



Wigtown Bay Coastal Rowing Club (SCI049939)

Annual Report

1st April 2021 – 31st March 2022



Charity Contact information



Wigtown Bay Coastal Rowing Club SCIO

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Secretary
Vikki Reay-Martin

Ruby Bell



John McGuire



Shaun McGuire



Rowing Captain
Becki Castle

Objectives and Activities

Wigtown Bay Coastal Rowing Club, at the Isle of Whithorn, builds, maintains and rows coastal rowing boats. Our club is for everyone, without exception. All ages and abilities are welcome to become involved.

Our aim is to promote our coastal rowing heritage in an inclusive and positive way. Everyone can learn new skills, build and maintain boats, and row, joining in with us to maintain good physical and mental health, to socialise or to support and fundraise.

- Celebrating our heritage, we promote and support the building and use of coastal rowing boats in the Wigtown Bay area, centred on the Isle of Whithorn.
- Encouraging all to participate in sport, we promote coastal rowing as a healthy activity, which can be done safely by people of all ages at a level suited to their competence, experience, and state of fitness. In addition, providing unique opportunities to be close to nature and wildlife.
- Providing recreational facilities, we encourage everyone, of all ages, to take part in the activities offered by the club.

We launched Breagha, our first St Ayles skiff, on 29th May 2021. She needed to be taken over an 8ft tall wall to get her out of the build shed. Since that day she has been launched over 70 times, giving at least 500 opportunities to row. Breagha can be seen in the Isle of Whithorn Bay when conditions allow, with social rowers, and those who have been bitten by the competitive bug.

'Build her strong and true and she will carry you home.'



Jacqueline Shona
Lindsey Lynne



Caroline Rose Raymond



Getting Breagha Out!

Structure, Governance and Management

Wigtown Bay Coastal Rowing Club is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). We achieved SCIO status on 10th February 2020, having been constituted as a club on 30th April 2019. Our official title is Wigtown Bay Coastal Rowing Club SCIO, we are registered SCI049939.

A copy of our Constitution is available on request. Please contact our Secretary through our website, Facebook page or email.

Members

Our club consists of members and a board of charity trustees. Full membership is open to anyone 16 years and over who has an interest in coastal rowing. Junior membership is open to children under 16 years. We decide our membership subscriptions for adult and juniors at our annual general meeting. Our constitution allows us to set those subscriptions at nil. Members have responsibilities that include taking decisions on changes to the constitution of the club, and electing Charity Trustees annually.

Board of Charity Trustees responsibilities

Our Board of Charity Trustees has responsibility to ensure our club complies with our constitution. We must report annually to the Office of Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR), incorporating accurate, independently examined, accounts.

Our Board also has a duty to maintain a register of members. If a member or Trustee requests a copy of the register, the request, if reasonable, must be met within 28 days. If the request is from a member, the register copy provided will have addresses removed.

Minutes of meetings must be kept by the Board. The minutes should include the names of people present and be signed by the chair of the meeting.

The Board must keep a register of Charity Trustees, and update that register within 28 days of any change. Any person can make a request to have a copy of the register of the board of charity trustees.

Our Board of Charity Trustees has a duty to act with the care and diligence which it is reasonable to expect when managing the affairs of another.

Our constitution outlines specific responsibilities for Charity Trustees where there is a conflict of interest, breach of duties, and in line with a code of conduct under Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005.

Annual General Meetings

Annual General Meetings are quorate with one quarter of the membership present, voting by proxy, or attending by video or audio conference. Proxy votes are given to board members in advance of the AGM. All members are entitled to one vote each.

Charity Trustee Recruitment and appointment

A full member aged 16 or over, at the time of appointment, is eligible to become a Charity Trustee. Someone who is disqualified under the Charities and Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 or is an employee of Wigtown Bay Coastal Rowing Club SCIO cannot be elected to our Board of Charity Trustees.

