



OXFORD & WITNEY

ARTISTIC SWIMMING CLUB

Treasurer's Report. For 1st January 2025 to 31 December 2025

Balance Held In Club Account.

Balance in OWASC's Nat West Account as of 31 December 2024 - £9,216.43

Balance in OWASC's Nat West Account as of 31 December 2025 - **£4,488.02**

This is the report for Oxford and Witney Artistic Swimming Club for the period from the 1st of January 2025 to the 31st of December 2025. The figures speak for themselves and that you can see what the club has brought in in terms of Income and how the club has spent that income. However, I give you a little context as follows:

Income

- In 2022, our **Income** was £26,652.54. **Expenditure** was £28,017.97. There was a **deficit** of **£1365.43**
- In 2023 **Income** was £27,915.71. **Expenditure** was £30,781.05. There was a **deficit** of **£2865.34**.
- In 2024 our **income** was £30,722.67. **Expenditure** was £25,041.09. There is a **surplus** of £5,681.58
- In 2026 our income was **£22,702.18**. **Expenditure** was **£27,430.59** There is a **deficit** of **£ -£4,728.41**

Previously OWASCA's income came from three main sources, swimmers' monthly subscriptions; introductory courses for members and regular adult sessions.

Whilst there were introductory course and adult swimmers up to the summer period, these did not restart in September 2025 and have not yet restarted. There is a demand for both introductory courses and adult classes but running either of these activities takes the time of one coach, and if there are only two coaches able to attend a session then that leaves one coach coaching all of the U18 swimmers who are all at different stages. And this is not possible, so the difficult decision was made to stop running the adult classes and introductory courses until coaches can be sure of being able to attend a session and hopefully recruiting at least one more coach.

So, income now comes from **Swimmer sessions**. These are split into three levels depending upon the number of sessions and athlete swims. A bronze level swimmer pays £40 per month. A silver level swimmer pays £60 per month. A gold level swimmer pays £80 per month.

At the end of 2025 we had 3 bronze swimmers, 11 silver swimmers and 7 gold swimmers, making 21 swimmers in total. In 2024 we finished the year with 32 swimmers. In 2023 we finished the year with 33 Swimmers. Whilst this is down, indeed we have lost 11 swimmers due to exams coming up and simply not wishing to continue, it does not reflect the lack of demand for artistic swimming but is due to the barriers the club encounters in running.

Given the pool hire charge rises and the fact that membership has not increased for over six years, this year the fees must rise. We will aim to keep the fee increases as modest as possible, and compared to music lessons, or private tutoring, this is really good value.

Kit and merchandise sales are also an income stream and raised £127.00 in 2025. Whilst this is less than in 2024, from a practical point of view the system whereby we can purchase items 'on demand' rather than having to purchase an order of merchandise, and naturally we will sell more merchandise when there are more swimmers.

Expenditure

The biggest expense is of course **Pool hire**. We ensure, as far as possible we have a pool in Witney and also in Oxford to allow the widest possible catchment area for the club. We are always open to new suggestions for pool hire. Please tell one of the coaches if you think you know of a useful venue. Currently OWASC hires the Windrush Leisure Centre in Witney and the Ferry Leisure Centre in Summertown, Oxford.



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- In **2022** Pool hire cost the club **£23,813**
- In **2023** Pool hire cost the club **£26,401**.
- In **2024** Pool hire cost the club **£22,364.22**
- In **2025** Pool hire cost the club **£24,864.51**

Pool hire charge in 2024 decreased because we had less pool time. In 2025 we have the same amount of pool time as in 2024, just now pay £2,500 more for it. In 2025 the Windrush Leisure Centre put up its pool hire charges by 3.6% per hour to £100.50 per hour. From April 2026 it will go up a further 3.3% to £103.80 per hour. The Ferry Leisure Centre has not given notice it will increase its charges.

Currently the club does not offer face to face land sessions, but it is hoped when we have more coaching staff, to offer this again. It does offer a zoom land session each week which is an essential part of preparing for land grades and maintaining fitness.

Getting more coaches to help coach is essential if the club is to continue. Whilst two coaches, Mandy and Steve, are retired, Kathryn and Louise both have demanding jobs which do take a lot of time. And we are lucky to have Katie who coaches once a week. All coaches are volunteers and do not receive any remuneration from the club.

Witney and District Synchronised Swimming club which is now Oxford and Witney Artistic Swimming club has been in existence for 51. We are the only Artistic Swimming Club in Oxfordshire and needs to continue to make determined efforts to remain part of the artistic swimming community. The club is very special and your athletes will have wonderful memories later in life. **How can you help?**

Last year I listed eight things that you could do. I list them again, and really hope that you will consider doing one or two of these actions this year.

1. you can do the simple course to be a **Team Manager**. This supports the swimmers in competitions.
2. When clubs enter competitions, they generally have to provide **Pool side officials** to help organise swimmers and
3. **judges** to judge the figures and routines. **Full training for being an official or for being a judge is provided.**
4. If your swimmer has just started and you can see quite a few poolside evenings before you, think about being a **coach**. It is not a full-time commitment and whatever you do is greatly appreciated. **Full training is provided.**
5. You can also always join the **Executive Committee** and **raise some funds**, organise a disco or a **social or something for the athletes to enjoy.**
6. As we gain more members **CROWD FUNDING** becomes more possible. Perhaps you are skilled in this kind of fundraising.
7. Perhaps you know someone who could **sponsor OWASC?**
8. And of course, please do sign up to **easy fundraising and support OWASC** every time you shop online.

Thank you very much. Alison Stevenson. OWASC Treasurer. Dated. 20/03/2026