



Annual Report

For the Year Ending

31st July 2020



Charity Details

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What Is The Dylan Howells Foundation?

The charity was set-up by family and friends of Dylan Howells who tragically passed away suddenly in July 2016 aged 41 from a heart arrhythmia, leaving behind him a wife and two children. Passionate about sport in all forms, Dylan competed nationally and internationally in Triathlon and Aquathlon, becoming the Welsh National Aquathlon Champion in 2007 and finishing 6th in age group in the 2010 ITU Aquathlon World Championships in Budapest.

Dylan was also a football fan and keen supporter of many sports including swimming, athletics, boxing and rugby. As well as spectating and participating he was committed to helping others maximise their own potential, working with countless children and young adults who competed and trained at sports clubs in the South West London and Surrey area. It is our aim in the DHF to continue the work he started, by funding aspiring young athletes across a range of disciplines, helping them to achieve their goals and maximise their competitive potential. We also provide funding to sports clubs in need of equipment and sponsor events to encourage participation with a view to inspiring communities through activity, teamwork, achievement and most importantly – fun.

Our aims for our third year of operation ending 31st July 2020

Our initial plans for year three, were to broaden our base both in terms of avenues for funding as well as numbers of beneficiaries, having established a successful partnership with a number of local schools – both for fund raising and identifying further young athletes. We began the financial year with a local meet for both the trustees and the athletes in early September, giving some of them the opportunity to meet one another for the first time. The aim was to follow this with the annual Gala Dinner and the identification of further young athletes and a number of further events. While the dinner was able to go ahead as planned (details below) the onset of restrictions and lockdowns as a result of COVID 19 the decision was taken to suspend all fund raising activities and work primarily with our existing athletes – helping them to keep training (and competing) where possible, while make sure that financially we had enough funding both to survive, considering we had little opportunity to raise further funds in the short term.

Gala Dinner - October 2019

The Dylan Howells Foundation gala dinner continues to be our flagship event and we repeated this to continued success in 2019. Keeping the numbers consistent with around 120 paying guests who enjoyed a drinks reception, dinner and a live band. Some of our beneficiaries were able to give updates on their progress and we even got a live demonstration from Eva O'Dwyer. The event was again a significant success and raised in excess of £10,000 once costs we taken into account. We had already considered resting the event in 2020 before events conspired to make this inevitable. Our plan moving forward is to revive the event in 2021 if regulations around COVID 19 etc allow.

Fund Raising Activities



Due to the issues around COVID 19, fund raising activities were limited in the year to end of July 2020. However ahead of these challenges we held our third, incredibly successful Gala Dinner on November 9th in Kingston-Upon-Thames, South West London. Prior to this, one of our trustees, Garry Taylor, cycled from London to Paris, raising over £3000 for the foundation. Our ongoing partnership with the local schools paid further dividends as we raised £400 from Claygate Primary School. Local supermarket Waitrose in Esher, Surrey featured us as one of their nominated charities raising a further £300, while Barclays Bank donated £1000 to the charity during the period. We were unfortunately unable to hold the fun run which had been such a success in 2019 but Thames Turbo did hold their annual Dylan Howells Aquathon before restrictions made further activities impossible. The £823.82 raised at later event will be reflect6ed in next year's accounts. In the year to July 2021 we are hopeful of some resumption of activity towards the summer and aim to begin fund raising again within the final quarter of the coming financial period.

Beneficiary from March 2018 – Maddie Harris - Swimming



Maddie Harris is a para-swimmer from Kingston-Upon-Thames, who has ambitions to compete at the highest level as part of Swim England’s para-swimming talent programme. The Dylan Howells Foundation began its support for Maddie in early 2018 so that her team coaches are able to attend all of her competitive swim meets as well as providing support for travel, accommodation and subsistence while travelling.

Funding has continued through our year ending July 2020, and prior to the cessation of events due to COVID, Maddie was able to compete in December 2019 (at the National Para-swimming Winter Championships) and at the National Junior Championships in March 2020. At the latter event Maddie earned Bronze medals in two events and achieved three personal bests. We look forward to seeing what happens in the coming year and hope that she is able to get back to competitive swimming in the near future.

