

SLSA WALES

Surf Life Saving Association of Wales

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2023 Annual Report



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Surf Life Saving Association of Wales

At a Glance

🇬🇧 28 volunteer lifeguard clubs affiliated to SLSA Wales in 2023

🇬🇧 SLSA Wales had 2886 individual members in 2023

🇬🇧 5 people were rescued by SLSA Wales volunteers and 15 first aid incidents were dealt with

President

Firstly, I would like to thank all Clubs and Members for their continued support in providing a voluntary public rescue service to our local communities throughout Wales.

To the Board of Trustees, Chair and fellow Executive Officers, including our Commission Committee Members, I can only say a very big thank you on behalf of SLSA Wales. You have truly all made magnificent efforts by keeping our voluntary service on track. Through training many new qualified additional lifeguards within the awards programmes you have lived up to our motto - to save lives. Together you have continued to provide massive opportunities for young members to develop life skills within the youth development programme.

Sadly, due to ill health our Youth Commission Chair, Mike Allen had to stand down; which in its self was a massive loss as Mike has so much experience. However, I was so happy that Chris Braggins and Jen Pitt stayed onboard to run Nipper and Youth Camps; both of which were once again a massive success. I must thank our Board of Trustees for their support of both Camps, which are so important to our future development.

We have an Association to be proud of; we offer something for everyone and for all ages. We are truly a family orientated Association, very much like one big family and friends.

I have now been involved for over 55 years and loved every minute of it, so when I say there is a job for all ages within Surf Lifesaving it's true. I thank you all for your support over the years. If I am re-elected as your President this year, I think it should be my last year. I am no longer a young man and I do think you should now be looking to the future.

Please keep up the good work in keeping our beaches safe.

Wishing you all a successful 2024 Season

Kind Regards

Pete Lake MBE.

Chair

What a fantastic year 2023 turned out to be! The membership was once again healthy, Awards were numerous, Youth and Nipper camps were well attended and thoroughly enjoyable, and all of the Surf National Championships (despite the weather) were eventually completed.

Of course, none of the above would be possible without the tireless work of the Board of Trustees and the Commissions. A big thank you to all and especially Powercraft who supported each of our ocean activities.

Mike Allen stepped down as Chair of the Youth Commission during 2023 due to ill health. I would like to thank him for his many years of service, support and commitment to SLSA Wales and especially the youth programme. I wish him well with his recovery.

If re-elected, this will be my last year as Chair of SLSA Wales. After numerous and thoroughly enjoyable years in the post, I feel it's time for someone with new ideas to take over. I am more than happy for any interested party to contact me or any member of the Board of Trustees, should they wish to know more about the position.

As always, we are very grateful as an Association for the continued support of our clubs and members. I hope you all have a safe and enjoyable summer season 2024.

Pat Thomas

Chair SLSA Wales

Membership Secretary

As you are all aware, the IT system TahDah is now being used for all club affiliation and memberships. This has been a steep learning curve for all of us, including me!

Going forward, I would like to encourage all members to claim their own TahDah account and ensure that all details are correct and up to date. It would be hard for me to show every member how to do this, but if club membership secretaries want to contact me, I will do my best to help.

Overall it has been a steady year for memberships, and some of the variations can be accounted for by the way TahDah is categorising memberships. The changes in memberships are shown below.

- Nippers increased by 51 to 1220
- Juniors increased by 25 to 434
- Seniors decreased by 70 to 405
- Masters decreased by 32 to 827
- Total membership decreased by 26 to 2886

Please Note - from April 1st 2024, all Nipper, Junior, Senior and Master membership fees will be increasing to £15, as agreed in last year's AGM.

During 2023 we had a new club join, *Llanfairfechan*, and one club did not re-affiliate, leaving the total number of clubs affiliated to SLSA Wales at 28, the same as in 2022. In addition, 2 commercial organisations affiliated, again the same as in 2022.

Janette Childs

Membership Secretary

Safeguarding

Surf Life Saving Wales relies very much on the time and generosity of volunteer members who are also parents and who also work.

On the DBS spreadsheet we have 755 coaches / club helpers throughout all the clubs in Wales, who offer their time and energy to ensure that our kids can take part in the fantastic sport.

