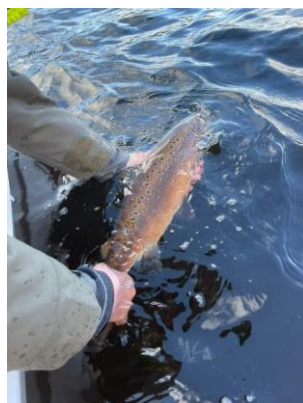


ClubSport Lewis & Harris Annual Report 2023/24



Committee Line Up

Honorary President

Charlie Nicolson

Chairperson

Liz Rogers

Vice-Chairperson

Kenny Kuna Morrison

Treasurer

Donald E Macleod

Secretary

Steven Munro (Ex-officio Member)

Sports Representatives

Donald Lamont: Lewis Camanachd

David Campbell: Stornoway Golf Club

David Hanlon: Swim Western Isles

Brian Lewis: SRAC

Marion Finlayson: Western Isles Pony Club

Ron Mighton: Stornoway Sailing Club

Iain McFee: Stornoway Rugby Club

Cathie Stewart: Dance Rep

Cameron Cranston: Stornoway Angling Association

Paul Finnegan: Harris Rep

Carolyn MacPhee: Harris Rep

David Macleod: Schools PE Rep

Rebecca McGrath: Youth Rep

Gordon Mopp Macdonald: LHYCA

Norman Macaskill: Disability Sports Rep

Fraser Macdonald: Football Rep

Ellen McMurdo: NI Pupil Rep

Joel Ferguson: NI Pupils Rep

Kieran MacNally: SES Pupils Rep

Grace MacLennan: SES PupilRep

Ex-officio Members

Sergeant DJ Macleod/PC Gary Murray: Police Scotland

Cllr Norman Tomsh Macdonald: CnES Rep

Erica Clark: Community Learning & Development

Norma Macleod/Jeanne Mackay: Western Isles NHS

Iain GG Campbell: WI Sports Development Manager

Observer

WIDT Rep

Affiliated Clubs

Association (5)

Breasclete Community Association

Lewis and Harris Football Association

Lewis and Harris Youth Football Association

Lewis and Harris Youth Clubs Association

Ness Sports and Recreation Association (Spornis)

Club/Organisation (44)

Bernera Bowling Club

Back Football and Recreation Club

Barvas & Brue Community Centre

Falmadair

Friends of Lynn Maclean School of Dance

George Kerr Stornoway Judo Club

Goathill Park Amenities & Recreation Club

Girlguiding Western Isles

Hebridean Cycle Club

Harris Gun Club

Isle Island Archers Club

Isle of Harris Golf Club

Isle of Harris Water Sports

Laxdale Community Hall

Isle of Lewis Gymnastic Club

Lewis Camanachd

Lewis Ladies Netball Club

Lewis Car Club

Lewis and Harris Women's Football Club

Lochside Arena

Lewis and Harris Riding Club

Lewis and Harris Sub Aqua Club

St North West All-Stars Association

Stornoway Angling Assoc.

Stornoway Canoe Club

Stornoway Bowling Club

Stornoway PHAB Club

Stornoway Golf Club

Stornoway Rowing Club

Stornoway Rugby Club

Stornoway Running and Athletics Club

Stornoway Sailing Club

Stornoway Squash Club

Stornoway Rifle Club

Stornoway Tennis Club

SportHarris

South Harris Bowling Club

Swim Western Isles

Sail Stornoway

Uig Community Association

Western Isles Badminton Association

Western Isles District Scouts Council

Western Isles Duke of Edinburgh

Western Isles Motocross Club

Western Isles Pony Club

Westside Runners & Fitness Club

Western Isles Triathlon Club

Western Isles Darts League





A word from the Chair



As we mark our first year since rebranding to ClubSport, I want to extend my gratitude to the Executive Committee for their dedication. Our continued online meetings have maintained strong attendance, and I especially want to thank Kenny, our Vice-Chair; Donald, our Treasurer; and Steven, our secretary and the face of ClubSport.

