

# SLSA WALES

Surf Life Saving Association of Wales





# Cymdeithas Achub Bywyd o'r Môr Cymru


<b>Page</b>	<b>Contents Page</b>
3	At a glance
4	President's Report
6	Chair's Report
7	Membership Secretary's Report
8	Safeguarding Report
9	Technical Commission Report
10	2018 Awards Summary
11	Competition Commission
12	Super Club 2017
13	Welsh Teams Report
16	Powercraft Commission
18	Youth Development Commission
20	Memberships and Rescue Statistics

# Surf Life Saving Association of Wales

## At a Glance


 Thirty volunteer lifeguard clubs affiliated to SLSA Wales in 2017

 SLSA Wales had nearly 3000 individual members in 2018


 33 people were rescued by SLSA Wales volunteers and 137 first aid incidents were dealt with


 263 volunteers successfully passed the NVBLQ lifeguard award

 106 Beach Lifesaver Level 1 qualifications were awarded

 45 Beach Lifesaver Level 2 qualifications were awarded

 487 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

**2018** was once again another very successful year with many progressive Developments taking place.

Having been so actively involved throughout the years it has been great to see so many new members getting involved and taking on responsibilities. We are now living in a Technology age where young talented members are so important. Here we are fortunate to have some very talented members. Like I have always said, no matter what age gender or ability, we have a job for everyone within our Association and we welcome any contribution that you can make to achieve our aims. (Which is to save Lives)

This year is a very special year in the history of SLSA Wales. **We are Celebrating 50 Golden Years of Providing a Voluntary Public Rescue Service to the Local Communities on Beaches throughout Wales.** During this period, we have developed into a real Community Association.

We must thank all past and present members for their magnificent service, as without their efforts we would not be where we are today. Some incredibly special people have been involved since our formation and must never be forgotten,

**Founder Members** such as Commander Charles Thompson MBE; Reg. & Margaret Whittle; John David; Dr. George Middleton; Dr Keith Thomas; Colin Morris; Julian Barge; Dr. David Erskine; George Garrett; Frank Smith; Gerald Bassett; Alf Thomas; Gerald & Margaret Cooper; Rodger Gullet and Peter Lake.

Many more prominent members followed that era. Such as Lyle Bluck; Peter Derbyshire; Doug Williams; Sonia Grant; Phil Rees; a young lady named Andrea Pennell; Tony Jenkins; Pat Thomas (Current Chairman). Originally, we were operating as the Welsh Region of GB which continued for many years until we became our own National Governing Body as SLSA Wales. It has been personally satisfying for me to look back over the past 50 years and to witness the magnificent efforts by so many great people along the way. Our main aim has always been to look forward and progress to the future.

We are now lead by a Board of Management Structure with named Trustees. Our Chairman Mr. Pat Thomas and the Trustees are continuing to do great things in steering our Association forward. No association or organisation could ask more from members who work and give 100% to a completely voluntary structure. So once again congratulations to all committees, Clubs and members.

**North Wales Development.** These are very positive. We thank the RNLI for their continued support within this Development Project, as without their support it would have been a very difficult task. Our working in partnership and a joint memorandum of understanding agreement has been a huge success.

**Our Nipper and Youth Educational Development Training Program** has given thousands of young members many Life Skills.

We provide the opportunity for these young members to develop into the Lifeguards of Tomorrow and introduce them into the Wonderful World of Surf Lifesaving Wales.

**Growth and Development** in our **Junior Membership** sections are so encouraging and proves that we are doing things right.

The same story is happening within our other commissions. Competition / Inshore Rescue Boat/ and Awards.

**Our 2018 Annual Presentation Evening at the Towers Hotel** was another big success, with special thanks to both Chairman Pat and Treasurer Liz Thomas.

**Special Note.**

Please look for forthcoming Information and book early to attend our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the Towers Hotel on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

It has been an honour and a privilege to be your President and working alongside such committed members from both past and present years. We have a history to be proud of but more importantly, we have a brilliant exciting future ahead.

I conclude by wishing all SLSA Wales Member Clubs a successful 2019 season. Please keep up the good work and keep our local beaches safe.

*Peter Lake MBE*

President.

## Chair

I would like to start my report once again by thanking all the Board of Trustees and Commission Members who have worked so hard throughout the year to help S.L.S.A. Wales to develop grow.