We also have 27 fantastic Safeguarding Officers who co-ordinate and promote the SLSA Wales safeguarding key policies and procedures to ensure that those in a position of trust are aware of the behaviours expected and also know how to handle any disclosures of information. The role of the Safeguarding Officer has changed certainly since 2015 when I took on the role of Lead safeguarding Officer. Issues of anxiety and depression, self-harm and eating disorders are common themes that clubs ask for advice and support with.

This year has seen the return of the SLSA Wales website where members and general public can see our organisations Safeguarding Policies & Procedures. The Child safeguarding Policy is renewed every 3 years and with the 2024 publication this has seen very welcome inclusions such as

- Equality & Diversity and our organisations commitment to ensuring that all children have the opportunity to take place in this great sport with no exclusions
- Safeguarding LGBTQ+ young members
- Support for young members who are hearing impaired and also neuro diverse.
- Tackling issues such as self-harm, eating disorders and anxiety & depression. Worrying topics and sadly not surprising with the under 18 member numbers we have as such a large organisation.

To support our coaches to effectively handle situations such as this as well as provide a safe, inclusive and welcoming sporting environment for our young members a section of the safeguarding resources page on the website includes training that can be undertaken by coaches and volunteers as part of their role and support resources. The board have assigned a safeguarding budget to ensure that we are providing our DBS checked members the resources and training vital to the role.

As expected we are undergoing a **review of our safeguarding processes** by Sport Wales, as we have done before annually, to ensure that as an organisation we are exemplar in our safeguarding procedures.

All 26 clubs have received a copy of their **Quarter 1 DBS** returns where the annual status checks of DBS checked members have been done to fulfil our promise to parents / guardians that we have a robust safeguarding recruitment policy.

All Safeguarding Officers will be expected to complete the **Time to Listen** course.

We are also still committed to all of coaches / club volunteers aged between 16-18 to undertake the mandatory **Safeguarding and Protecting Children 16 – 18** course to help

support them on the standards expected of a person in a position of trust and also what support is available to them should they be made aware of any safeguarding issues. These are our next generation coaches, committee members and club captains.

The safeguarding team will continue to be visible this year and there will be the introduction of a **safe space** at SLSA Wales pool and beach events.

Information on volunteering for safeguarding duties during these events will be available on the safeguarding page so that when clubs are asked to provide safeguarding support, there is information on what this involves and what is expected available. Hopefully this will allay any worries about coming forward to volunteer. These volunteer roles are crucial during our large events.

Any suggestions for inclusion on the safeguarding page are very welcome and these can be emailed to Julie Wisden at safeguarding@slsawales.org.uk

Nipper and Junior camp were very successful last year in terms of safeguarding and were all looking forward to June and the next Nipper and Junior Camps where clubs are asking for coaches and club helpers to come and help. Please remember that you must hold a current DBS certificate that is registered on the Update Service .

Look forward to seeing you at the next event and please get in touch with any questions.

Julie Wisden

Technical Commission

Another successful year for the Lifesaving Commission

Award Name	Total passes
Beach Lifesaver Level 1	169
Beach Lifesaver Level 2	68
IRB Crew	4
IRB Crew Proficiency	12
IRB Driver Proficiency	12
Master Competition Award	7
Nipper Beach Safety Bronze	32
Nipper Beach Safety Silver	47
Nipper Beach Safety Gold	22
Nipper Life Support Gold	4
Nipper Surf Competence 1	10
Nipper Surf Competence 2	38
Nipper Surf Competence 3	67
NVBLQ	205
NVBLQ Commercial	20
Safety Assistant	14
Ski Competence	70
Total	892

892 awards completed through our 100+ TA's and a big thank you goes to those for giving up their time and helping us get through a huge amount of awards.

Without Our Regional Tutors these numbers would not be as high

Michelle Wall

Andy Morgan

Paul Williams

Richard Kedward

Roger Pearce

95% of Professional Beach lifeguards in Wales are trained and qualified by Surf Life Saving Wales.

We are one of the few volunteer organisations that train and develop professional Beach Lifeguards.

I'd like to once again call out to any club member who would like to influence the direction of the Lifesaving Commission to please come and join our monthly meetings. I want anyone and any club to be able to have their say.