Beneficiary From March 2018 – The Kinetic Foundation – Football



The Kinetic Foundation, based in Croydon work with disadvantaged and/or disengaged young people, delivering a wide range of educational opportunities for them to learn new skills and improve their employment potential. Focusing on community togetherness and using sport as the hook for participation, they offer free sport sessions regardless of gender, ability, financial situation or ethnicity, which deliver structured, engaging, coaching and competition. The Dylan Howells Foundation are helping to fund coaches and equipment with a view to helping the foundation deliver on its

commitments to giving access to sport for young, disenfranchised youth who could otherwise turn to crime or other anti-social behaviour. The DHF believe passionately in the importance of what

Kinetic are trying to achieve from both a sporting and societal perspective and as such it remains our biggest single beneficiary. Whilst no money was distributed to them in this accounting year, £7,500 has been paid out to them subsequent to our accounting yearend.

Beneficiary From May 2018 - Finian Morris – Sailing



Finian Morris is a young sailor from Weybridge in Surrey, who has been passionate about sailing for as long as he can remember. He competes in the “Optimist” class but has since lockdown, made the decision to change to the “29er” despite significant success already in both domestic and international events. The costs of training, travel and equipment in this sport are significant and this is the area in which the Dylan Howells foundation has continued to support Finian for over a year and into the future.

In March of 2020, following a strong showing in the European championships in Spain, Finian competed in Burghfield Open, where he won overall for the second year in a row. Almost every major event since then has been cancelled but Finian has kept himself busy, designing and building his own “mini-moth” boat from scratch. Indicative of his passion for the sport and continued commitment in the face of adversity, we have no doubt that whichever class of boat Finian competes in during the coming year, he will have significant success. We continue to work closely with him and will do so moving forward as he turns 15 and looks to success in a new class.

Beneficiary from July 2018 – Dan Morley – Boxing



In July 2018 we announced our support for Daniel Morley, a local boxer from Epsom who had recently turned professional winning both of his first two fights, after a strong amateur career in which he won regional titles and competed in national tournaments. The Dylan Howells Foundation will help fund both training and medical bills as Dan progresses in his career towards boxing success. Since funding Dan in mid 2018 he has fought in 3 professional bouts, all of which he has won convincingly. Unfortunately due to COVID, his career has stalled and the biggest fight of his career, scheduled for March 2020 was postponed and has yet to be rescheduled. However he continues to train consistently and is ready to go whenever conditions allow. We will continue to work with him and hope to see him back in the ring in the coming year.

Beneficiary from September 2018 – Nathan Kosbab – Rugby League



Nathan is a promising 17-year-old local rugby league player who has played with Elmbridge Eagles for a number of years and since working with the Dylan Howells Foundation has been picked up by the Scotland U16s squad and played for them at an international against Ireland in August 2019. Since then he has graduated to the under 19s squad and has also been picked up by the London Broncos. After three games with the Broncos, including a memorable win against St Helens all training and matches were suspended in mid-March 2020 for both local and national team.

Since March 2020 Nathan has spent his time working on his conversions and training to keep up strength and fitness levels. We plan to continue our association with Nathan and look forward to what comes next once restrictions lift.

Beneficiary from January 2019 – Eva O’Dwyer - Karate



Eva came to the Dylan Howells’ Foundation through our online portal and when she started working with us she was already WUKF World and European champion, she has continued to go from strength to strength during 2019. Her roll call of success in the 2019 season includes a gold medal at the BKF four nations championship in Leicester and a number of silver and bronze medals in high profile competitions.

The Dylan Howells Foundation are helping Eva’s family cope with the logistics and training costs required as Eva establishes herself as a key talent in her sport and age group. While 2020 has been significantly impacted by COVID, Eva continues to train hard and has is ready to recommence competing as soon

as is allowed. We look forward to continuing to work with Eva moving forward.

