



Trustees' Annual Report

for the period

From 1st October 2020 to 30th September 2021

Section A details

Reference and administration

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	Paul Anderson	

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	<p>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.</p> <p>The club has an equity policy, health and safety policy and first aid policy in place.</p> <p>Over the past year the club has also developed a covid-19 policy and comprehensive risk assessment which is reviewed and updated regularly.</p>
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	<p>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</p>

	<p>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 Directors of the limited company are also Trustees 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</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</p>
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<p>document.</p>	<p>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>
<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>

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 	<p>A great contribution is made by member volunteers. The club is very grateful for the many of hours that volunteers have spent refurbishing and maintaining 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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Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year:

October

- Set up a new online registration system to streamline registration and collecting fees
- Completed a full risk assessment for gymnasts to return to training after covid lockdown

November

- Set up zoom training again after returning to lockdown

December

- Head coach Vicki Copeland was awarded NEGA Coaching award for ongoing commitment to the gymnasts in her care and particularly her work with zoom sessions and youtube training videos.

February

- Several of our gymnasts performed routines via zoom and the other gymnasts completed a challenge 500 conditioning event.

May

- Our 13-19 Men's Group of Sam Stafford, Marcus Winship, Aaron Greally & Jonathon Henderson and our Senior Women's Group of Dena Kirk, Cara Winship & Isobel Gosling were selected to represent Great Britain in the World Championships in Geneva. They also attended a training camp at Lilleshall National Sports Centre.

June

- The men's group flew to Geneva for the World Championships. Unfortunately due to a positive Covid test, our Women's group were unable to attend.

August

- 6 gymnasts were selected to represent Great Britain in the European Championships: Beth MacDougall, Ebony Young & Ella Rodgeron in the 12-18 Women's Group and Dena

Kirk, Cara Winship & Isobel Gosling in the Senior Women's Group.

September

- The girls flew out to Pesaro in Italy to compete in the European Championships.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement on the charity's policy on reserves:

We currently hold cash in the bank 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.

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.

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.

Deerness Gymnastics Club - Balance Sheet for 1st October 2020 to 30th September 2021

Income	£55,381.34
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Income	
Gymnast Club Fees	£41,829.48
Donations/Grants	£500.00
Tuck Shop	£0.00
Specific Fundraising Events	£0.00
Xmas Display	£0.00
Local Competitions	£0.00
COMP TRAVEL	£600.00
Annual Memberships for BG	£3,772.50
External Competitions (tfr)	£1,145.00
Club Wear	£870.00
Leotards/choreography	£6,664.36
	£55,381.34

Expenditure	£19,188.94
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Expenditure	
Volunteer Coach Expenses	£3,464.15
Tuck Shop	£15.22
Local Competition Expenses	£389.00
Fundraising Expenses	£0.00
BG expenses & fees	£2,467.00
Comp travel	£1,279.58
Equipment & Upgrades for Club	£643.00
Staff Development for Club	£0.00
Stationery & supplies for Club	£596.15
Recharge to Academy	£0.00
Leotards/Choreography	£7,566.52
Club Wear	£1,658.50
Misc	£1,109.82
	£19,188.94

Current Assets	
Deposit Acc balance as at 01/10/20	£40,510.81
Current Acc balance as at 1/10/20	£43,110.96

Start of Year Assets	
Deposit Acc balance as at 30/9/21	£40,514.85
Current Acc balance as at 30/9/21	£79,303.36

Movement year to date	£36,196.44
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Adjustments made:	
Interest earned in Business Reserve	£4.04

Profit / Loss Accrual	
Income	£55,385.38
Expenditure	£19,188.94
Profit/Loss for the Year	£36,196.44



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name
DEERNESS GYMNASTICS CLUB

On accounts for the year ended

2021	Charity no (if any)	1144352
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Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30/09/2021.

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 (other than that disclosed below *) 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: Paul Anderson

Date: 15/07/2022

Name: Paul Anderson

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

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Address:

72 Kingsway Bishop Auckland DL14 7JF

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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