One of our development officers Lyle Bluck has retired from our association last year. So to Lyle, a big thank you for the thousands of hours you have committed to Surf Life Saving.

For those of you who haven't heard of Lyle, in brief:

Lyle had been a member of Surf Life Saving Wales for over 50years. A major driver of the Lifesaving commission. Has trained countless Lifeguards, First Responders, Trainers and TA's. Instrumental in bringing the UK Drowning prevention Strategy to publication.

One of the co-authors of the NVBLQ and its subsequent development. Thank you Lyle for your tireless and selfless commitment.

We look forward to another busy year of Lifesaving training and assessment of awards.

Hugh Murray

Life Saving Commission Chair

Competition Commission

Sport Commission Report

Every year we work hard in the sports commission to bring you an action-packed events calendar. 2023 seemed like this was going to continue the trend. We worked hard over the winter to bring an action-packed calendar of both sporting events and officials training courses.

I would like to thank Mike Childs from Childsplay Surf for his organisation and support of the pool mini leagues. These are a great introduction to the pool sporting events and I would encourage all members to turn up and have a go and this fun focused competition.

SLSA Wales continued to increase and develop our officials programme, supporting all clubs to have a qualified official. A total of 48 people attending the introduction to pool & beach officiating. Without these new and experienced officials, our events won't happen. Appreciation and thanks come from both me and the competitors.

Stillwater 2023

It was great to see our usual winter slot back in use, as a result, we saw a large increase on numbers for both the nipper and the youth entries. We also saw an increase in teams from across the bridge taking part. The open nature of our competitions allows our Welsh competitors to race against the best in the country at all opportunities. I would like to thank all clubs and team managers for their support in organising the entries and competitors for these championships.

Congratulations go to the following clubs for their successes at the Welsh Stillwater Championships 2023:

Nipper Champions – Penybont SLSC
Youth Champions – Sker & Pink Bay
Open Champions – Crawley Town LC
Masters Champions – Sker & Pink Bay

The Wilkinson Sword went to the first ranking Welsh club at the Youth, Open & Masters' Championships; congratulations go to Sker & Pink Bay.

Thanks goes to all who help run the championships so smoothly including those on the pool deck, the timing suite, safeguarding volunteers and all the staff at the Wales International Pool, Swansea.

Ocean 2023

Poor weather played a large part in our summer championships, day one offered a large challenge of wind, rain and tough currents for our athletes to contend against. Towards the end of the day, the conditions meant we had to cancel and come back a month later for "The Welsh - part 2." All officials, competitors and parents turned up with the same positive

attitude they left the beach, and it resulted in another great day of Surf Lifesaving Sport in Wales. A special mention must go to the Llantwit Major who managed to pull together the whole village to ensure they became the 2023 Masters champions.

Congratulations go to the following clubs for their successes at the Welsh Ocean Championships 2023:

Youth Champions – Pen y Bont

Open Champions – Pen y Bont

Masters Champions – Llantwit Major

For our 2023 nipper championships we took Surf Lifesaving Wales on the road to a beach we haven't used for the last 20 years, Poppit Sands. We were met with great hospitality, enthusiasm and helpfulness from the local club. The weather was also on our side, and we saw some great racing from our youngest athletes. Our 2023 Nipper Champions were 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 Poppit Sands who hosted the nippers and Porthcawl who hosted the youth champs. Again, should a club wish to host then let the sports commission know.

Super Club 2023

The 2023 Super Club competition was contested very fiercely by 14 clubs with a close battle for first place, the overall points score as seen below.

Place	Club	Points
1	Pen-y-bont	362
2	Llantwit Major	290
3	Rest Bay	286
4	Skер & Pink Pay	282
5	Rhoose	274
6	Vale	258
7	Poppit Sands	230
7	Langland Bay	230

Place	Club	Points
9	Mumbles	198
10	Whitmore Bay	126
11	Aberavon	112
12	Southerndown	31
13	Porthmawr	28
14	Centurion	20

2023 also saw several club-based events run over the summer season, from nipper carnivals to the inaugural Super6 event run by Sker & Rest Bay lifeguard clubs. All of these gave our membership another chance to enjoy the sport and put their skills into practice. If your club are interested in running your own event within Wales then let us know and we can support you in getting the idea off the ground.

