



Trustees' Annual Report

for the period

From 1st October 2018 to 30th September 2019

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name: Deerness Gymnastics Club

Registered charity number: 1144352

Charity's principal address:

Deerness Gymnastics Club,
Deerness Gymnastics Centre,
Valley View,
Ushaw Moor,
Durham.
DH7 7LS

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity:

Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
Victoria Petra Marguerite Copeland	Chair		Remaining Trustees
Katie Lawton	Secretary		Remaining Trustees
Michael Paul Dodd	Vice Chair		Remaining Trustees
David William Lawton			Remaining Trustees
Pamela Jayne Sneath			Remaining Trustees

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any (for example, any custodian trustees):

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
N/A	
N/A	
N/A	

Names and addresses of advisers (optional information):

Type of advisor	Name	Address
Bank	Nat West Bank	12 Market Place, Durham City, Durham. DH1 3NG Tel: 0845 3066577
Independent Examiner	Amanda Bellis	

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (optional information):

Katie Lawton – Secretary of Deerness Gymnastics Club Committee
Victoria Copeland – Chair of Deerness Gymnastics Club Committee
Michael Dodd – Vice Chair of Deerness Gymnastics Club Committee

Section B**Structure, governance and management****Description of the charity's trusts**

Type of governing document: Constitution adopted 30th September 2011.

How is the charity constituted: The reporting structure of the club has been agreed and roles and responsibilities formalised as above.

Trustee selection methods: Academy Directors remain as Trustees. Additional trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at the Annual General Meeting held in January.

Additional governance issues (optional information):

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:	
Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	The club has a child protection policy in place. Criminal Records Bureau checks are carried out prior to commencement of employment, trusteeship or volunteer coaching. These checks are carried out in line with statutory requirements every three years. The club has an equity policy, health and safety policy and first aid policy in place.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	To fulfil asset transfer requirements a limited company was created by members of the club. The ownership and management of the facility transferred to the limited company in 2011, from Durham County Council. This limited company run the Facility. Deerness Gymnastics Club became a charity at the same time and this club operates within the building. The company and club are really one in the same, as the Directorship of the limited company and charity are intertwined. Whilst they are two different legal entities the

	<p>Directors of the limited company are also Directors of the charity, with a supporting management committee.</p> <p>Charitable status was applied for the club in 2011 and now the limited company manage the building, the staff and the assets. They delegate the day to day running of the Club to a committee.</p> <p>The Directors are protected by the legal status as a limited company and the facility receives an 80% rent rebate because of the club's charity status, plus an additional 20% rebate from DCC annually.</p> <p>Deerness Gymnastics Club is a member of the North of England Gymnastics Association and a member of British Gymnastics – club number 40946.</p> <p>In addition, the club has been awarded Sport England Club Mark accreditation as a safe and effective child friendly club (Club mark number: GY0007).</p>
<p>Relationship with any related parties</p>	<p>Deerness Gymnastics Club is partnered with several schools and other gymnastic clubs in the North East and offer both Junior and Senior club activities. The club is also partnered with Durham County Council and their 'Club Durham' programme which offers help and advice on running a sports club and volunteering opportunities. We receive regular e-newsletters keeping us up-to-date with local news and the latest funding opportunities and initiatives to support our club.</p>
<p>Trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them</p>	<p>A club management group is in place to look after the day to day running of the club and check for any potential risks. The Trustees are kept informed of any issues and decisions made to manage them. The trustees have 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.</p> <p>All the trustees give their time on a voluntary basis and receive no remuneration or other benefits other than expenses.</p>

Section C

Objectives and activities

<p>Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document.</p>	<p>The promotion of community participation in healthy recreation in particular by the provision of facilities and coaching for gymnastics in an around Durham and the North East. We provide boys, girls, men's and women's activities from pre-school, beginners, recreational to high level competition work. The children and adults can take part in various activities from basic gymnastic classes to elite acrobatic gymnastics.</p>
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<p>Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects.</p>	<p>In planning our activities for the year, we kept in mind the Charity Commission’s guidance on public benefit at our executive committee meetings.</p> <p>We continue to try to keep our training fees as low as possible so that children, who are interested, have the opportunity to train in the sport and if needed when possible involve local charities and organisations that sometimes are able to assist with fees or training events for special cases or situations.</p> <p>We continue to support both young and old participants with their continued professional development by covering training costs for coaching qualifications. This benefits people by developing their self-confidence and social skills alongside practical coaching skills and life skills. We welcome all participants regardless of personal backgrounds, faith, gender or personal circumstances and we believe this philosophy of openness to all enriches everyone through the sharing of skills, aptitudes and life experiences of our gymnastic participants and volunteers.</p> <p>The trustees believe that the objectives and aims outlined above demonstrate their commitment to providing public benefit to all the community who are able to take part in gymnastics and other healthy recreation.</p> <p>The Trustees confirm their compliance with section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 in respect of the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.</p>
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Additional details of objectives and activities (optional information):

<p>You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy on grant making • Policy programme related to investment • Contribution made by volunteers 	<p>A great contribution is made by member volunteers. The club is very grateful for the hundreds of hours that volunteers have spent refurbishing and maintain the facility since the premises were taken over from the local council. Without this valuable contribution of time, energy, effort and expertise we would not have been able to achieve so much or even continue to operate!</p> <p>We have tried to assist some of our less fortunate members with small sponsorship grants to assist their continued participation in the sport as and when required. These requests for support are considered on an individual basis by the coaching team.</p>
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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year:

October 13/14 2018: The club held a competition with over 400 attendees from 10 different clubs across the North East. The event ran over 2 days and raised over £3,000 in funds for the club. The event ran with the support of over 20 club volunteers.