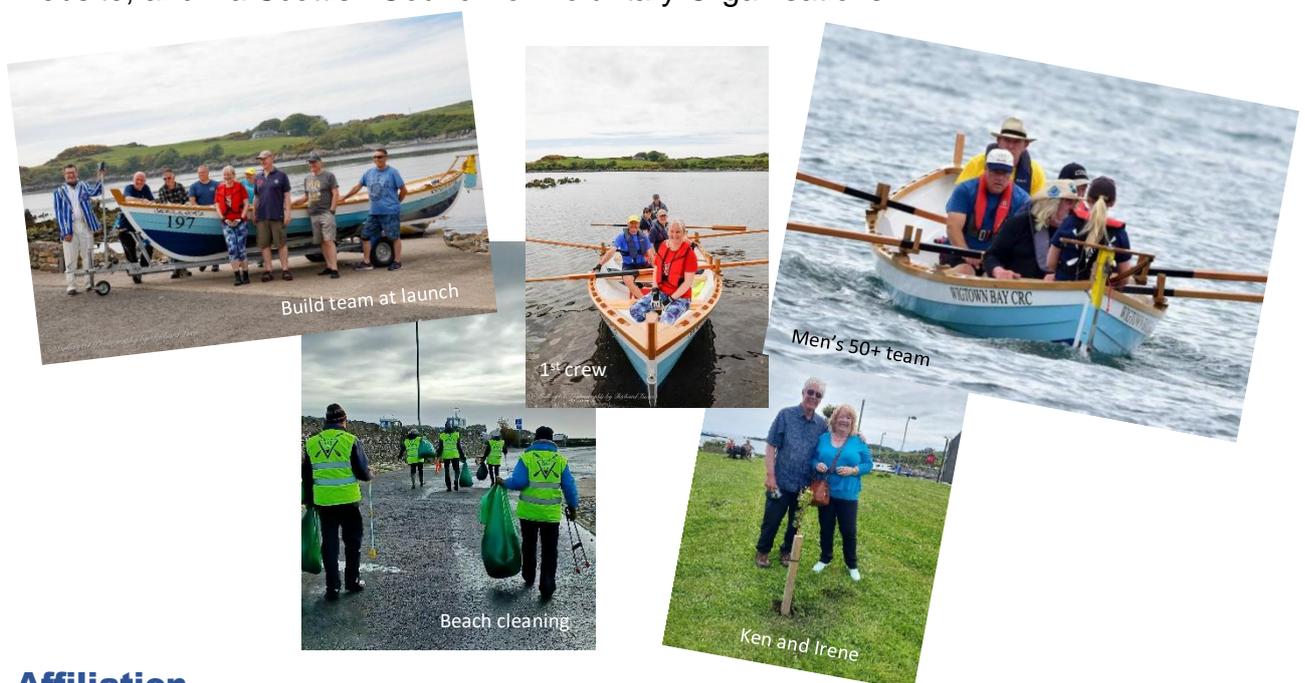
We can have a maximum of 9 Charity Trustees on our board. A maximum of 7 elected, and 2 co-opted by the Board. Those co-opted could be from the membership, or non-members co-opted for their specialist experience or skill, or because they have been nominated by the Scottish Coastal Rowing Association. The minimum number of Charity Trustees is 3.

The Board once elected, appoints office bearers of Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary, and other office bearers as required.

Our current Board of Charity Trustees were elected at our AGM on 22nd April 2021 or subsequently co-opted to the board from members.

Our Club will flourish if our Board of Charity Trustees consists of enthusiastic members, sharing different skills, ideas and experiences. Any member interested in finding out more about the role of a Charity Trustee can contact our Board for more information.

Additional information can be found on the Office of Scottish Charity Regulator website, and via Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations.



Affiliation

Our club is a member of the Scottish Coastal Rowing Association (SC050345), the national governing body for fixed seat rowing in Scotland, and the class association for the St Ayles skiff. We pay an annual subscription for our membership. Membership brings all the benefits of SCRA, including the opportunity to take part in regattas, and to share knowledge about coastal rowing, and clinker built craft.

Achievements and Performance

At our AGM in 2021 we were unable to predict just when we would be able to get out onto the water and launch Breagha. We have achieved so much as a club in the last 12 months and all our members should be very proud.