This year, we welcomed several new clubs, including Laxdale Hall, Goathill Park Amenities & Recreational Club, Stornoway Tennis Club, and Sail Stornoway. With their addition, ClubSport now boasts its largest membership ever! All new clubs are encouraged to apply for start-up grants and access funding to support their members in coach education and travel.

A highlight of the year was Kara Hanlon's remarkable journey. Although she narrowly missed qualifying for the Olympic Games, her achievements continue to inspire us, and we were proud to watch her story through the recent documentary.

In February, ClubSport hosted a successful quiz event across both islands. The donations raised benefited students at The Nicolson Institute and Sir E Scott, helping to cover growing costs for sporting equipment and travel. SES used their funds to purchase footballs for lunchtime activities, while NI aimed to reduce parents' costs for sporting trips.

We are grateful for the ongoing financial support from CNES and the guidance from Scottish ClubSport. We also look forward to continued backing from The Crown Estate, which plays a crucial role in enabling our young athletes to compete on the mainland and beyond. Currently, we are collaborating with the Scottish government to secure free U22 ferry travel for these athletes.

As we anticipate another year filled with sporting achievements, we are excited about the WIIGA team representing the Western Isles in Orkney in the summer of 2025, along with individual athletes excelling in various mainland competitions.

Finally, I want to acknowledge everyone involved in promoting sport, especially those receiving awards today. ClubSport Lewis and Harris is committed to supporting our clubs and athletes as they proudly represent our islands for many years to come.



A word from the Secretary

We have continued to hold the executive committee meetings virtually and had successful meetings in November 2023, January, March, June & August 2024. As secretary I would like to thank and congratulate the committee for all their help during the last year. As well as the excellent support I get from the Executive Committee, I would also like to thank the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Treasurer and hopefully we get to continue to develop and progress the work that has been go on.

ClubSport has supported several affiliated clubs, associations and individuals through the grant scheme, all members are able to access the grant aid scheme offer by ClubSport. The grant scheme covers the following: Coach Education, Sports Equipment, Sports Coaching Development, Sports Events, Discretionary and Excellence. Some of our members have made use of the scheme to develop and improve what they offer their members. This year the committee supported member club by awarding 36 grants to allow our island sport to develop. **I would like to encourage those clubs that don't access the scheme to contact me and see how we can support you.** After 3 years of offering higher grant awards and increased percentages after covid, ClubSport executive committee unfortunately had to bring these awards and percentages but in line with previous figures. This was due to the reduced levels of funding that we can access. It's now more important than ever that all members to look to maximise other funding options and use ClubSport funding as the final piece of the jigsaw.

ClubSport are continuing our partnership with Crown Estate to continue to offer youth & young people and their clubs the opportunity to apply for travel grants to the ClubSport Youth and Young person travel scheme (supported by Crown Estate). Please take time to read the detailed Crown Estate section of this report. As secretary I would like to create/reestablish partnership with the Western Isles Development Trust, Local wind power and Western Isles NHS to look at ways, we can develop our local voluntary clubs in Lewis & Harris.

ClubSport in partnership with the Sport & Health Service offered all ClubSport member clubs to attend virtual Child Wellbeing and Protection in Sports workshops, 1st Aid courses for sports coaches and various Sporting Memories Clubs in the communities and care homes.

As secretary I would like to thank Scottish Clubsport for their continuing support with funding advice, developing partnership, access to virtual workshops and our local service to sport award.

This year we received a varied number of nominations for all our different sports awards. These awards allow clubs to nominate and recognise the hard work done but our volunteers.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all volunteer coaches and clubs what they are doing to make sure sport and physical activity in Lewis and Harris is given every chance to develop and increase.

As Secretary I would like to recognise the efforts that all our volunteers, clubs and coaches put in to ensure that their sport is continuing to develop. If it was not for the efforts off all concerned sport on our island would not be where it is today



Who we are and what we do!