I always take pride in the level of competition we put on in Wales. We occasionally get competitors from across the world arrive to take part in our events and they always comment on the high level of competition and efficiency of which we run our events. This is also apparent when traveling to competitions abroad also. None of that can happen without the volunteers who stand in the rain, wind and occasionally sun to make our events a success, so thank you for all you do.

My last thanks go to the individual members of the commission for their support and input on all aspects of lifesaving sport in Wales, the continued support from the Board of trustees, Powercraft commission and the clubs, so thank you all. I can assure you that we are working hard in the background to continue providing many more high-level competitions in 2024.

Simon Perry
Chair of Sports Commission

Welsh Team Report 2023

On behalf of the Welsh team, I would like to thank the following, without your support we would not have ranking or a competition.

The Board of Management, Sports Commission, Boat crews and Officials once again thank you.

It was decided that we would keep the rankings as previous years which consisted of two rankings. One having two beach events and one water, with the second having two water and one beach.

All male competitors to enter together and all female competitors to enter together. This process allows the management team to assess all competitors and to select the best squad for the competition.

The rankings were held at Coney beach, and we thank Porthcawl lifeguard club for allowing us the use even when we had to change at the last minute from Rest Bay due to unforeseen circumstances.

The rankings were well attended and racing amongst the competitors was very close.

The team were selected, and training sessions were held at Porthcawl. There were also two additional sessions for squad members, one being a Nutrition session and the other a Ski technique session.

The competition was held at Bude with Cornwall the hosts. The teams competing were Wales, Cornwall, Devon and Wessex.

The team travelled down, and all met up at Bude Holiday Park, staying together forged a great team spirit which was shown throughout the competition.

The events contested were, Beach Sprints, Beach Flags, Ski Race, Board Race, Surf race, Ocean Man/Lady, Sprint Relay, Taplin Relay, Ocean Lifesaver and the Celtic Cup 6-person Lifesaver Relay.

The sun was shining and the surf very good. Wales excelled on the beach and continued into the sea events. Due to the incoming tide and number of public on the beach we had to cancel the Celtic Cup race, we all agreed that whoever hosts next year's competition this will be the guest event.

After close and strong completion from all teams, Wales triumphed as the winners with Cornwall second, Devon third and Wessex with a weakened team finishing fourth.

A great day was had by all, and the host club kindly offered Cornish pasties to all that took part in the event.

The team celebrated their win at the presentation evening at the Towers in Swansea, another great night together.

Welsh Team 2023

Seniors

Lloyd Rosewell (Captain), Ash Lewis, Drew Howells, Will James, Jason Grice, Tomos Rees

Ellie McCloy (Vice-Captain), Evie Wong, Kelsea Peterson, Abi Davies, Meriel Clode, Anna Rose Merchant.

Youth

Aled James, Cai Williams, Dan Whittaker, Gethin Lewis, Lewis Morgan, Robert Grice.

Ava Wong, Connie Miller, Eve Hickman, Mali MacDuff, Rosie Ann Chick, Hollie Lewis.

We as the management team would like to say thank you to the squad for their commitment to training and racing and the team spirit they evoked.

Lee Perry Executive Welsh Team Manager

Karen O Donoghue-Harris Senior Team Manager

Tomi and Cerys Turner Youth Team Managers.

Powercraft Commission Report 2023

I would like to start my report by thanking all IRB Crews for the tremendous work they have done in 2023. 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.

As in previous years we organised IRB training in St. Davids to coincide with the Nipper and Youth weekends which proved to be very popular and a great success. We plan on repeating this again in 2024 together with a specific IRB Training and Update weekend in June with an emphasis on training, updates and examinations.

If you require any leaning material the SLSA Wales Inflatable Rescue Boat Manual Version 3 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 from any of the instructors and examiners within the Powercraft Group. It is an essential learning aid for those who want to get involved with IRB's or to refresh your existing knowledge.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all those who found time as unpaid volunteers 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 2024.

The SLSA Wales boats were on the water on over 40 separate occasions in 2023 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, Achilles and Arancia 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.

Throughout 2023 we arranged IRB cover for all the various competitions, events and examinations (when requested) which ranged from just a few hours on the water to running the water safety at the Welsh Championships in Porthcawl over 2 days in the middle of July. Many thanks to all that took time out on their evenings and 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 2023 season.