We launched RowAround 2021 at the start of May 2021. No clubs were allowed to row at that time. Over 20 members of the club got together, thanks to Becki's organisation. They walked, SU paddled, kayaked, ran, and cycled the coast to Stranraer.

On 29th May 2021 we launched Breagha. The weather was kind, and we had the first gathering at the harbour for villagers since lockdown. At the time we still had restrictions on public gatherings, so we did not advertise. Thanks to Rev Currie, and the piper, Breagha had a perfect send off, welcomed onto the water by friends from Hippo, Annan, and Stranraer clubs. Irene and Ken Matier planted a sapling to commemorate the launch. It was a fantastic community day. Thank you to everyone who supported us on that day, especially all the volunteers who made it happen.

Breagha has made public appearances at Wigtown Shindy, and Newton Stewart and Wigtown Coops – to support our campaign for fundraising as one of the Coops Local Good causes for 2021-22. Thanks to Pete and Tina Smith for all your towing support this year. We have had success at the Bell Raid, Nith raid, and at Carrick Regatta September 2021 our young club performed outstandingly. Two crews took part in the long row, the Exciseman's Chase, a 3 mile race from Maidens Harbour to Gashouse Bay and back with a crew change. Our Mixed Open Sprint crew rowed their way into 1st place, beating another 7 established clubs, we came 3rd in the Women's sprints and our Men's Open crew came in 5th.

I am so delighted to have seen her out on the water so often, with numbers of rowers of different ages involved.

July 24th, 25th, the dates of our first regatta. Very much a local affair, learning the ropes of regatta planning and organising with the support of Andy Rendle from the Scottish Coastal Rowing Association. We built on all the planning work carried out by trustees, with Shaun McGuire, James McGhie, and Martin Lochrie, in 2020. Stranraer, Annan, and Hippo came to take part. Hippo won the Garlieston to Isle race, so the first winners of the quaich. Vikki won the Mundle Trophy, made by Dave Jones, and presented by Raymond Mundle.

It was fantastic to have the support of Isle Futures, the Isle Heritage Group, Youth Group and local businesses, with stalls at the event on Sunday, and free children's activities. With the Whithorn Trust launching their Whithorn rebuild Log boat 'Ruadh' as well, the whole event had a gala feel. Thank you to Newton Stewart Sub Aqua Club, and Darren Cross for providing safety boat cover for the weekend, and PIRSAC for carrying out safety activities in the bay for all to see on Sunday.

We were one of 55 clubs in RowAround 2021 Microplastics trawl contributing to this citizen science survey. We followed this up with attendance at the SCRA AGM,

taking the samples for all the local clubs. We were awarded the SCRA green flag for all our beach cleaning, litter picking work and our contribution to the Isle of Whithorn Visitors Management Plan, and blue flag for our community work, including fundraising for Sarcoma UK this year.

Maintaining Breagha has been a challenge without a covered space to work in, so we are as ever incredibly grateful for the generosity of those who lend us space, tools and expertise to keep us afloat. Glyn Mountain loaned us his shed at Port William. This enabled us to repair nicks and damage to gunwales and paintwork, quickly and get Breagha back on the water for use. Raymond provides his skills for us, between his working with Portpatrick Community Development Trust on their St Ayles skiff.

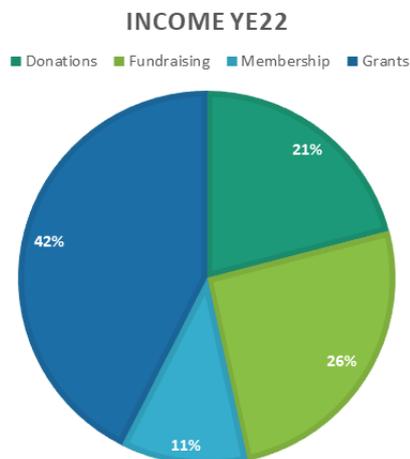
Fundraising stalls at Breagha's launch, and regatta, thanks to volunteers, all those who donated cakes, and flipped burgers, raised significant funds for the club, these have contributed to purchasing a new set of oars, due to arrive later this year. Our Christmas social was a great success, thank you to everyone who came. We have also linked with Stranraer Coastal Rowing Club fundraising in support of those who are taking part in Skiffieworlds 2022 at Kortgene at the end of June this year.