What does ClubSport Lewis & Harris do?

ClubSport Lewis & Harris is an association of local sports clubs and organisations which work together with Comhairle nan Eilean Siar, and Western Isles Health Board to foster and develop sport in Lewis and Harris.

Operating through an Executive Committee which meets approximately five times per year, ClubSport is made up of a truly representative cross-section of the wide variety of sporting interests from the Butt of Lewis to Leverburgh.

All sports clubs and organisations which are involved in the promotion of sport or recreational activities are invited to affiliate in order to obtain the benefits of membership. Since its inception, membership of the ClubSport has steadily grown.

All members of ClubSport, elected members, officers of Comhairle nan Eilean Siar, Health Promotion, affiliated Clubs and other organisations are involved in the decision-making process in relation to the development of sport at local level. This involves considering and awarding grant aid for sport to affiliated clubs and organisations and ensuring that funding for sport is allocated prudently and for the benefit of sport in its widest sense.

The main objectives of ClubSport are:

- To encourage co-operation and co-ordination between sports groups
- To assist in the formation of sports clubs
- To encourage school pupils and school leavers to participate in sport
- To promote and support sport competitions and events
- To promote and support sport coaching courses for young people
- To promote and support the training of sport coaches
- To assist sports people, achieve their potential through coaching and competition
- To promote and encourage sporting links with the Uist and Barra Sports Council

Membership and how to affiliate

All sports clubs and organisations who have a constitution and a democratically elected committee are invited to affiliate to ClubSport. You can request a Membership Form from the Secretary or download one from the ClubSport website.

How to affiliate

The annual fee for membership to ClubSport is:

Association	-	£40
Club/Association	-	£30
Individual	-	£25

- **Start Up Grant** - Start Up Grants of up to £100 may be available to recently formed clubs which have a constitution
- **Coach Education (Courses)** - Western Isles courses can receive grant aid up to a maximum of £900 or 66% (whichever is the lesser amount). Mainland courses can receive grant aid up to a maximum of £500 or 66% (whichever is the lesser amount)
- **Sports Equipment** - Grants up to a maximum of £900 or 66% (whichever is the lesser amount)
- **Sports Coaching Development Grant** - Grant aid up to a maximum of £600 or 66% (whichever is the lesser amount)
- **Sports Events** - Grant aid up to a maximum of £300 or 66% (whichever is the lesser amount)
- **Excellence** - the maximum cumulative grant available to an individual in one financial year will not exceed £500 or 66% (whichever is the lesser amount) for a club/organization max award in any one financial year will not exceed £1000 or 66% (whichever is the lesser amount) this is to support national, sub-national or regional level. Clubs or individuals must provide written confirmation of this recognition.

As the voice of local sport, ClubSport provides an advisory role to clubs, organisations, individuals and public bodies on matters relating to sport and recreation.

As a member of Scottish ClubSport, ClubSport has the opportunity to voice and protect local interests at national level.

ClubSport Youth & Young Persons Travel Fund (Funded by Crown Estate) - Grant aid up to a maximum of £2000 or 75% (whichever is the lesser amount) may be available. Each grant application will be considered on merit.



Who we've helped this year

Coach Education Grants

LHYFA - Support member coaches to attend an SFA level 1.1 coaching course

SRAC - To allow the club to increase the number of level 2 coaches to help with club development

LHWFC - Support member to attend an SFA level 1.1 coaching course

Start—Up

Goathill Park Amenities Recreation Club
Sail Stornoway
Stornoway Tennis Club
Laxdale Community Association

Excellence Grants

Lewis Car Club to send a member who has been selected/invited to entry 7 races during the Milltek Sport Civic Cup 2024 competition

Stornoway Rugby Club to allow 3 youth players to attend Scottish trials organized by Scottish Rugby

Isle of Harris Golf Club supported the club to send a member to compete in a Scottish Disability Golf and Curling competition on the mainland

Harris Gun Club to allow 2 club members who had been selected to represent Scotland and an International shooting competition in Wales during the 2024 season



Sports Coaching Development

Lewis & Harris Riding Club bring an instructor from the mainland to deliver instruction to all club members during 2024.