A special thanks to Julie Wisden for the endless hours she has put in above and beyond the call of duty. We are an organization run entirely by unsung heroes or as the powers to be like to call it" Volunteers", if we had to pay by the hour for all the knowledge, experience and time these people donate to us we could never afford it, many thanks to you all.

It already looks like 2019 is going to be a very busy year with events planned for every month. Aberavon will be hosting the Welsh Open, Youth and Nipper Championships and I have no doubt they will all be extremely well supported and successful events. It is great news that Surf Lifesaving Great Britain will be hosting their open championships in St. David's on the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> September. I hope as many of us as possible will be able to get down the White Sands Bay and give them all a big welsh welcome.

This year is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Surf life Saving Wales and a special dinner evening will be held in conjunction with the Welsh Presentation evening at the Towers Hotel, tickets and accommodation will be in big demand so early booking is advisable. The date of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is 16<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

If anyone has photographs, videos or personal memories they would like to share for this event please get in touch with a board member as we would like as much help as we can get to make this event special.

I wish you all a successful and safe 2019.

*Pat Thomas*

Chair

## Membership Secretary

2018 saw the membership side of SLS Wales make significant strides in establishing more clubs in north Wales.

It was over twenty years ago that Prince Philip remarked to SLSA Wales about the need to introduce surf lifesaving in the north of our country. In the decade or so before that, Commander 'Chic' Thompson had tried on numerous occasions to set-up lifeguard clubs in the north, but again to no avail. 2018, with the support of the RNLI, at last saw us make a small breakthrough in this area.

2013 saw us establish our first club up there, which was in Rhosneigr after good work by Lisa Pritchard, Elin Jones and Lyle Bluck, but it was a further five years before our second was created and that was Clwb Syrffio at Surf Snowdonia. Last year, saw three more lifesaving clubs affiliate to SLSA Wales and that was:

Merioneth Yacht Club based at Barmouth, Penmaenmawr Sailing Club and Colwyn Bay

With financial support from the RNLI, all three new clubs were given a start-up kit consisting of various bits of rescue equipment and resuscitation manikins. 2019 should see these clubs taking another step forward, by taking the first of what we hope will be many, lifesaving awards.

There is still a long way to go with the development of lifesaving in north Wales, it has at times been painfully slow and of course we must not forget, it has taken over fifty years for our clubs in south Wales to evolve and create our current network.

Individual membership is still quite strong, with almost 3000 members, with the biggest age group, perhaps as expected, the Nippers, with almost 1100 members.

Our membership went online through the introduction of our MIS (Management Information System) in 2008 and what a success it has been. The control of the members in this system, lies with our clubs and what is crucially important, because we have no paid staff working for SLSA Wales, all the membership fees can be automatically paid online with no input needed from our Management Board. 2018 saw over £30k membership fees paid into our bank account this way.

2018 also saw a specialist GDPR company employed by Sport Wales, undertake a 'stress-test' on our MIS and I am very pleased to say the balance of the report was very complimentary on our MIS, with the main area of concern, being the 'old' platform it was built on. To that end, your Board of Trustees are investigating the feasibility of having a new system built and so we would welcome any feedback from our club users on what could be introduced to improve on our current system.

*Phil Rees*

Membership Secretary

## Safeguarding Report

Following on from last year the switch to the online DBS system has come full circle with certificates reaching a year since date of print. This means that status checks have been completed (permission granted via Consent to Check form) and our standard of safeguarding is as robust as it can be.

Work is now being done by club safeguarding officers to ensure that key safeguarding templates are in place for all existing and new members, such as:

Consent to the use of photographic images; Anti-bullying policy; Youth Code of Conduct  
Parent Code of Conduct; Coaches and Associated Personnel Code of Conduct

These are fundamental to clubs and members understanding their responsibility as members to each other, their clubs and to Surf Life Saving Wales

Now that the Update System is established the focus this year is for safeguarding training for key coaches and new Safeguarding Officers. There is a coaching course this April that includes a half day safeguarding session and hopefully we can use the services of Sport Wales to get more SO's aware of their part to play in safeguarding and a better understanding. We currently have

805 members with current DBS certificates

27 safeguarding officers

The job for 2019/20 is to ensure that all the Safeguarding Officers have had or will have safeguarding training and Key club coaches have had or will have the safeguarding training

I will also be completing the requirements to achieve Level 1 safeguarding for SLSA Wales with a view to moving on to Level 2. This was the aim for 2018/19 however it has been quite a busy year with the focus remaining on safeguarding issues and resolving them.

