

Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	01	2025	To	31	12	2025

Office of the Scottish **Charity Regulator**

Reference and administration details

Charity name
Other names charity is known by
Registered charity number
Charity's principal address

CR Cats SCIO
SC049230
CRCATS Canoe Club
Shavelhaugh Loan (C110) (North River Devon)
Alva
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Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	David Campbell	Chair		
2	Nicola Buchanan	Secretary	From 16 March 2026	
3	Helen Bradford	Treasurer	From 1 May 2026	
4	Janine Linning	Treasurer	Until 1 May 2026	
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Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
Kirsteen Philips	Until 16.03.2026

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document	The SCIO is governed by a Constitution
Trustee recruitment and appointment	Following the end of the financial year 2025, and prior to submission of this report, we have 2 new trustees - Nikki Buchannan and Helen Bradford.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes	1. To foster, develop and advance public participation in canoe sports. 2. To organise training, competition and recreational activities in canoeing and kayaking with an emphasis on young people in Central Scotland.
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	1. Provision of regular training sessions for club members, with a focus on young people 2. Running of slalom canoeing competitions as part of the UK slalom community 3. Run beginner camps to engage more people in canoe slalom 4. Run taster sessions for local youth organisations to introduce more young people to canoe slalom.

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

In the financial year 2025, the club continued to offer training competition and recreational activities to young people in central Scotland. The club ran several training sessions each week, from beginner sessions to advanced sessions. These sessions were hosted in a range of venues, from Alva, our home site, Pinkston Watersports in Glasgow, Grandtully in Perthshire, and local swimming pools over winter.

The club was also part of a collaboration with other Scottish clubs, supporting paddlers with weekend training in Scotland and at white water centres in England and Wales, and the summer trip to Europe.

We ran 3 UK wide canoe slalom events, two at the beginners level at Alva, one intermediate level at Pinkston Watersports. Jointly with another club we ran an elite level race at Grandtully.

We ran a range of beginner camps at the Easter and Summer holidays, and weekly beginner sessions in the summer term, to introduce young people to canoe slalom.

We also provided taster sessions in canoeing to local youth organisations such as cubs, scouts and guides.

The club has paddlers competing across all levels of the sport, including several representing their nation at World and European events.

This year included a focus on supporting a number of club members to complete coaching, first aid and water safety qualification to expand the pool of available coaches.

The club supports local community organisations by allowing them to use the site on a regular basis. In the summer months, a guide company uses the site, as does a local sports club. We also allow local youth organisations to use the site on a one-off basis for events, and camping.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Bank balances at year end were **£36,476.10** compared to £28,046.23 overall club cash balance at the start of the year with about 775 or so transactions. The club ended the year in a surplus, £8,429.87, compared to a deficit from the previous year (-£10,421.61). This was primarily due to three issues. 1. The club was successful in receiving a grant of £5000.00 for works to the site, this was received late in the financial year, with £786.16 spent and the rest due to be spent in 2026. This is now restricted funds, along with £3,300 from the club as part of the grant requirements, totalling **£7513.84**. 2. Our founding club coach died, and the club received donations in his memorial (£2790), and this will be spent on supporting young paddlers. The money was used to support a memorial training event in 2025, and the balance is **£2102.50**. This is now restricted funds. 3. The club did not have a significant spend on kit (£543.79 vs £8,107.15 in 2024.) The renewal of kit is a periodic requirement, and we need to ensure that we have sufficient funds to renew any kit, especially safety critical kit promptly when required.

The club balance, less the restricted funds, was **£26,859.76**. The club aims to keep a £12,000 designated operational reserve to cover ongoing coaching cost, site and kit costs.

Details of any deficit

None

Donated facilities and services (if any)

APPENDIX 1

Other optional information

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) David Campbell
*OSCR will accept
digital or typed
signatures*

Full name(s) David Campbell

Position (e.g. Chair) CHAIR

Date 7th September 2026