Lochside Arena to bring an instructor from the mainland to deliver instruction to all club members in April & July 2024.

Sports Equipment Grants

North Lewis Maritime Society (Falmadair) - to purchase a suitable fixed container to store equipment and make repairs

Barvas & Brue Community Centre to purchase a new storage container for the equipment that is available to its members

LHYFA to allow the association to purchase new 5 v 5 folding goals for local festivals

Ness Sports & Recreation Association to purchase new athletics and gymnastics equipment to continue to offer the community of Ness the opportunity to develop both sports.

Northwest All-Stars to allow the club to purchase specific equipment for the cheerleaders.

Duke of Edinburgh Award to purchasing new DoE expedition equipment for the use on your annual expeditions

Sports Event Grant

Western Isles Badminton Association to allow association members to attend a competition on the mainland to challenge themselves in a competitive setting.

Swim Western Isles to allow swimmers from the club to attend a competitive swimming gala to gain valuable experience.

Lewis and Harris Football Association to assist member club to play matches in the Coop Cup and Highland Amateur during the 2024 season and allow the association to bring Highland League Football Club Brora Rangers to the island in July 2024.

Lewis & Harris Youth Football Association to allow the association send 12 youth player who have been select/signed by either Ross County or Caley to attend mainland Youth Football fixtures during the 2024 season

Stornoway Squash Club to allow members to travel to take part in a squash competition in Orkney and Inverness in 2024

Harris Gun Club to allow the club to send members to take part in mainland shooting competitions.

Sportharris to allow the organisation to plan host and deliver of the Harris ½ marathon on Saturday 6th July 2024.

Discretionary Grants

South Harris Bowling Club support the club to promote and develop the sport of Bowling in the South Harris Community

Total Grants awarded by ClubSport Lewis & Harris during 2023/24

£15,000



ClubSport Lewis & Harris Youth & Young Persons Travel Fund (Funded by Crown Estate)

ClubSport Lewis & Harris works in partnership with crown estate to distribute funding to all member club/associations to support youths traveling off island to further develop their chosen sport.

The fund has helped young people and their clubs to participate in more mainland training, events and competitions. The fund's goal was to support the Island's young athletes to gain access to main- land competitions/festivals as well as supporting young athletes reaching a higher standard in their chosen sport. Past successful athletes that had benefited from this award were Kara Hanlon, Mat- thew Wright, Adam MacKinnon, James Graham, Keith Bray & Andrew Macleod. This has been achieved and it is hoped that the links between Crown Estate and ClubSport will continue to help support and develop island sport.

ClubSport are delighted to have been able to support young athletes to travel off Island to develop their sport and giving them opportunities to face new challenges.

Below you will find some of the Crown Estate grants that were awarded in 2023/24.

Swim Western Isles to allow the club to attend mainland swimming galas to provide club swimmers the challenge of competing in different swimming pools and against other swimmers.

Lewis & Harris Youth Football Association to allow 12 players (8 boys & 4 Girls) from the association to travel to the mainland to play and train with Ross County & Caley Thistle during the 2023/24 youth football season. This gives these talented young footballers a taste of the life of a professional footballer.

Lewis Camanachd to allow the club to play fixtures in the 2024 season and to take part in the cup competitions, this allows the sport of shinty to continue to develop locally.

Northwest All-Stars the grant supported the club to take their youth and mini teams to the mainland during 2024 to get a taste of competition.

Stornoway Running & Athletics Club to allow the club to attend various cross country, track and Field events both at regional and national level

Western Isles Badminton Association to allow the club to send a youth member to attend the Highland `badminton training sessions on the mainland between September and December 2023 and January and June 2024.

