



**Celebrating 17 years
2007 - 2024**

Annual Report

Year ended 30 November 2024

Charity number SC 038870

Company number SC 332979



Sports Driving Limited

Report of the trustees for the year ended 30 November 2024

The trustees are pleased to present their annual report for the year ending 30 November 2024.

Reference and administrative details

Charity number: SC 038870

Company number: SC332979

Principal Office: Nether Boreland, Boreland Lockerbie DG11 2LL

Bank: The Co-operative Bank plc, PO Box 101, 1 Balloon Street, Manchester M60 4EP.

Directors and trustees

The directors of the charitable company (the charity) are its trustees for the purpose of charity law and throughout this report are collectively referred to as the trustees. The trustees serving during the year and since the year end are as follows: AB Hodgson, K Scott, RA Flexney, LJ Pern, JG Fergusson, RM Harrison. The board of trustees administers the charity and generally meets every eight to ten weeks. In the last year some trustees attended via a video link.

Governing Document

Sports Driving Limited is a company limited by guarantee governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 21 October 2007. An updated memorandum and Articles of Association was approved at the AGM held on 22 April 2021. It is registered as a charity with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator. Anyone over the age of 18 can become a member and there are currently 131 Friends of SDU [135 in 2023], 20 of whom have a disability.

Appointment of trustees

Trustees are elected annually by the members of the charitable company attending the Annual General Meeting. New trustees are briefed on their legal obligations under charity and company law, the content of the Memorandum and Articles of Association and decision-making processes.

Risk management

The trustees have a risk management strategy which comprises:

- An annual review of the risks the charity may face.
- The establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified in the plan.
- The implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise.
- Regular review of the charity's reserves policy.

Objectives and activities

The objects of the charity are:

- [1] The provision of facilities for sports driving for children and young people in need and people with a disability or health problems in order to promote fulfilment and benefit to their mental and physical health from sports driving and associated activities.
- [2] The provision of facilities for sports driving for children and young people in need and people with a disability or health problems as a basis for educational and learning purposes.
- [3] The encouragement and assistance of research into the effect of sports driving for the aforesaid purposes.

The main **objectives** are the accumulation of funds to ensure the ongoing involvement of existing drivers and provision of "try driving" sessions to interest new drivers and the generation of publicity through attending events to raise the profile of charity.

The **three major areas of activity** are: provision of training programmes to groups from schools and other organisations; provision of lessons for individuals wishing to develop their skills, including entering driving competitions; and providing information and fund raising at appropriate events.

Sports Driving is a member of **horsescotland**, the governing body for equestrian sport in Scotland, the **Third Sector Dumfries & Galloway**, voluntary sector interface organisation for Dumfries and Galloway and of **Sported**, a national charity transforming the lives of disadvantaged young people.

In achieving the objectives, successful **working partnerships** have been formed with other voluntary organisations, groups and schools. Sports Driving has agreed a formal partnership with **Chariots of Fire Equestrian Centre CIC**.

The trustees are grateful to a small, dedicated group of **volunteers** who raise funds and enthusiastically assist with group training sessions, enabling the provision of more sessions than otherwise would be the case. It would not be possible to offer the participants such a wonderful experience without the help of these generous people. The Rotary clubs in Lockerbie, Annan, Dumfries, Castle Douglas and other community groups regularly make generous donations to support our activities.

Funding and support

Grants have been received from The Hedley Foundation, Rotary district grant, The Holywood Trust, Anton Jurgens Charitable Trust, Agnes Hunter Trust, Allander Trust, Royal Company of Archers Charitable Trust, Dumfries & Galloway Council Amazing Summer Fund, EM Whittome 2013 Charitable Trust, Elsie Davies Trust and BBC Children in Need. These grants funded driving programmes, competitions, livery and purchase of equipment.

Donations were received from many generous supporters, including 2 bequests to fund activities, support the ponies and to purchase essential equipment. The local Rotary clubs in Dumfries, Lockerbie, Castle Douglas and Annan have donated funds and give ongoing support. Local companies and tradespeople support the charity with generous discounts on equipment and services. To make monetary donations easier and convenient for supporters we have a page on an online donation site www.localgiving.com/sportsdriving and receive donations from supporters' online shopping for purchases via www.easyfundraising.com a website that arranges donations from a wide range of online retailers.

Achievements and performance

Our drivers competed during the summer at 4 arena challenge events run by Chariots of Fire EC and at indoor driving competitions and outdoor events run by Dumfries & Galloway Horse Driving Club, North West Driving Club and North East Driving Trial throughout the year.

A total of 279 people took part in our activities throughout the year, with 940 lessons for individual drivers with disabilities. A total of 74 group sessions with 444 available places were provided for members, clients and pupils from local organisations:

- ✓ **Queensberry Learning Centre, Lincluden Primary School, North West Campus & Langlands School** in Dumfries, **Lochmaben Primary School** and **Lockerbie Learning Centre**.



- ✓ Sessions were provided for groups of youngsters and their families from Sanquhar, Stewartry, Galloway as well as Dumfries and Annandale.



Financial Review

The principal funding sources were private donations and grants from funding organisations and charities. Under the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the charity has the power to invest in any way the trustees wish. The trustees operated a policy of keeping available funds in an online bank account.

The reserves on 30 November 2023 were £1096.24. In calculating reserves, the trustees have excluded from total funds the restricted income funds of £27380.37.

In accordance with company law, as the company's directors, we certify that:

- So far as we are aware, there is no relevant information of which the company's external examiner is unaware; and
- As the directors of the company we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken to make ourselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the charity's external examiner is aware of that information.

By order of the trustees:

A.B. Hodgson

Brenda Hodgson
Chairperson

Our thanks to these organisations for their support:

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Devorgilla, Dumfries,
Annan, Lockerbie &
District, Castle
Douglas Rotary Clubs



Allander Youth Activities Charitable Trust

Founded by Alec J Spalding MBE in 2005



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