

**Wheelies Sport and Activity Club
 Trustees Annual Report
 12/1/16 - 11/1/17**

Reference and Administration Details

Charity Name	Wheelies Sport and Activity Club
Other name	Macclesfield Wheelies
Registered charity number	1145417
Charity's principal address	The Office Lyme Green Settlement London Road Lyme Green Macclesfield Cheshire SK11 0LD

Name of the charity's Trustees who manage the charity

Name of Trustee	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of persons (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
Iain Douglas	Chairman		
Tim Collins	Treasurer		
Jason Hill	Secretary		
Margaret Meredith			
Stuart Meredith			
Wayne Newton			
Philippa O'Neill		9 th April 2016	Irene Wilde/Tim Collins
Irene Wilde			

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of the charity's trusts

Constitution adopted on 10 th December 2011
Association consisting of 29 members
Trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at the Annual General Meeting.
There are child protection and vulnerable adult policies in place. Disclosure and Barring Service checks are carried out on all trustees and volunteers. These checks will be renewed every 5 years in line with current guidance.
We partner with a number of local organisations to provide venues and activities for our varied programme of events which take place each weekend throughout the year.
There have been no reported incidents, accidents or complaints.
All trustees gave their time voluntarily and received no remuneration or other benefits that were not available generally to the beneficiaries of the charity.

Objectives and Activities

The charity's objects are:-

- a) To promote community participation in healthy recreation, for the benefit of physically disabled people, particularly those confined to a wheelchair, in the Cheshire East and surrounding areas, in particular by the provision of facilities for the playing of, for example but not restricted to, basketball, badminton, boccia and bowling, and provision of facilities for archery, swimming, sailing, canoeing, skiing and climbing.
- b) To act as a resource for young people with physical disabilities, particularly those confined to a wheelchair and their families, living in the Cheshire East and surrounding areas by providing advice and assistance and organising programmes of physical, educational and other activities as a means of advancing in life and helping young people by developing their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals.
- c) To provide or assist in the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals and their families who have need of such facilities by reason of their physical disability with the object of improving their conditions of life.
- d) To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing physically disabled people from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society.

In planning all our activities for the year we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustee meetings.

The focus of our activities remains a varied weekly programme of wheelchair sports and activities for disabled people of all ages. Funds permitting, we also aim to provide a week long, challenging, outdoor activity holiday each year.

This benefits all our members by developing self-confidence and social skills alongside practical and life skills.

We welcome all disabled people 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 our members and volunteers.

Additional details of objectives and activities

A great contribution is made by member volunteers. Without this valuable contribution of time, energy and expertise we would not have been able to achieve so much. Particular thanks must go to the individuals who organise our activities throughout the year. They, in particular, work tirelessly to help Wheelies members access a range of sports and activities and enable members to achieve their own personal goals in life. Wheelies could not run without them.

We continue to find opportunities to integrate the club within the areas in which our members are based and are looking to establish links with local businesses in the coming year.

When requested by third parties, we have also given views on disabled access issues and taken part in consultations to develop a sport and active recreation strategy for people with additional needs.

Achievements and Performance

During the last 12 months, Wheelies has continued to provide sporting activities to enhance the lives of all members but has also, for the second year, focused on all member involvement with fundraising to ensure the sustainable future of the club. Further details provided later.

Spring

The core of our programme for the early part of the spring continued with our indoor wheelchair based sporting activities at Tytherington and other indoor sport facilities. As well as continuing with previous activities such as basketball volleyball and Zumba, other indoor specialist activities, such as trampolining were enjoyed, led by a professional coach/trainer at the Wingate Centre in Nantwich. These activities continue to support the general fitness and well-being of members to increase core strength and flexibility. The first highly competitive ten-pin bowling session of the year took place in Spring along with the first cycling outing of the year.

During January, the first fundraising event took place with a bag pack at Marks & Spencer, Handforth, with both members and families and friends supporting this initiative. Raising over £1200, Wheelies benefitted from receiving 50% of this as per the agreement with M&S that half of monies raised are given to their charity of the year – St. Anne's Hospice. This also gave our members the opportunity to give something back to their community as well.

Summer

Once again the summer saw Wheelies outdoor activities get into full swing with the most made of the warmer months and an appreciation of some good weather while we enjoyed a vast variety of activities.

In May, 7 of our members which included 4 wheelchair users took part in a 5 day voyage aboard the Jubilee Sailing Trust tall ship, the Lord Nelson, which was built specifically to give disabled people the opportunity to experience ocean sailing. The voyage was funded by computer software company, VMware, as part of their community service programme. This proved a challenging activity involving flying to Jersey from Manchester, sailing in a variety of sea conditions, building relationships, taking part in the watch system and getting involved in all the requirements of sailing the boat, finally returning by train from Southampton to Manchester. This was a life enhancing experience for all participants.