Our SLSAW Child Protection Policy (CPP) is reviewed every 3 years and any amendments to national / government led policies are added in to ensure that we are following correct procedures. The last policy amendment was made in October 2016 so I will be working with the CPSU as in previous years to ensure that information in our CPP is current and up to date.

The key ask of club Safeguarding Officers this year has been to ensure that correct version documents, available on the SLSAW website under safeguarding are used in all instances. This is crucial to conforming to the new GDPR guidelines.

Finally, a big thank you to all club Safeguarding Officers for their help with ensuring that DBS returns are current and up to date, to conform with GDPR. Also, for ensuring that DBS checks are completed for members in regulated activity which is essential to ensuring that clubs can make sound volunteer recruitment decisions and prevent unsuitable people from working with vulnerable groups, including children in our organisations care. Especially in light of some high-profile cases in youth sports organisations in the media this year.

*Julie Wisden*

Lead Child Protection Officer

## Technical Commission

The goal of the Technical Commission which is to Design, Develop and Deliver Lifesaving skills and awards to our members throughout Wales really came to the forefront in 2018 and all our volunteer trainers/assessors have stepped up to the mark to play their part.

There are now 96 Trainer/Assessors in Wales and each and every one of them have played a part in delivering new skills to our Nipper, Youth, Senior and Master members.

We are one of the few organisations that are able to provide a full range of learning materials to our members and these come in the form of our e-learning moodle site, a full range of manuals and our trainers delivering courses and presentations, which resulted in almost 800 awards being taken in 2018.

The structure of the Technical Commission relies on the hard work put in by our 5 regional tutors to arrange assessments train our trainers and oversee the smooth running of their region.

The Regions and Regional tutors are

The Vale of Glamorgan – Geraint Rees

Bridgend - Andy Morgan

Swansea. – Paul Williams

West Wales – Richard Kedward, Richard is also our awards Administrator

North Wales – Roger Pearce.

Mike Childs has stepped up as our new Tech Comm Secretary this year and will take over from Phil Rees in time.

Daren Williams is our Development Tutor and brings a wealth of knowledge to our organisation via his full time work with the RNLI.

Lyle Bluck and Phil Rees still continue to provide expert knowledge to all we do.

I must personally thank all the trainer/assessors for the man/lady hours that they put into Surf Life Saving Wales.

Our Focus on expanding our lifesaving clubs into North Wales in 2018 has paid off, with 3 new clubs being formed in this region, making 5 clubs in total. Huge thanks has to go to Phil Rees, Daren Williams and Roger Pearce who have put a massive amount of work in to make this happen. Of course, our working partners, RNLI has helped out enormously in the area of financial support to make this happen. We look forward to 2019 giving us more qualified Lifeguards in this area.

Our Tech Comm meeting structure has changed for 2019 with sessions alternating between meetings at our base in Aberavon in which policy is discussed and changed then every other month Skills based workshops run by the regional tutors in their region. Our Tech Comm meetings and workshops are open meetings and any club member can attend them. I'd like to encourage all clubs to send members so that each club has input into the awards we provide

2019 will see us continue to Design, Develop and Deliver Lifesaving skills to our members

Enjoy the water in 2019

*Hugh Murray*  
 Technical Chair

### 2018 Awards Summary

Powercraft Awards		Ocean Based Awards	
IRB Crew	4	Beach Lifesaver Level 1	106
IRB Driver	3	Beach Lifesaver Level 2	45
IRB Proficiency Test	6	NVBLQ	263
First Aid Awards		Masters Surf Competition	9
First Aid Awards	2	Racing Ski Competence	55
PADS	2	Nipper Awards	487
		Patrol Leader	1
Education Programme		Pool Based Water Safety Awards	
Trainer / Assessor updates	93	Pool Awards	35

## Competition Commission

### Sport Commission Report

2018 was another busy year in the competition calendar. Adding to the existing national championships we saw a new format to the ranking events and the Welsh Team take part in a number of competitions on both the national and international scene. 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 managers for their support in organising the entries and competitors for these championships.