2024 is already shaping up to be another busy season, especially with the World Life Saving Championships taking place in the Gold Coast, Australia at the end of August. Several members of the Powercraft Group from Wales plan on attending this prestigious event to compete in or offer support as unpaid volunteers within the event water safety team.

As always, I would encourage all Clubs with IRB's to get involved in the SLSA Wales Powercraft Group. Training sessions will be organised throughout the season for Clubs or individuals wishing to improve their skills or gain qualifications. We can also help you with any technical issues you may have – look out for the IRB Bulletins from SLSA Wales Powercraft in 2024 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 2023 and I look forward to seeing you on the water in 2024.

Chris Parry

Chair – Powercraft Commission

SLSA Wales

Youth Development Commission

What a fantastic year 2023 – 2024 has been in the Youth Development Programme and I would like to start this report by thanking everyone who has supported the Youth Development programme over the last 12 months. A huge thanks to all the clubs who were able to organise their own Nipper Carnivals and Youth events and thanks to the coaching staff and parent helpers who have gained and renewed their skills and qualifications over the past 12 months to enable us to run the various activities and events this coming year.

The last twelve months saw the fantastic return of our flagship events of Nipper and Youth Camp in West Wales at Celtic Camping and Porth-Mawr Beach at St David's. I would personally like to thank the camp leadership team for all their hard work, getting these events up and running again. Also, to the clubs and children who supported and attended the event. It was one of the best years of residential camps that I have attended.

Along with the Carnivals and events, the Summer saw the Welsh Nipper Champs at Poppit Sands where SLSA Wales were welcomed by all members of the club who hosted a fantastic Nipper Championship.

At our annual presentation evening back in November I was very pleased to award the Nippers of Poppit Sands "Nipper Club of the year," in recognition of their development, progress and growth, voted by member clubs.

I am delighted to announce that Elin Rees has been appointed Secretary of the Youth Development Commission this year and we are all looking forward to a busy year with the residential camps at Celtic Camping in St David's, West Wales and another programme of Nipper and Youth Carnivals and events being organised and run by our individual Lifeguard Clubs.

Thank you all, for your support over the past 12 months and we look forward to seeing you all again over the coming weeks and months. If you would like to be part of the Youth Development Commission Team, please get in touch with Elin or myself at any time.