This year also saw two of our trustees take part in the wheelchair section of the Manchester 10K for the first time. Effort and pure determination saw the finish line crossed in a very respectable 1 hour and 34 minutes – an achievement to be rightly proud of, alongside a creditable £188 of well-earned sponsorship.

The following weeks saw the welcome return of a couple of activities to our programme that had been rested from recent years – a visit to Trentham Gardens in Stoke and to Knowsley Safari Park. Two very different activities which saw equally positive reactions and plenty of laughter and many smiles from those who took part (including the baboons!) with the sun once again smiling down on us at times.

The remainder of the weekly activity programme during the summer was filled with our regular visits to sailing on Rudyard Lake and cycling at Parsley Hey – with the reward of lunch at the Royal Oak enough of an incentive for those tired arms and legs.

The highlight of both the summer and the Wheelies calendar was our residential week, returning once again to the fantastic facilities of the Calvert Trust in the Lake District. With only 14 members able to attend and a rather miserable weather forecast ahead of us, it must be said there was some trepidation for what lay ahead.

Thankfully the smaller groups still worked well and when the sun broke through on the second morning to what proved to be perfect paragliding weather – we didn't need asking twice.



From the top of Latrigg in Jockey's MKII, Super Deluxe based chair (not so much Meccano this time) the group, one by one, took to the skies over Keswick, landing safely in the sun drenched park amongst the football and cricket matches and the cheer and applause from the fascinated on lookers.....truly a moment to reflect upon.

Once again, a huge range of other activities was undertaken by members and more so as their confidence grew during the week.

Abseiling, horse riding and indoor rock climbing experiences, made way for some lively water sports activities on the catamaran and canoes; and who can forget the watery tracks of the Argocat rides at the Rookin house complex.



For the evenings, the regular swimming sessions and Laser-Quest once again proved popular, and following last years' theme, a prize packed 'Bingo' evening was well received by all. There was something for everyone with new achievements and experiences all round.

We cannot close a report on the summer without paying a special tribute and expressing our very grateful thanks to Franklyn Financial Management part of the St James Place Wealth Foundation. Whilst charities are normally supported from a central agreement, it was decided this year that FFM could, as part of their annual Summer Swing 2016, James Bond themed ball, raise money for a charity of their own choice. Jane Collins being on the staff at FFM nominated Wheelies as their charity and specifically to raise funds to support the annual visit to the Calvert Trust for all our members in 2017. Andrew Chatterton, Managing Director of FFM kindly agreed and with the approval of the St James Place Foundation.

Some of our members attended the event and along with a video we had produced of the opportunities and achievements of members at Calvert, we were delighted that a staggering £24,800 was raised for our charity, through pledges at the the evening event.

We hope that all those who supported us and contributed understand the phenomenal impact this has had on removing some of the fundraising stresses we have experienced in recent years following the economic downturn.

More importantly, it has meant that all members at the end of the summer were informed that they would be able to attend Calvert in 2017, should they wish to, something we have never been able to so confidently offer before.



Autumn

As the Autumn 'term' began, and in the aftermath of a successful Olympic Games for GB, we took part in the Paralympic GB Carnival in Stoke – the European City of Sport for 2016! Wheelies were approached to demonstrate Boccia and as well as introducing this sport to many, it gave us an ideal opportunity to reach a new audience and potential members. An enjoyable and productive day with almost all our members turning out to support this event.



The remainder of the Autumn saw a return to indoor activities including the ever popular skiing at the Chill Factor and Rifle and Pistol shooting in Altrincham with a final visit for the year to Rudyard Lake for some sailing.

Winter

With the approach to Christmas, our programme at Tytherington began again with indoor activities including golf. Following an application for Disability Golf Coaching made on our behalf by Matt Turnock the PGA Professional at Mottram Hall Golf Club, we were awarded 6 x 2 hour sessions of coaching which Matt ran on a variety of themes e.g. Olympics, Ryder Cup, Christmas. These proved a lot of fun and developed team work and motor skills for all our members. December also brought about the annual Christmas party at Gawsorth Hall. A time to reflect on the achievements of a full and varied year with awards presented to the 'Wheelie of the Year and the 'Mike Pomfret Achievement Award'. The annual pantomime visit took place with Cinderella being the production of choice this year at the Regent Theatre in Stoke on Trent.

Fundraising

As outlined earlier in the report, an enormous appreciation of our thanks this year, goes to Franklyn Financial Management for their outstanding support.



Following the success of the event, the weeks following, lead to a number of photo opportunities and reports in both local and regional press that helped with our PR. In addition an array of smaller, but equally as valuable, fundraising activities have taken place in 2016 including, what would prove to be our final bag pack at Marks and Spencer at Handforth Dean.

Being one of thirteen short-listed charities for the forthcoming year, the odds were always going to be against us and unfortunately this year we were unsuccessful in being selected. We wrote to M&S thanking them for the opportunity they had provided.