### Stillwater 2018

Congratulations go to the following clubs for their successes at the Welsh Stillwater Championships 2018:



Nipper Champions – Rest Bay  
Youth Champions – Rest Bay  
Senior Champions – Crawley  
Masters Champions - Penybont

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

Thanks goes to Liz Thomas & Craig Robinson who were the referees for Stillwater competitions in 2018. Of course, all officials, helpers, timekeepers are necessary, so thank you also.

### Ocean 2018

Congratulations go to the following clubs for their successes at the Welsh Ocean Championships 2018:

Nipper Champions – Rest Bay  
Youth Champions – Rest Bay  
Senior Champions – Penybont  
Masters Champions – Penybont



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 Rhoose and Porthcawl clubs who hosted these events.

### Super Club 2018

The 2018 Super Club competition was contested very fiercely by 18 clubs with a close battle for first place, the overall points score as seen below.

Place	Club	Points
1	Pen-y-bont	348
2	Rest Bay	340
3	Langland Bay	289
4	Rhoose	275
5	Sker	257
6	Mumbles	240
7	Vale	235
8	Aberavon	214
9	Llantwit Major	176
10	Poppit Sands	148
11	Whitmore Bay	78
12	Southerndown	62
13	Aberystwyth	40
14	Centurion	40
15	Llanelli	32
16	Porthcawl	24
17	Aberporth	22
18	Cold Knap	20

## **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, the boat crews, also to those who help the at the rankings. Special thanks goes to Cerys Rudall, Tomi Turner (Youth Team Managers), Karen O Donoghue-Harris and Gareth Harris (Senior Team Managers).*

*We started the ocean events with rankings at Porthcawl and Rest Bay. 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 great to give our athletes the opportunity to compete in the most competitions in a year for a long while and as always, the team kit organised by Liz and Cerys looked very professional and we had great comments on how good they looked and how it gave a very professional outlook.*

### **Devon v Cornwall v Wales – Croyde**

*The event went well beside some rather teasing conditions in the ocean and on the beach. Good support from the parents helped raise spirits and the tough competition was conducted in a good friendly manner. However, we did have to cancel some sea events mainly the ski due to the conditions and the welfare of the competitors. The competition was won by Cornwall with Wales 2<sup>nd</sup> Devon 3<sup>rd</sup>.*

### **Wales v England – Porthcawl**

*Held in Coney beach under very good conditions and the weather on our side. We were even able to add some historic lifesaving events such as the tube & board rescue. The competition was well contested and enjoyed by all who competed and the supporters. The event was narrowly won by England who said that it is getting tougher but better every year. We finished the event with a fish and chips meal at Finnegan's in Porthcawl and thanks to Cerys and Finnegan's for organising for us all a great way to end the day.*

### **Oceanperf Challenge**

*The team travelled to Capbreton to take part in the Oceanperf event, it was a long drive down, but they all arrived in good spirits. After a good nights sleep the team headed for the beach for a day's training on very difficult conditions, with everyone sharing kit and all going into the sea to get used to the conditions.*

*The competition was a one-day event and the conditions were perfect with a challenging shore dump. The event went very well with over 300 competitors taking part resulting in heat, semi-finals and then finals all straight after each other. A new experience for a lot of our competitors. All the team made the finals in their events which is a great step forward.*

*We were grateful to Sean Evans and Dylan Wisden who also stepped up to compete in Capbreton.*

*Outstanding results from the Welsh team were Ellie McCloy first in Board race, second in the Ocean Women and top three overall in the competition. Millie Wiggins & Chris Parry*

*taking second in beach flags. This effort was not outshone by the youth team where Evie Wong and Dylan Wisden came 2<sup>nd</sup> & 1<sup>st</sup> respectively in the Surf Swim.*

*We finished the Welsh team celebrations with a caps presentation at the Towers Hotel and yet again a great evening and many thanks to Pat and Liz for organisation*

## **Welsh team 2018**

### Senior team

Lloyd Rosewell, Lewis Roswell, Chris parry, Tomi Turner, Ash Lewis, Jack Giddings.  
Grace Morgan, Ellie McCloy, Millie Wiggins, Abigail Carson, Mali James, Kelsea Peterson.