Ruby Bell joined our board at our last AGM; Shaun McGuire and John McGuire have joined during the year, all of them bringing their skills, and expertise. We now have a full board of trustees.

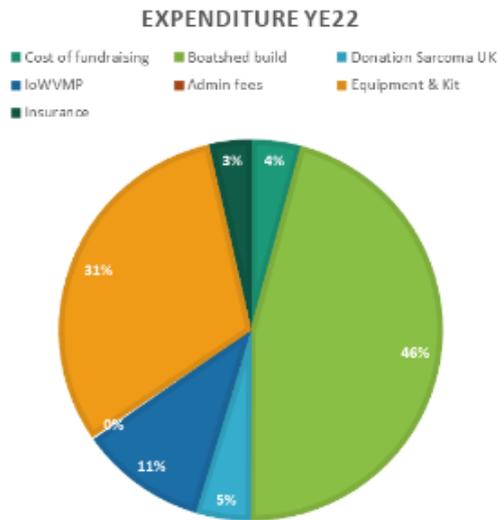
Thank you to all the volunteers, supporters, helpers, rowers, all those who have contributed to our club for everything that you have done in this last 12 months, we hope you will continue to enable us to flourish.

Financial Review

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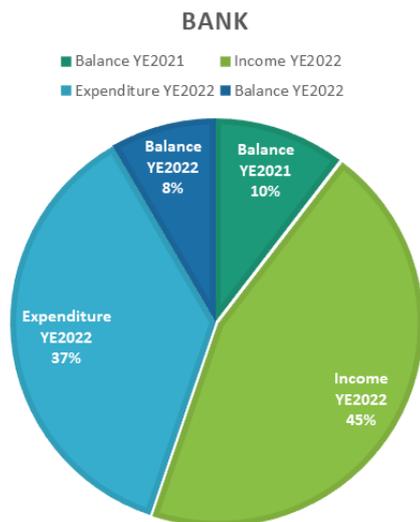


- Donations £2218
- Fundraising £2715.37
- Membership & Subscriptions £1155
- Grants £4505.86
- Total income YE2022 £10,596.23



- Cost of Fundraising £362.94
- Boatshed Build £3955
- Donation to Sarcoma UK £400
- Isle VMP £915.04
- Admin fees/regatta costs £15
- Equipment & kit £2676.16
- Insurance £304
- Total Expenditure YE2022 £8628.14

Wigtown Bay CRC SC049939 YE 2022



- Bank Balance YE 2021 £2446.89
- Income total YE2022 £10596.23
- Expenditure total YE 2022 £8628.14
- Balance remaining from Income and Expenditure YE2022 £1968.09
- Final Bank Balance YE 2022 £4414.98

We started the year, 1.4.21, with a bank balance of £2446.89. Income; Donations £2,218; the largest from VMR for £2k for planning; smaller welcome individual amounts for general club use amounting to £218 from private donations.

Fundraising £2715.37; Breagha's launch cake stall £365; Regatta T shirt sales £652; Regatta cake sales £581; Regatta BBQ £153.37; Folky Mac Folk Face £160; Fairtrade coffee morning £120 (ringfenced for Worlds Regatta funding); T shirt sales throughout year £684. Membership fees £1155

Grants £4507.86; NatureScot £2061.24; CORRA Foundation £1266.62; Tonderghie Holdings £880.00; Wigtown Community Shop £300.

Total £10,596.23

We have also secured grant funding specifically related to the Cairn Field boatshed project. The monies are promised and not within our account at the time of this AGM hence not included in account totals; however, they are

- Dumfries and Galloway Regionwide Coastal Benefit Fund £50,000
- Sportscotland £50,000
- South of Scotland Enterprise £5322

Land in the Cairn field has been donated to the club, by Tonderghie Holdings.

