



CLUB SPORT ABERDEEN

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Mark Pain (on behalf of Trustees)



ClubSport Aberdeen

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21,686

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP

↑ 14.9% INCREASE FROM 2019



**70%
MALE**
15,159



**30%
FEMALE**
6,527

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The objectives of ClubSport Aberdeen are:

- The advancement of public participation in sport through encouraging citizens of all ages, all communities, local clubs and organisations carrying out the majority of their activities within Aberdeen
- Provide a unified voice and practical support for sports clubs throughout Aberdeen
- Working in partnership with other bodies to further the purposes of Club Sport Aberdeen


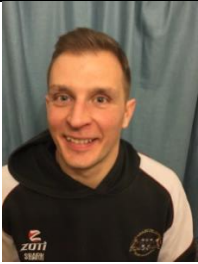





Structure, governance and management

As a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation, ClubSport Aberdeen have legal status and are governed by the organisation's constitution.

ClubSport Aberdeen appoint a group of trustees each year who have overall control and management of the charity. They are responsible for the charity's governance and strategy, and for making sure that the charity is administered effectively.

Charity Trustees:

The Trustees for reporting year 2020-21 are:

Chair:	Vice Chair:	Treasurer:	Secretary:
			
Brian Pahlmann <i>(Aberdeen Amateur Athletics Club)</i>	Mark Pain <i>(Granite City Wanderers Hockey Club)</i>	Gordon McIver <i>(Sooyang Do Association)</i>	Edna Ewan <i>(Aberdeen Amateur Athletics Club)</i>
Board Members:			
			
Angie Keith <i>(Bon Accord MBC Hockey Club)</i>	Neil Paterson <i>(Aberdeen and District Juvenile FA)</i>	Kirsty McLeod <i>(Gordonians Hockey Club)</i>	

Trustee recruitment and appointment

Neil Paterson, Kirsty McLeod and Edna Ewan were recruited to become trustees during the year.

Achievements and performance

Like many other sports and sporting organisations, Club Sport Aberdeen’s work over the last year has been impacted by the Covid pandemic. However, the committee have remained active, and are very grateful to the number of member clubs that decided to renew their membership over such an uncertain period – given many sports had to shut down face to face activity entirely.

During 2021, Club Sport membership has allowed clubs using outdoor facilities to continue to make use of the discounts negotiated with Sport Aberdeen & Aberdeen City Council (when guidelines allowed), and we hope an increasing number of indoor member clubs will also be able to utilise this discount to resume activity at a time when club budgets have been incredibly stretched.

After last year’s online AGM, the board continued to meet remotely on a regular basis to discuss strategy and key project work. During the second lockdown period, we took the opportunity to review our strategic plan, and thank Gary Grieve (National Development Manager at Scottish Club Sport) for his input and advice. This has resulted in the board planning future work under several key headings:

- Club engagement
- Practical benefits for clubs
- Promoting member clubs
- Advocating for members

In terms of advocating for members, Club Sport Aberdeen continue to be active. In Sept, we engaged directly with ASV on behalf of members, when a new access system was proposed. We organised a Q&A with Duncan Sinclair (CEO at ASV) to ensure affected member clubs could get a full understanding of the implications. As a result of feedback, ASV decided to amend their proposal to reduce the impact on clubs.

The Active Aberdeen Partnership has also been re-established over the past year and as Chair Brian Pahlmann continues to attend meetings to represent the Club Sport board and wider membership to ensure club sport in the city has a voice.

With the addition of new trustees, we have been able to set up a new digital media sub-committee, who have played a key role in supporting the promotion of member clubs. One of the main focuses of work for the committee has been Club Sport’s “Getting to know you” campaign, with the sub-committee working with four member clubs (Gordonians Hockey Club, Aberdeen Badminton Academy, Aberdeen Amateur Athletics Club & Granite City

Wanderers Hockey Club) to create video's promoting their club and hopefully encouraging new members to attend.

This campaign is still running, and we would welcome requests from other clubs to get involved. The Digital Media committee are also continuing to share club's output on our social media platforms, and we encourage more club members to like ClubSport Aberdeen's Facebook page @clubsportABDN to widen our reach!

With the government releasing Summer of Play funding to local authorities in June, we were able to work in partnership with Sport Aberdeen to offer Level 2 clubs the opportunity to access funding to deliver free activity to new participants over the summer holidays, with several member clubs successfully applying for funding.

As continuing members of Scottish Club Sport (previously Scottish Association of Local Sports Councils), we continue to strengthen relationships with staff and other sports councils and Club Sport networks.



North East Youth Sports Panel

Aims of the panel:

- Raise the profile of sport
- Shape and influence the future of sport
- Increase participation in sport

What will you do?

- Attend a monthly meeting
- Work towards the aims of the panel
- Commit 5 hours monthly to complete tasks

Who should apply?

- Everyone between 14-23 years old
- You DO NOT have to currently be part of a sports club

For further details and to apply for the North East Youth Sports Panel please scan the QR Code or follow the link:
<https://forms.office.com/r/AqzyXc66fP>

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As well as receiving and support on our strategic plan, the Board have been represented at a number of national member check-ins, allowing us to network with other sports councils across Scotland, Scottish Club Sport staff and directors.

As part of our membership to Scottish Club Scotland, we have also been able to apply for a Service to Sport award this year to recognise long-serving members of our member clubs, and we hope this will become a regular feature of our AGM going forward.

We also successfully applied for funding from SCS to launch a new North-East Youth Sports Forum (in partnership with our colleagues at Aberdeenshire Club Sport), and with recruitment just launched we welcome applications from across our membership!

Anyone interested in applying can do so here: <https://forms.office.com/r/AqzyXc66fP>

Although our capacity to deliver events has been reduced over the last year, in Dec 2020 we partnered with Aberdeenshire Club Sport and sportscotland to deliver an online workshop on getting your facilities fit for sport, providing guidance on Covid compliant activity and produced positive feedback from attendees found very useful.

Finally, we would like to thank Tom Lambert (Community Sport Manager at Sport Aberdeen for his continued support and advise throughout the year).

Financial review

Statement of the charity's policy on reserves: All unrestricted funds held at the bank constitute the reserves of the charity.

Details of any deficit

No deficit was made during the year.

Donated facilities and services

No facilities or services were donated during 2020-21.

Future plans

We hope over the next year, club sport in Aberdeen will return to something resembling normality. With this in mind we are looking to press on with a number of projects:

- Successfully recruit and induct members of the NE Youth Forum, alongside partners
- Revisit the Active Schools voucher scheme to ensure it is fit for purpose in a post Covid environment
- Continue to work to create a mental health action plan and become fully signed up to the SAMH mental health charter for physical activity and sport
- Continue to represent member clubs on a variety of citywide and regional forums
- Continue to promote club activities on social media to encourage greater participation

We look forward to engaging and meeting with more clubs over the course of 2021-22.

Stay safe!

Brian Pahlmann, Mark Pain, Gordon McIver, Angie Keith, Edna Ewan, Kirsty McLeod & Neil Paterson

Club Sport Aberdeen Trustees