### Youth team

Rhys Wydenbach, Jason Grice, Tom Horn, Will James, Ioan Evans, Rueben Hopkin  
Meriel Clode, Amelie Clode, Hannah Davidson, Millie Rees, Evie Wong, Amber Williams

The 2018 competition year finalised with the European youth championships and the Lifesaving World Championships, Adelaide, Australia. Although Wales did not take its own team we had a large number of our competitors selected to represent Great Britain on the international scene through Team GBR.

Congratulation to the following athletes who took part and done their part to get GBR the best results ever at a world championship.

Lewis Rosewell, Ashley Lewis, Chris Parry, Tom Parry, Marcus Fish, Sarah Davidson, James Evenden, Meriel Clode, Ellie McCloy, Rhys Wydenbach & Millie Wiggins.

*Simon Perry*

Sports Chair

## Powercraft Commission

I would like to start my report by thanking all 'boaties' for the tremendous work they have done in 2018. 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 2018 we organised an IRB technical week in St. David's which proved to be very popular and a great success. We plan on repeating this event again in 2019 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 new SLSA Wales Inflatable Rescue Boat Manual 2019 has now 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 who took the time as unpaid volunteers to assist with the technical work involved in producing the new manual and training materials and also those who found time 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 2019.

The SLSA Wales boats were on the water on over 40 separate occasions in 2018 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 2018 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 putting Welsh crews on the water for ten days to help cover the World Surf Life Saving Championships in Adelaide in November. 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 2018 season.

I have often said our boat crews are as good as any you will find anywhere, and this was once again confirmed by our success at the World IRB Championships in Adelaide, Australia last November where the Crews from Porthcawl SLSC were chosen to represent Great Britain as part of the first ever International Teams World IRB Championships as well as represent their Club in the Interclub event. The team performed to a high standard and managed to finish joint second on points with Australia in the International Teams event being finally awarded third overall after a medal count in an extremely challenging competition as well as competing successfully for their home Club. Congratulations to all who competed for the hard work you continue to put in to excel in these prestigious IRB events.

2019 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 2019 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 2018 and I look forward to seeing you on the water in 2019.

*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 again 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.

2018 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 Youth 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.

Barry was the setting for the Welsh Nipper Ocean Championships hosted by Rhoose Lifeguard Club. A tremendous amount of hard work was put in by the local club which made it a great success. We are looking forward to this year's event.

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

Lee Perry puts in a lot of his time in organising these youngsters alongside the Team Managers, taking them to all parts of the UK, so please support them when asked and help make their job that much easier and rewarding. It was a pleasure to see the team receive 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 at Holywell Bay. An excellent venue. There were good results against the strong clubs from Devon and Cornwall. Well done.

Our calendar is again filling up for 2019 so check out the web site and get your dates booked especially if you require accommodation or camping!

### **NIPPER TRAINING WEEKEND 2018**

The venue was again Celtic Camping in West Wales. Jen Pitt took on the organising of this event and managed to get it all together with the help of Chris Braggins. After months of organizing, over 250 nippers with ages ranging from 8 to 11 and 50 coaches and helpers descended to St David's for the weekend. The weather was very kind to us and we managed to get all the nippers in the surf to experience waves!!! Awards were taken in beach safety, resuscitation and first aid, and awards taken at Whitesands beach with the help of Kim James. Also, thanks to Emma Braggins for organizing the talent show. 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 2018**

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. We also made sure the youth were entertained in the evening by having a bungy running track and sumo wrestling suits plus disco. 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 so successful, to the IRB crew for their cover and letting the kids enjoy a ride in the boat. To Kim James for once again making sure they took their awards and to the Porthmawr Club.

### **NIPPER CLUB OF THE YEAR 2018**

This award was presented at Wales SLSA presentation 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 Pink Bay and Sker. 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.

### **TRAINING**

There will be a training manual at the nipper/youth training weekend. A lot of hard work has been put in to produce this manual. Thank you to the RNLI for their donation towards the production. There is a great amount of training information on our web site so check it out using your MIS log in number.

