

SOVEREIGN SWIMMING Club for Disabled People

Registered Charity No. 263846

Annual Report 2008/2009

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The Club benefits the community by providing recreational swimming facilities for disabled people at Motcombe Pool, Eastbourne.

Club swimming sessions are held on Sunday afternoons from 2 to 4.15 pm and our pool hoist is available for public use throughout the week.

Chairman's Review

Looking back at our club activities for 2008/09, the first word that comes into my head is "weather". We seemed to have an awful lot of it. The 2008 Fun Gala was nearly abandoned as we had blizzard conditions, it rained at the Garden Party and we walked along the seafront for the Rotary Fun Walk in a monsoon. However, despite the best efforts of the weather to thwart all our endeavours, all these events were a great success.

As well as these major events, the club also took part in various other activities. In July, we had a stand at Motcombe's Open Day when the Mayor and Mayoress of Eastbourne officially opened the refurbished changing rooms. This didn't raise much in the way of funds, but did raise our profile, as it was a chance to meet local councillors, and some of the managers from SERCO who run the pool. Andrew Goodwin who is a councillor for Old Town was so interested in us that he took part in the Rotary Fun Walk with our club receiving his sponsorship money.



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We had a team of 14 walkers who raised £527 during a very wet Rotary sponsored Fun Walk along Eastbourne seafront in August 2008.

We again sold our Annual Draw tickets outside Sainsbury's at Hampden Park. As the previous year had been so successful, we decided to attempt two days, so on Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd November, we set up a stand in the foyer and with a small but enthusiastic team we raised £344.

Looking forward, the club has a thriving membership, a new enthusiastic team of young helpers and is ready to cope with whatever the weather may throw at us.

Rowena Gausden

August 2009
Mrs R P Gausden, Chairman

Summary of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31st March 2009

2008/09 INCOME (£)	
Fund Raising Activities	1,874.62
Members Subscriptions	920.00
Donations	841.34
Investment Income	585.88
Gift Aid	244.48
Total Income	4,466.32

Income and expenditure have returned to our normal levels this year following 2007/08's increase in both due to the purchase of two new swim chairs and corresponding generous donations.

Our own fundraising activities are again the mainstay of our income with the annual draw, sponsored seafront fun walk and garden party being events which many of our members can participate in. This also substantially boosts our income.

2008/09 EXPENDITURE (£)	
Motcombe Pool Hire	3,504.00
Hoist Maintenance	665.58
Affiliation/Insurance	260.00
Other Expenditure	310.10
Total Expenditure	4,739.68

The vast majority of our expenditure is the cost of hiring Motcombe Pool and maintaining the poolside hoist.

Over all, our expenditure exceeded income by £273.36 but, although our capital reserves make us financially sound, the whole of our CAF account will be required when our hoist needs replacing in a few years time.

BALANCE at 31.3.09 (£)	
Cash in Hand	38.04
Lloyds Bank Account	2,323.88
Nationwide B. Soc.	3,751.47
CAF Gold Account	10,176.27
	16,289.66

Membership Numbers

Club membership numbers remain steady and, by the year end, stood at 88, comprising 68 full members, 16 associate members and 4 active volunteer helpers.



Club members enjoying the Fun Gala relay race

Club stall at the Motcombe Open Day July 2008



Honorary Club Officials for 2008/09

Chairman	Rowena Gausden
Secretary	Bob Gausden
Treasurer	Christine Merredew
Social Secretary	(Position Vacant)
Swimming Reps.	Shirley Barrow Melvyn Clarke
Full Members	Shirley Barrow Melvyn Clarke Rowena Gausden
Chief Instructor	Derek Cheeseman
Deputy Chief Ins.	Christine Merredew
Auditor	Mike Cross

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