November 17/18 2018: Gymnasts from the club compete at the Pat Wade Classic in Stoke on Trent. The women's group in the 12-18 years category finish in silver medal position and our 13-19 years women's group took the bronze medal.

November 24 2018: Gymnasts compete in the regional pre-grades event in Newton Aycliffe and took home the following medals:

Gold: Grade 5 Mixed pair/ 12-18 women's group/ Grade 1 Women's Pair

Silver: Grade 2 Women's Pair/ Grade 5 Women's Group

December 3 2018: Our display team 'Acropolis' perform at the Charity Winter Ball at Ramside Hall Hotel.

December 6 2018: Acropolis perform at the Northern Echo Local Heroes Award and Wynyard Hall Hotel.

December 19-22 2018: The club performs 5 Christmas displays with over 500 tickets sold. Every club member performs in the display and many volunteers help out with the event. The club raises over £5,000 from running the displays.

January 26/27 2019: 7 of our gymnasts attend Junior National Development Squad at Lilleshall National Sports Centre.

February 1 2019: Gymnasts attend the Bristol International Acrobatic Cup. The 13-19 men's group finish in first place to take the gold medal and the 12-18 Women's group from Deerness finished in 3rd place.

February 10 2019: The club competes in the Regional Team Championships in Newton Aycliffe. In addition to taking the overall team trophy, we won the following medals:

Gold: Grade 2 Women's Pair/ Grade 2 mixed pair/ Grade 2 men's 4/ IDP women's group/ 12-18 men's group/ Youth women's group/ 12-18 women's group/ 13-19 women's group

Silver: Grade 5 mixed pair

Bronze: Grade 3 Women's pair

February 23 2019: The club ran an Acrobatic Championships which, in addition to raising funds, gave some of our younger gymnasts an opportunity to practice for the regional qualifiers in March

March 16/17 2019: 30 gymnasts took part in the regional NDP qualifiers. The club took 7 gold, 7 silver and 1 bronze medal. All of the gold medallists' qualified to take part in the national finals in May.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement on the charity's policy on reserves:

We currently hold cash at bank of £xxxxx all of which is unrestricted funds. These funds are held in order to meet any unforeseen expenditure that may occur, for example, equipment repairs. It is the policy of the Club to maintain reserves at a level which ensures that core activities could continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty for up to six months. The club made a net profit/loss on the year in isolation of £xxxxx

Detail of any funds materially in deficit:

Not applicable

Further financial review details (optional information):

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- **The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);**
- **How expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;**
- **Investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.**

Our main source of funds this year has been a combination of fundraising, grants & donations. We hold a small fund to help families who would otherwise struggle to meet the cost of entrance / training fees. We rely on the local community and our local parish and county council for their continuing support.

Fundraising activities are again mainly reliant on our tuck shop income, which is now really efficient, plus a lot of enthusiastic parents are putting in a lot of effort to raise the funds to replace several pieces of gymnastic equipment. Displays and competitions held at the gym continue to be a good source of income but it is getting more difficult to find new volunteers to continue the support needed.

Our annual Christmas display and inter year junior competitions continue to be our biggest fundraisers.

All of the income this year has been applied to the running of the club and its related activities.

Section F

Other optional information

Future Plans:

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above:

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature(s)		
Full names(s)		
Position (s)		
Date		

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of Deerness Gymnastics Club for the year ended 30th September xxxx

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended September 2016 which are set out in the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43 (2) of the Charities Act 1993 and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income did not exceed £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake an independent examination by being a Senior Manager for Lloyds Banking Group.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to an audit and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act;
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, as amended); and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit; and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - To keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

Have not been met; or

2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

gymnast club fees	51739	volunteer coach expenses	16784.31	Deposit Account balance as at 30/9/2019	40455.74
donations and grants	1430	tuck shop	2624.27	Current Account balance as at 30/9/2019	22864.68
tuck shop	2462.82	local competition expenses	1991.39		
fundraising events	668	fundraising expenses	878.94		
xmas display	15670.96	bg expenses and fees	6843.2	Deposit Account balance as at 1/10/2018	40374.97
local competitions	14455.26	external competitions tfr	1992	Current Account balance as at 1/10/2018	9367.3
annual memberships for bg	6910	equipment and upgrades for club	466.98		
external competitions tfr	2867	stationery and supplies for club	1785	Movement in bank accounts	
club wear	9463	recharge to academy	42747.5	current	13497.38
misc	13051.85	club wear	16056.44	deposit	80.77
		professional services	6412.2		
		travel and accommodation	6557.51		
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Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name
Deerness Gymnastics Club

On accounts for the year ended

30th September 2019

Charity no (if any)

1144352

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30 / 09 / 2019.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

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

Signed:

Date: 1st June 2020

Name: AMANDA BELLIS

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

INSTITUTE OF INTERNAL AUDITORS (CMIIA)

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