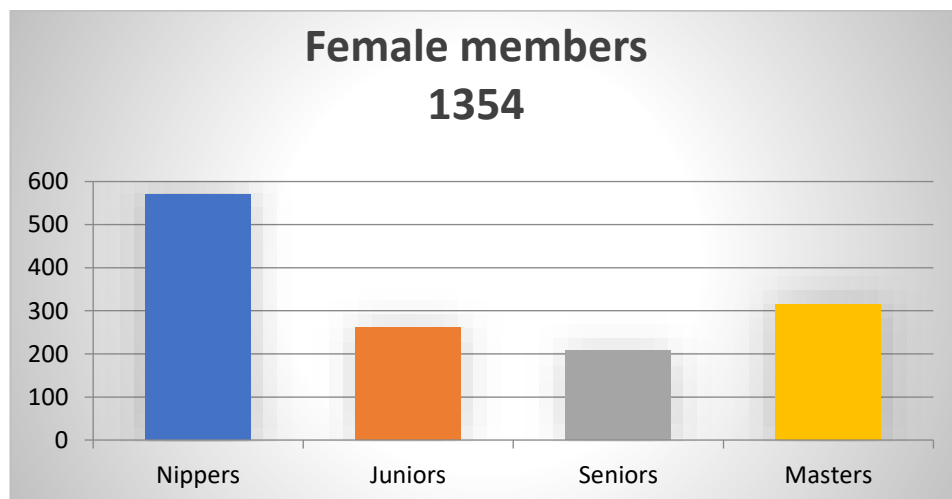
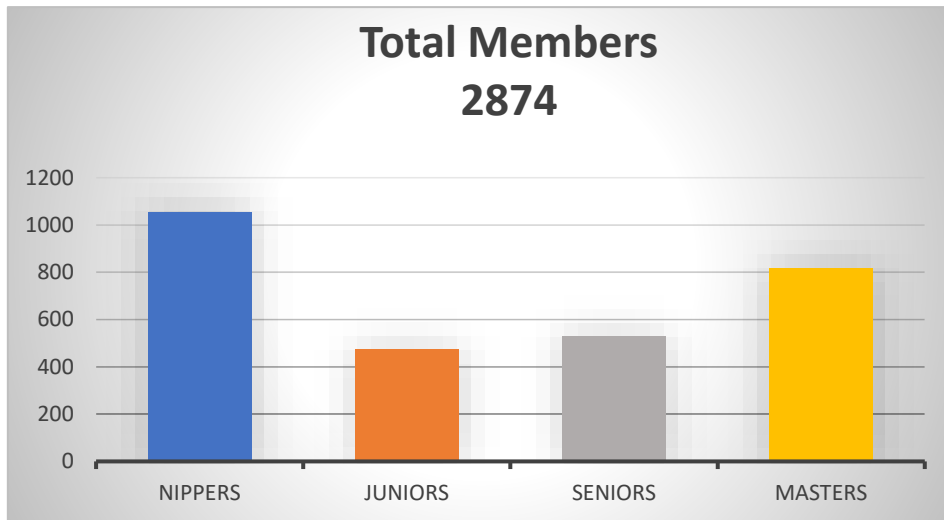
### **CONCLUSION**

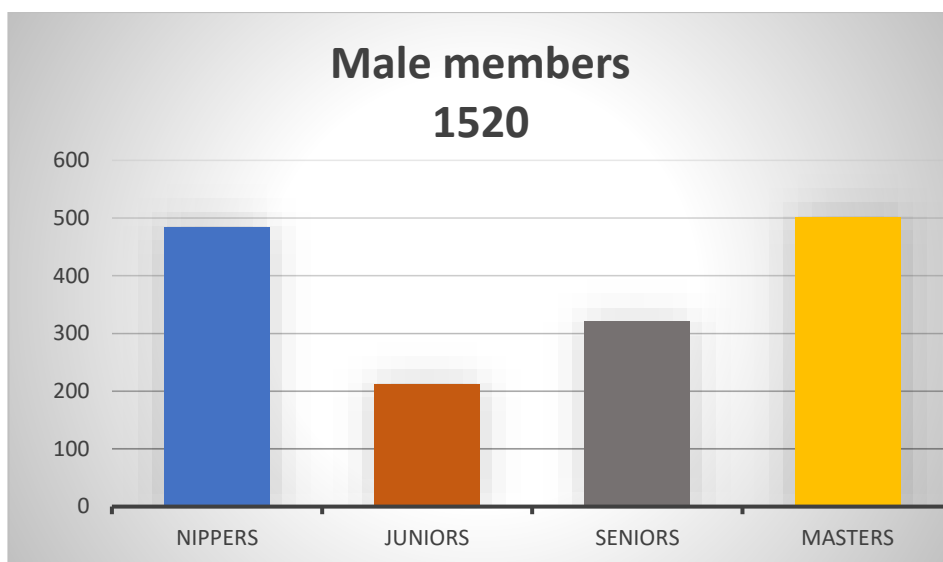
All that is left for me to say is a big thank you to you all for your continuing support and see you on the beach this summer.