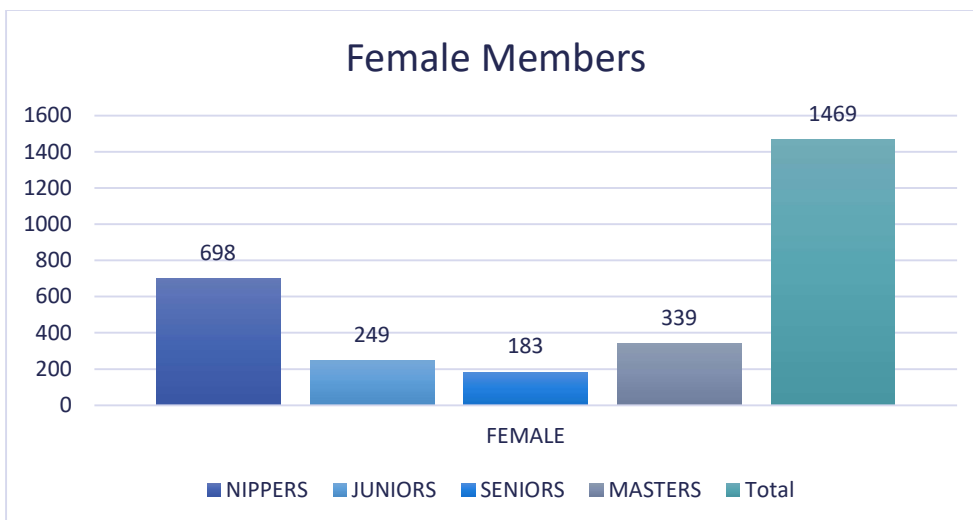
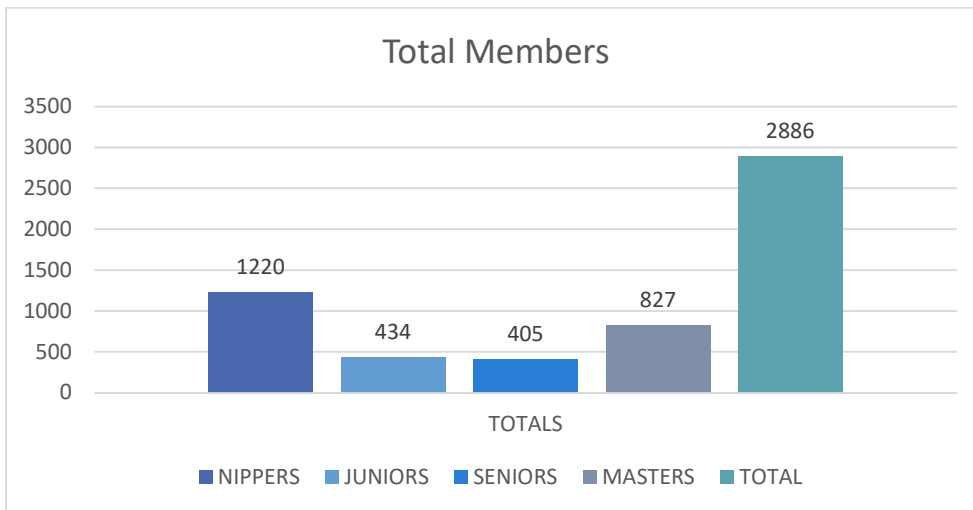
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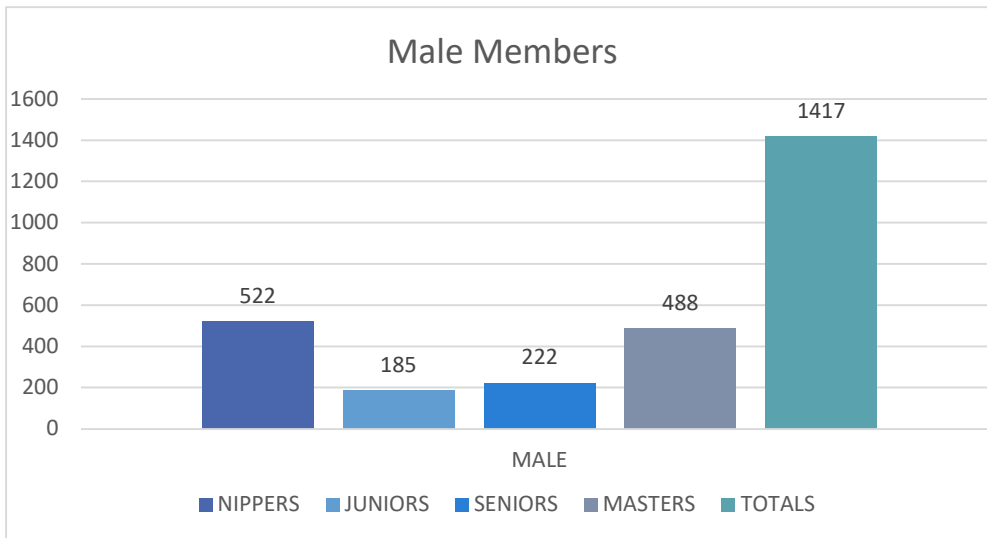
Chair of the Youth Development Commission

Membership Statistics

Memberships 31/12/2023

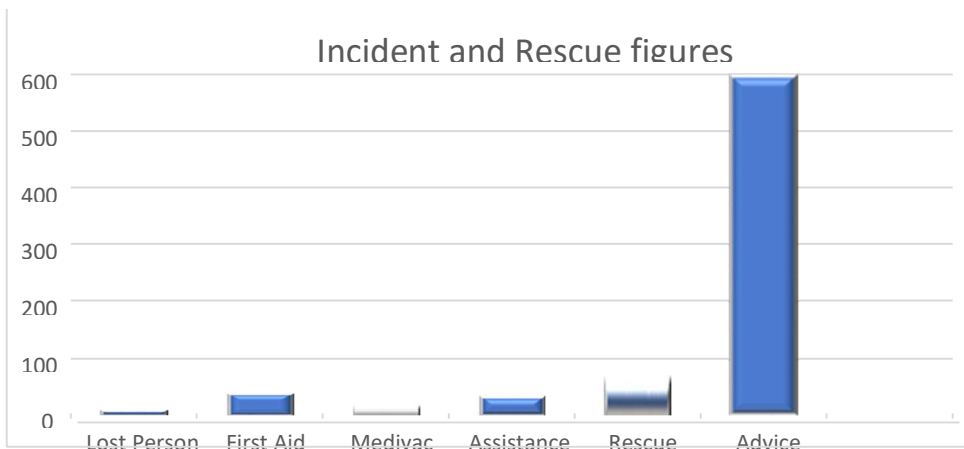
	NIPPERS	JUNIORS	SENIORS	MASTERS	TOTALS
MALE	522	185	222	488	1417
FEMALE	698	249	183	339	1469
TOTALS	1220	434	405	827	2886