This year saw at us broaden our partnership with National Citizen Service (NCS) and their summer programme for 15 to 17 years-old, following previous involvement by a couple of our own members. We were asked for our members to make a Dragons-Den style pitch on the work of Wheelies to this years' NCS cohort which saw some of our younger members take the responsibility and lead for presenting on four occasions at the University of Keele.

Along with a promotional video of activities and supporting PowerPoint presentation, a superb job was done which led to Wheelies being chosen by a number of different NCS groups. Just under £1,900 was raised through the NCS initiative and some of those involved with this fundraising have continued to volunteer on a regular basis with Wheelies.

During the year there were individual fundraising efforts and, in particular, thanks go to Helen Meredith, Poynton Inner Circle, Gwyneth Cleaver, Mr Walker, Ken McKinlay and Margaret Meredith for their support and contributions through a wide range of activities, such as sponsored cycling, donating monies from band gigs and handmade card sales.

Financial Review

We hold cash at the bank of £36,555 all of which is unrestricted funds. These funds are held in order to meet forthcoming expenditure.

A total of £14,160 has already been committed to the Calvert Trust for the week long outdoor activity holiday in August 2017 for 22 members, which this year for the first time, takes the format of 2 smaller groups, over 2 separate weeks.

We aim to hold at least £4,000 to allow the much needed weekly activities to continue for our members for up to one year.

There are no funds in deficit.

Further financial review details

Our source of funds for this year was split between donations, our own fundraising efforts and funds awarded through grants and charitable trusts. We continue to rely on the local community for their continuing support. All awards received are used in full compliance with stipulated restrictions.

It is clear that in the current economic climate, funding from traditional sources has reduced significantly, and while many applications were submitted, we were not successful in securing any grants.

All of our income is applied to the sports and activities attended by the club. The club does not pay transport or other costs incurred by members and all members and volunteers give freely of their time.

Other optional information

Future plans

The coming year will see a continued emphasis on providing wide and varied sport and other structured activities to build and deepen the confidence and capability of our members, aligned with our objectives.

Updates on our website coupled with continued promotion of the club locally, whilst increasing our exposure and visibility, having been unsuccessful in increasing the membership. This must be a key action for the forthcoming year.

As trustees we recognise the significant benefit of Wheelies to both its members and the wider community in which we operate and as such, we are committed to ensure its future success. On this basis, we will continue with the two areas of focus for the coming year as for 2016. Firstly, we will continue with our fundraising programme enabling the activities of Wheelies to be sustainable; and secondly, we will work within the community to increase the awareness of our charity with the aim of widening our membership base to bring the opportunities that Wheelies provides to more people living with a physical disability.

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Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature			
Full Name	Iain Douglas	Tim Collins	Jason Hill
Position	Chairman	Treasurer	Secretary
Date	29 May 2017		

Independent examiners report on the accounts

Report to the Trustees of	Wheelies Sport and Activity Club
On accounts for the year ended	11/01/17
Set out on page	10
Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner	<p>The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.</p> <p>It is my responsibility to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • examine the accounts (under section 43 of the Act), • to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the Act), and • to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.
•Basis of independent examiners report	<p>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.</p>
Independent examiner's statement	<p>In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention</p> <p>1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; <p>and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act; have not been met; or <p>2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.</p>

Signed	Name	Date
	Julie Ashurst	

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any)	Chartered Institute of Management Accountants
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Disclosure Section

None to report

Receipts and Payments Accounts

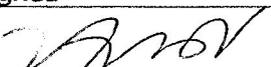
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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS 12 MONTHS TO 11 JANUARY 2017

RECEIPTS	12 MONTHS TO 12/01/17 £
Members' Donations & Fundraising	2,018
Non-Members' Donations & Fundraising	29,487
Membership Subscriptions	100
Bank Interest	11
Gift Aid	1,290
Sub Total	32,906
Asset and Investment Sales	-
Total Receipts	32,906
PAYMENTS	
Crown Green/Ten Pin Bowling	109
Hire of Sports Hall (Basketball, Boccia, Badminton etc)	638
Coaching	20
Archery	100
Cycling	159
Sailing	500
Indoor Skiing	332
Gymnastics	90
Shooting	120
Purchase of Sling	237
Hire of Church Hall	105
Outdoor Adventure Holiday for Members, Calvert Trust	8,724
Calvert additional activities	213
Public, Volunteer Liability and Property Insurance	550
Disclosure & Barring Service Checks	36
Sundries (T shirts, engraving, Christmas catering)	129
Theme Park/Zoo	124
Theatre Tickets	272
Zumba	40
Sub Total	12,498
Asset and Investment Purchases	
Total Payments	12,498
Net Receipts/(Payments)	20,408
Cash Funds brought forward	16,147
Cash Funds carried forward	36,555

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Signed	Name	Date
	Julie Ashurst	4th JUNE 2017

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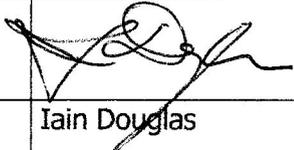
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