*Mike Allen*

Chair

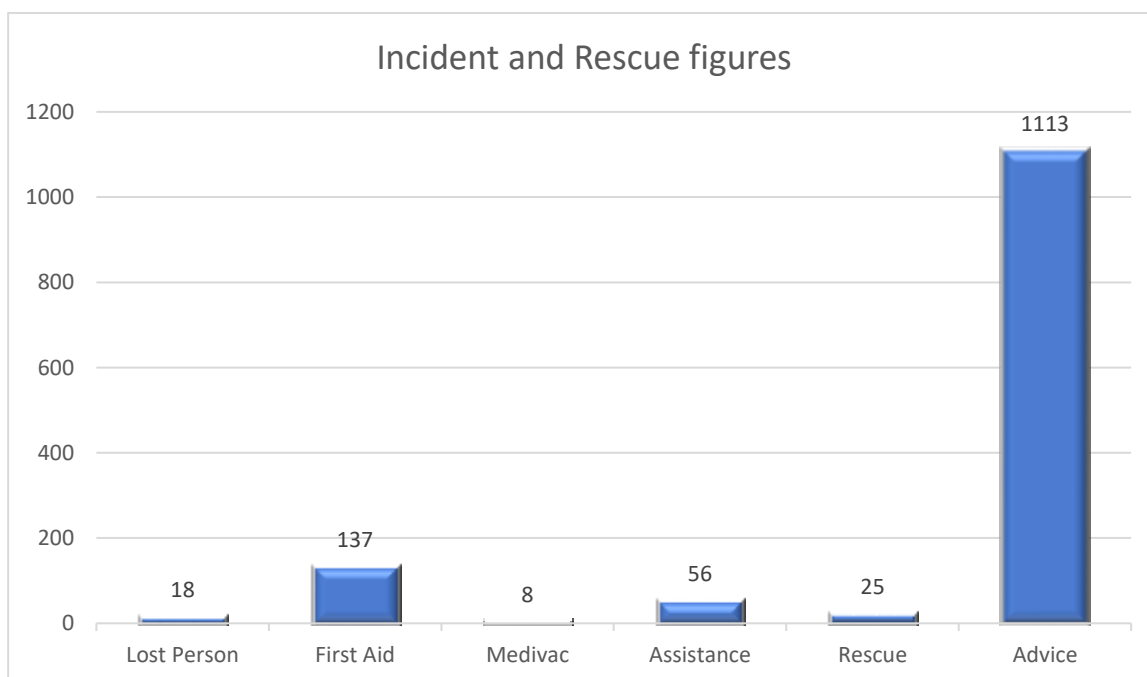
## Membership Statistics





### Incident and Rescue Figures

Shown below is a summary of the record of incidents and rescues for last summer (2017). In total **33 people** have been saved during that period and advice given to 1,113 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 **1697** 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.



**Rhif Elusen ~ 1157762 ~ Charity Number**

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1157762

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 DECEMBER 2018  
FOR  
THE SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION  
OF WALES**

Graham Paul Limited  
Court House  
Court Road  
Bridgend  
CF31 1BE

**THE SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION  
OF WALES**

**CONTENTS OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018**

---

	Page
Report of the Trustees	1 to 2
Independent Examiner's Report	3
Statement of Financial Activities	4
Balance Sheet	5
Notes to the Financial Statements	6 to 10
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities	11 to 12

---

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

## **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018**

---

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2018. 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 8 years to 70 years Lifesaving & First Aid Awards.

