



# Trustees' Annual Report

for the period

From 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022

## 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	Jesse Heskett	

**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 30<sup>th</sup> 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:**

<b>Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees</b>	<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>
<b>The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works</b>	<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><b>Relationship with any related parties</b></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><b>Trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them</b></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><b>Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing</b></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><b>document.</b></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><b>Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects.</b></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><b>You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Policy on grant making</b></li> <li>• <b>Policy programme related to investment</b></li> <li>• <b>Contribution made</b></li> </ul>	<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:

- On the 1<sup>st</sup> October, 3 of our gymnasts flew to Pesaro in Italy to represent GBR in the European Championships. The gymnasts made finals in the senior Women's Group category and finished in 10<sup>th</sup> place overall.
- Our NDP gymnasts competed in the regional prelims on the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> October. 8 of our partnerships took the gold medal and qualified to represent the North of England in the national finals.
- The British Championships were held on 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> November at Fenton Manor Sports Complex, Stoke on Trent. The club came away with British Champions in the Senior Women's Group category, 13-19 Women's Group category, IDP2 Women's Group category and the NDP2 Men's Pair. We also got a silver medal in the NDP3 Men's pair category.
- The club held 5 Christmas shows in December which gave all the club and recreational gymnasts an opportunity to showcase their skills and also raised funds for the charity.
- Gymnasts took part in the Pat Wade Classic National competition. Our senior Women's Group and 13-19 Women's Group took the gold medal.
- On the 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> February, the club held a Floor & Acrobatics Championships. Over 500 children participated in the event. Many of volunteers helped at the event and it was another opportunity to raise funds for the charity.
- On the 9<sup>th</sup> March, the gymnasts and coaches wore blue & yellow as a sign of solidarity to Ukraine. We raised £1,500 which was sent to gymnasts in the Ukraine to help them leave the country safely.
- The NDP regional prelims were held on 19/20 March. 8 of our Acrobatic partnerships (20 gymnasts) qualified to represent the North of England at the National Finals.
- Our senior men's group took the new Guinness World record for most human skipping rope jumps in 60 seconds.
- Our senior Men's Group represented GBR in the Maia World Cup in Portugal and our 12-18 Men's Group represented the club in Maia Acro Cup and finished in 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- The NDP National finals were held on the 14<sup>th</sup> & 15 May. The women's group of Lucy, Anna & Robyn took gold on the first day of competition in the IDP2 section. On the second day we took silver in the NDP2 Women's section, NDP3 Women's group section and NDP2 Men's Pairs. We also took bronze in the NDP2 Men's group category.
- On the 31<sup>st</sup> May, Lilli, Beth & Ella (13-19 WG) travelled to Poland to represent GBR in the Rzeszow Cup. The girls finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in both their balance and dynamic routine.

- On the 4<sup>th</sup> June, the club held a Jubilee Challenge Event which all the gymnasts took part in.
- We held our first club awards night on 26<sup>th</sup> June. It was a great night celebrating the many successes of our gymnasts and in particular those receiving the award for International Honours.
- Many of our gymnasts travelled to Wigan to take part in the North West Open Championships. We took away 6 gold medals, 4 silver and 1 bronze.

## 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.

**Section F****Other optional information**

Future Plans:

We are currently working to build our membership and hope to have gymnasts selected to represent GBR at the European Championships in Bulgaria in October.

**Section G****Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full names(s)</b>	KATIE LAWTON	
<b>Position (s)</b>	SECRETARY & TRUSTEE	
<b>Date</b>	16/06/2023	



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/ members of**

Charity Name

DEERNESS GYMNASTICS CLUB

**On accounts for the year ended**

2022

**Charity no (if any)**

1144352

**Set out on pages**

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

**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 30/09/2022.

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:**

**Name:**

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

**Address:**

**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.**

Deerness Gymnastics Club - Balance Sheet for 1st October 2021 to 30th September 2022					
<b>Income</b>	£106,229.90	<b>Expenditure</b>	£74,526.99	<b>Current Assets</b>	£151,521.12
				Deposit Acc balance as at 5/11/22	£40,630.46
				Current Acc balance as at 1/10/22	£110,890.66
<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>			
Gymnast Club Fees & BG	£57,386.50	BG expenses & fees	£4,529.00	<b>Start of Year Assets</b>	£119,818.21
Tuck Shop	£1,339.40	Tuck Shop	£3,803.76	Deposit Acc balance as at 30/9/21	£40,514.85
Club Competitions	£14,873.85	Club Competitions	£1,789.80	Current Acc balance as at 30/9/21	£79,303.36
Fundraising Events	£442.57	Fundraising Expenses	£3,095.75		
Xmas Display	£9,209.99	Volunteer Coach Expenses	£11,029.74	<b>Movement year to date</b>	£31,702.91
COMP TRAVEL	£6,287.83	COMP TRAVEL	£10,667.29	<b>Adjustments made:</b>	
		Equipment & Upgrades for Club	£10,587.29	Interest earned in Business Reserve	
Comp Entry	£2,010.61	Comp Entry	£2,777.14		
Club Wear	£380.00	Club Wear	£2,589.61		
Leotards/choreography	£6,911.15	Leotards/Choreography	£10,881.71		
Misc	£7,388.00	Stationery & supplies for Club	£1,664.56		
		FEES L&Z	£1,617.54		
		Recharge to Academy	£8,700.00		
		Staff development	£793.80		
	£106,229.90		£74,526.99	<b>Profit / Loss Accrual</b>	
				Income	£106,229.90
				Expenditure	£74,526.99
				Profit/Loss for the Year	£31,702.91