery	9,386	8,450
Motor vehicles	4,719	1,966
Grants payable	4,849	21,012
	<u>153,929</u>	<u>174,113</u>
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Finance</b>		
Bank charges	-	49
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Accountancy and legal fees	1,068	1,240
	<u>1,068</u>	<u>1,240</u>
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b>154,997</b>	<b>175,402</b>

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
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	2019 £	2018 £
<b>Net expenditure</b>	<u>(13,024)</u>	<u>(5,522)</u>

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