- 8yrs - Nipper pool and beach competence.
- 12 /14 years Junior Surf Lifesaver and Junior Surf Lifeguard Awards
- 16yrs Plus - Nars Beach Lifeguard Awards, Racing Ski Competence, Aquatic Spinal management, 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 8 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 £157,000 of which £108,282 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.

**THE SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION  
OF WALES**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018**

---

**FUTURE PLANS**

In the coming year we will see a continued emphasis on the Beach Lifeguard Awards, Junior Surf Lifeguard, 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 17 March 2019 and signed on its behalf by:



P B J Thomas - Trustee

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

---

**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 2018.

**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 confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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

17 March 2019

**THE SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION  
OF WALES**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018**

---

		2018 Unrestricted fund £	2017 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>	Notes		
Donations and legacies		599	90
Other trading activities	2	169,281	151,962
<b>Total</b>		169,880	152,052
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>	3		
Life saving and other activities		175,402	139,922
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		(5,522)	12,130
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		162,068	149,938
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		156,546	162,068

The notes form part of these financial statements

**THE SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION  
OF WALES**

**BALANCE SHEET  
AT 31 DECEMBER 2018**

---

		2018 Unrestricted fund £	2017 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>	Notes		
Tangible assets	8	49,404	59,820
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash at bank		108,282	103,228
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(1,140)	(980)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>107,142</u>	<u>102,248</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		156,546	162,068
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>156,546</u>	<u>162,068</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	10		
Unrestricted funds		<u>156,546</u>	<u>162,068</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>156,546</u>	<u>162,068</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 17 March 2019 and were signed on its behalf by:



P B J Thomas -Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

**THE SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION  
OF WALES**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018**

---

**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.

**THE SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION  
OF WALES**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018**

**2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	2018 £	2017 £
Membership	37,178	38,493
Shop	8,415	1,058
Technical commission	13,823	8,390
Championships / ranking events	35,463	29,280
Nipper & Youth camp	41,727	37,423
Other income	5,675	10,915
Grants receivable	27,000	26,401
Bank interest received	-	2
	<u>169,281</u>	<u>151,962</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>153,101</u>	<u>21,012</u>	<u>1,289</u>	<u>175,402</u>

**4. GRANTS PAYABLE**

	2018 £	2017 £
Life saving and other activities	<u>21,012</u>	<u>11,915</u>

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

	2018 £	2017 £
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

**5. SUPPORT COSTS**

	Finance £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Life saving and other activities	<u>49</u>	<u>1,240</u>	<u>1,289</u>

**6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2018 nor for the year ended 31 December 2017.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2018 nor for the year ended 31 December 2017.

**THE SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION  
OF WALES**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018**

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

	Unrestricted fund £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>	
Donations and legacies	90
Other trading activities	151,962
<b>Total</b>	<u>152,052</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>	
<b>Charitable activities</b>	
Life saving and other activities	139,922
<b>Total</b>	<u>139,922</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	<u>12,130</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>	
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	<u>149,938</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u><u>162,068</u></u>

**8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Plant and machinery £	Motor vehicles £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 January 2018 and 31 December 2018	<u>61,091</u>	<u>23,595</u>	<u>84,686</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 January 2018	22,900	1,966	24,866
Charge for year	8,450	1,966	10,416
At 31 December 2018	<u>31,350</u>	<u>3,932</u>	<u>35,282</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 December 2018	<u>29,741</u>	<u>19,663</u>	<u>49,404</u>
At 31 December 2017	<u>38,191</u>	<u>21,629</u>	<u>59,820</u>

THE SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION  
OF WALES

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2018 £	2017 £
Other creditors	<u>1,140</u>	<u>980</u>

10. 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>

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>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.17 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.17 £
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>			
General fund	149,938	12,130	162,068
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>149,938</u>	<u>12,130</u>	<u>162,068</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	152,052	(139,922)	12,130
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>152,052</u>	<u>(139,922)</u>	<u>12,130</u>

THE SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION  
OF WALES

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

---

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	At 1.1.17 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.18 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	149,938	6,608	156,546
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>149,938</u>	<u>6,608</u>	<u>156,546</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	321,932	(315,324)	6,608
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>321,932</u>	<u>(315,324)</u>	<u>6,608</u>

11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2018.