Expenditure; Cost of Fundraising; Cheque to Isle Futures for stalls £50.94; Blue Tree design Mugs £312 (this was partially paid for by £150 from Isle of Whithorn Community Council from YE2022);

Boatshed Build; Planning permission £1985.00 (covered by donation from VRM); Kaya Consulting £1320 (covered by grant from SOSE, and Tonderghie Holdings); We Mix Media visual £650 (covered by grant from SOSE and Tonderghie Holdings)

WBCRC Donations £400 to Sarcoma UK.

IoW Visitor Management Plan £915.04 – this is our contribution to keeping our village and coastline clean, and was supported by volunteer time, provision of grabbers, fluorescent jackets, green bags and gloves by D&G Council and by trustee donation, and Nature Scot Funding.

Club funds contributed £77.20 to ongoing uplift of recycling and general waste from Cairn field from November 2021 until end of March 2022.

Admin fees including regatta costs; £15. All admin costs at present are being met by the club secretary. Regatta costs in 2021 were for Nith Raid and Bell Raid registration.

Equipment and Kit; £2676.16;

We bought industrial waste bins this year, to support the Isle of Whithorn Visitors Management Plan, with Nature Scot funding; £1223.40. A general waste bin, and recycling paper & card, tins & plastic.

We spent £102 on decals for Breagha paid for from club funds – supported by membership fees.

We bought £259.96 worth of lifejackets for youngsters using funds from CORRA Foundation; and with £600 from CORRA Foundation and £490.80 from general club funds we have purchased a set of hollow oars from Collars – to be delivered in July/August 2022.

Maintenance of Breagha has been carried out with donated epoxy; existing paints, purchased in YE2021; and she has been kept under donated tarpaulin, with donated rope and duct tape.

Insurance £304; this covers public liability and Breagha on the water.

Insurance for land storage, maintenance, boat construction and equipment still to be sourced at time of submitting accounts for inspection. £308 quoted from Towergate Insurance Combined Commercial policy.

Total expenditure £8,628.14

Balance remaining £1968.09

31.3.22 bank balance £4414.98

Our club continues to thrive due to the goodwill of its members and supporters. All club activities this year have been carried out by members and club supporters volunteering, thank-you to everyone for that. As planned the cost of major purchases has been met by terrific fundraising efforts, and membership fees are forming the basis of our insurance and accountancy costs; with any additional monies available to address boat and kit maintenance.

Income and Expenditure 2022 -23.

It is the intention of club trustees to continue to fund weekly uplift of the waste bins from Cairn field in order to promote cleanliness of our village and coastline, throughout the holiday season.

Following a generous donation from a club member, we shall be purchasing a boat cover.

Regatta costs registration for Worlds 2022 are being met by individuals attending.

Attendance for Worlds is a joint activity with Stranraer CRC. Fundraising for all costs, other than personal transport and accommodation is taking place between both clubs. WBCRC are contributing £250 to costs overall to assist in funding transport of the skiff, and insurance costs. All this will be detailed in 2022-23 accounts. £120 of existing fundraising is earmarked for Worlds funding contribution alongside the £250.

Reserves

We plan our membership subscriptions to cover existing insurance and accounting responsibilities and agree that we can raise additional funds through membership, and appropriate fundraising activity. We have no funding ring fenced for reserves at this time. We intend to keep this under review in light of changes in our assets.

Future Plans

2022-23 is already proving to be a busy year for the club. With well over 60 opportunities to row created this year we hope to increase that in 2022-23.

We are planning for the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations in early June, launching at the Isle and Port William. We shall be rowing at Skiffieworlds in late June early July 2022. We are planning our 2nd Regatta for 27th and 28th August 2022 to include free children's activities on both days this year and hosting 7 clubs.

We plan to launch more at Port William, whilst continuing to develop rowing at the Isle of Whithorn, both leisure and competitive.

We continue to pursue planning permission for our boatshed. We shall facilitate maintenance, and refurbishment of our donated craft, whilst building stronger connections with local clubs and societies. A great year ahead for us all.

Wigtown Bay Coastal Rowing Club welcomes everyone to find out more and join in with our club activities. People are our foundation.



'Build her strong and true and she will carry you home'



Chairman Alastair SCOULAR
Secretary Vikki REAY-MARTIN

25th May 2022