Grants awarded by ClubSport Lewis & Harris via the Crown Estate fund during 2023/24

£15,000



ClubSport Lewis & Harris Sports Awards 2024

Winners



Services to Sport:
Andy Morrison



Young Coach of the Year:
Tianna Drummond



Young Person's Coach of the Year:
Iain MacLeod (Football)



Community Coach of the Year:
Jane Nicolson (Golf)



U-18 Sportsperson of the Year:
Isla Fraser (Badminton)



Team of the Year:
Stornoway Athletic FC



Club of the Year:
Point FC U14



Over-18 Sportsperson of the Year:
Muriel Macleod (Athletics)



Accounts

ClubSport Lewis & Harris Income and Expenditure Account For the Year Ended 31 July 2024

2023	INCOME	£	£	£
<u>£</u>				
15,098	Comhairle nan Eilean Siar		13,125	
28,350	Crown Estate		16,667	
1,130	Affiliation Fees		1,270	
309	Sports Quiz		1,262	
188	Bank Interest		391	
-	MIDAS		1,200	
180	Miscellaneous		1,180	
600	Santa Run Income		122	
<u>45,855</u>			<u>35,218</u>	
	EXPENDITURE			
2,576	Grant Aid:			
300				
-				
3,412				
2,949				
7,681				
800				
11,578				
59	Sports Quiz		462	
101	Advertising/Administration		136	
153	Insurance		299	
100	Scottish Clubsport		130	
800	Donations		803	
300	Day of Inclusive Sport		300	
519	Miscellaneous		726	
600	Child Protection		390	
530	First Aid		510	
100	COVID		-	
-	MIDAS		1,200	
220	Sporting Memories		-	
913	Santa Run		-	
<u>33,690</u>			<u>30,478</u>	
	SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)FOR YEAR			
<u>12,165</u>				<u>4,739</u>

ClubSport Lewis & Harris
Statement of Funds
For the Year Ended 31 July 2024

<u>2023</u>	COMBINED FUNDS	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>£</u>			
25,395	Balance as at 1 August 2023		37,559
(4,607)	General Fund - Surplus/(Deficit) for Year		916
<u>16,772</u>	Crown Estate - Surplus/(Deficit) for Year		<u>3,823</u>
<u><u>37,559</u></u>	Balance at 31 July 2024		<u><u>42,299</u></u>
Represented by:			
9,403	Bank Current Account - General Fund	10,219	
<u>(100)</u>	Less Unpresented Cheques	<u>-</u>	
9,303			10,219
28,257	Bank Current Account - Crown Estate	15,413	
<u>-</u>	Add Grant Received Post 31 July	<u>16,667</u>	
28,257			32,080
<u><u>37,559</u></u>	Balance at 31 July 2024		<u><u>42,299</u></u>





NatWest International Island Games Orkney 12th - 18th July 2025



The Games in Orkney will see the Western Isles travelling up to Orkney with a squad of just over 100 athletes to compete in the following events
Island Games Sports

**Athletics
Archery
Badminton
Bowls
Cycling
Golf
Football
Swimming**



ClubSport Clubs & Associations



ClubSport Sports Events

Santa Run

Sporting Memories

Sports Quiz

Coaches 1st Aid

sportscotland

sportscotland in partnership with CnES Sport & Health are always available to support and advise Lewis and Harris Sport Council member clubs

Further information please email smunro@cne-siar.gov.uk

Sports Workshops

Child Wellbeing and Protection in Sport

Scottish Disability Sport

ClubSport Affiliation

Affiliation fees (which cover from October to September) **shall be paid by 31 December following the Annual General Meeting.** Any club, association, organisation or individual that has not re-affiliated by the 31st December after the AGM will be allowed to re-affiliate but will not be able to apply for grant aid for a 10 month period from 31st December.

Applications for grant aid will not be considered without prior payment of affiliation fees.