Incident and Rescue Figures

Shown below is a summary of the record of incidents and rescues for last summer (2023). In total 34 people have been saved during that period and advice given to 6804 members of the public; so is there a better endorsement of the invaluable service the volunteers of Surf Life Saving, Wales provide?



Looking at the table above, although highlighting the fantastic work of our volunteers, the numbers themselves, do not describe the humanitarian picture behind them.

Over the last 26 years, since digital records were first kept in 1995, the voluntary lifeguards of our lifesaving clubs have rescued **1851** 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.

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023
FOR
THE SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION
OF WALES**

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**THE SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION
OF WALES**

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THE SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF WALES

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023. 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 2019).

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 we teach on a voluntary basis from the ages of 7 years to 70 years of age with Lifesaving and First Aid our focus.

Beach Awards

- Nipper Beach and Water Safety Awards, Level 1- 7-9 years old, Level 2 - 9-10 years old, Level 3 - 11-13 years old.
- Nipper Competence Awards, Levels 1,2,3,4.
- Nipper Life Supports Awards, Level 1,2,3 up to 13 years old.
- Nipper First Aid Awards, Level 1,2,3.

Pool Based Awards

- Water Safety Awards Pool Levels 1,2,3,4,5, & 6. These are all International Lifesaving approved awards.
- For all candidates over 16yrs - NVBLQ (National Vocational Beach Lifeguard) Awards - Level 1 - 12-13 years, Level 2 - 13 - 14 years & Level 3 - 16 years to 70 years of age.
- Racing Ski Competence, Emergency Air 1,2 & 3, Emergency Responder, IRB Driver, IRB Cox, Master Surf Lifesaver Award, Trainer/Assessor Tutor Awards.

The Nipper & Youth Camps are held at Celtic Camping Farm, in St.Davids, West Wales with over 300 Nippers (8-11 years) and Youth Camp (12-14 years) all of which will be completing competency awards and learning valuable Lifesaving skills in how to look after themselves and others in the sea and pools.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

At the balance sheet date the charity showed unrestricted funds of approximately £85,000 of which £54,735 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 2023**

FUTURE PLANS

In the coming year we will see a continued emphasis on the Beach Lifesaving and Lifeguard Awards, 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

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 27 March 2024 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 Surf Life Saving Association of Wales (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

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 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.

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27 March 2024

**THE SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION
OF WALES**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

		2023 Unrestricted fund £	2022 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	Notes		
Donations and legacies		2,515	-
Other trading activities	2	114,367	80,890
Total		<u>116,882</u>	<u>80,890</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities	3		
Life saving and other activities		144,495	94,856
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(27,613)	(13,966)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		112,412	126,378
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>84,799</u>	<u>112,412</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**BALANCE SHEET
31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Notes	2023 Unrestricted fund £	2022 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Intangible assets	7	20,400	12,000
Tangible assets	8	4,501	7,441
		<u>24,901</u>	<u>19,441</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	9	6,963	16,586
Cash at bank		54,735	78,005
		<u>61,698</u>	<u>94,591</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(1,800)	(1,620)
		<u>59,898</u>	<u>92,971</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		<u>84,799</u>	<u>112,412</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			
		<u>84,799</u>	<u>112,412</u>
NET ASSETS			
		<u>84,799</u>	<u>112,412</u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds	11	84,799	112,412
		<u>84,799</u>	<u>112,412</u>
TOTAL FUNDS			
		<u>84,799</u>	<u>112,412</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 27 March 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

P B J Thomas - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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.

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.

Intangible fixed assets

Amortisation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

Computer software - 20% on cost

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.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2023 £	2022 £
Membership	52,128	34,248
Technical commission	7,714	10,754
Championships / ranking events	23,216	16,968
Nipper & Youth camp	22,008	-
Other income	9,301	16,920
Grants receivable	-	2,000
	<u>114,367</u>	<u>80,890</u>

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 4) £	Totals £
Life saving and other activities	<u>142,017</u>	<u>2,478</u>	<u>144,495</u>

4. SUPPORT COSTS

	Finance £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Life saving and other activities	<u>101</u>	<u>2,377</u>	<u>2,478</u>

Included in support costs are Independent Examiners fees payable of £1,800 (2022: £1,620).

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Trustees' expenses

During the year ended 31 December 2023 there were expenses paid to three of the trustees for reimbursement of expenses incurred wholly and exclusively in relation to charitable activities totalling £9,227 (2022: £11,319).

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Other trading activities	<u>80,890</u>
EXPENDITURE ON Charitable activities	
Life saving and other activities	<u>94,856</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	<u>(13,966)</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

Unrestricted
fund
£

RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS

Total funds brought forward

126,378

TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD

112,412

7. INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Computer
software
£

COST

At 1 January 2023

12,000

Additions

12,000

At 31 December 2023

24,000

AMORTISATION

Charge for year

3,600

NET BOOK VALUE

At 31 December 2023

20,400

At 31 December 2022

12,000

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Plant and
machinery
£

Motor
vehicles
£

Totals
£

COST

At 1 January 2023 and
31 December 2023

68,409

23,595

92,004

DEPRECIATION

At 1 January 2023

61,755

22,808

84,563

Charge for year

2,153

787

2,940

At 31 December 2023

63,908

23,595

87,503

NET BOOK VALUE

At 31 December 2023

4,501

-

4,501

At 31 December 2022

6,654

787

7,441

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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9. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2022 £
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>6,963</u>	<u>16,586</u>

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2022 £
Other creditors	<u>1,800</u>	<u>1,620</u>

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	112,412	(27,613)	84,799
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>112,412</u>	<u>(27,613)</u>	<u>84,799</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	116,882	(144,495)	(27,613)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>116,882</u>	<u>(144,495)</u>	<u>(27,613)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	126,378	(13,966)	112,412
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>126,378</u>	<u>(13,966)</u>	<u>112,412</u>

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11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	80,890	(94,856)	(13,966)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>80,890</u>	<u>(94,856)</u>	<u>(13,966)</u>

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

	At 1.1.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	126,378	(41,579)	84,799
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>126,378</u>	<u>(41,579)</u>	<u>84,799</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 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	197,772	(239,351)	(41,579)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>197,772</u>	<u>(239,351)</u>	<u>(41,579)</u>

12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2023.

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	2023 £	2022 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	2,515	-
Other trading activities		
Membership	52,128	34,248
Technical commission	7,714	10,754
Championships / ranking events	23,216	16,968
Nipper & Youth camp	22,008	-
Other income	9,301	16,920
Grants receivable	-	2,000
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	114,367	80,890
Total incoming resources	<hr/>	<hr/>
	116,882	80,890
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Rates and water	11,748	10,928
Insurance	22,651	21,034
Postage and stationery	227	56
Sundries	35	1,086
Competitions	24,253	18,711
Affiliations	16,627	5,310
Equipment and maintenance	3,881	9,894
Presentation night	5,737	4,633
Nipper and Youth camp	32,410	-
E-Learning and Web Page	8,282	6,260
Travelling expenses	1,561	6,578
Welsh camps	8,066	-
Computer software	3,600	-
Plant and machinery	2,152	3,423
Motor vehicles	787	4,719
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	142,017	92,632
Support costs		
Finance		
Bank charges	101	40
Governance costs		
Professional fees	481	564
Accountancy	1,896	1,620
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	2,377	2,184

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	2023 £	2022 £
Total resources expended	<u>144,495</u>	<u>94,856</u>
Net expenditure	<u><u>(27,613)</u></u>	<u><u>(13,966)</u></u>

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