Beneficiaries from June 2019 – Tanysha & Tanaya Dissanayake & Tamash Raaj



The trio of sporting siblings continue to impress and compete at a high level in their chosen fields – and as such this continues to place a significant burden on the time and finances of the family. Unfortunately they have all been heavily impacted by the lockdown, and while they have been able to train, competition has not been

possible. We have funded the family to the tune of £1000 in the current financial year and will continue to work with them moving forward as they focus in on specific sports/events in which they excel.

New Beneficiary from March 2020 – Aaleyah Jay – Power Tumbler



Aaleyah is a 10 year old “power tumbler” who in her short career of 11 events has already won 7 gold medals. The Dylan Howells Foundation started working with her in early 2020 just before – unfortunately – events were cancelled due to lockdown restrictions. We have funded her to a total of £1000 and will continue to work with her moving forward as competitions begin to recommence for the 2021 season. She is already proving to be a formidable competitor despite her young age and has trained throughout the lockdown period.

New Beneficiary from May 2020 – Charlie Bailey – Cyclist



Charlie came to the attention of the DHF as a part of our partnership with Hinchley Wood Secondary School. He is 17 years old and competes nationally as a cyclist. In late 2018 he came 7th overall (2nd for his age) at the national youth championships 10-mile time trial, while in the following year he took his first national win, over team GB academy riders. The £1250 from the DHF will be used to help with travel and training costs moving forward. Historically Charlie competed as a junior triathlete, with connections to Thames Turbos who hold the Dylan Howells Aquathon each year and where Dylan himself had significant historic links. We are proud to support Charlie now and moving forward as events begin to begin again in 2021.

New Beneficiary from May 2020 – Lucy Atkins – Sprinter



Another beneficiary found as part of our work with local schools, Lucy runs for Kingston AC and Polytechnic Harriers based at Kingsmeadow. She has been county champion across a number of age and distance categories and was a part of the 4x100m relay team who set a senior club record as a part of the Muller Anniversary Games held at the London Olympic stadium. The £400 grant from the DHF will be used for equipment to help both in training and competition moving forward. As with all of our athletes, the years season has been decimated by COVID 19 but she has continued to train wherever and whenever possible. We look forward to being able to give more news on her successes in next year report.

New Beneficiary from May 2020 – Lilian Musgrove – Figure Skater



12 year old Lilian has been skating since the age of 3, and qualified for the British Championships in 2020 – coming first at intermediate level. Indeed across the four events she has competed in during 2020, she won each and is currently 6th in the whole country among girls up to the age of 15. Lockdown has presented challenges in terms of finding places to skate in addition to the lack of competition, so much so that Lilian and her family had to travel to France in the Summer of 2020 to find a rink where she could practice. The £1000 from the DHF has gone towards travel and associated costs for training etc at this difficult time. As with many of the beneficiaries, Lilian is at the top of her sport considering her age and we are excited to continue on the journey with her as she continues to grow and compete moving forward.

Former Beneficiary from November 2018 to Summer 2019 – Jaya Wilkinson – Golf



In late 2018 the Dylan Howells Foundation offered a fund to local schools who were able to nominate potential recipients, Jaya Wilkinson at Hinchley Wood School in Surrey was the first of these. Jaya is a 14-year-old aspiring golfer who has ambitions to play professionally on the tour. We have not continued our association with Jaya into the year to July 2020, but wish her every success moving forward and are more than happy to discuss further funding in the future should the need arise.

Former Beneficiary from December 2018 to Summer 2019 – Sam Mace – Hammer Throwing



The Dylan Howells Foundation started working with Sam at the end of 2018 as part of our strategy of working more closely with local schools. Sam has been involved in athletics since the age of 8 competing in the majority of the sports disciplines. In recent times he has concentrated in the discipline of Hammer Throwing. The funding the DHF provided assisted with travel and equipment for ongoing competitive events. We have not continued to fund Sam in the year to July 2020 but wish him every success in his sporting career moving forward.

Finances & Admin

The Charity met regularly during the year – with meetings of the trustees held on a quarterly basis even though no activity has been possible, with a view to reviewing and managing expenditure despite limited incoming funds. We have taken the decision to be relatively conservative through this period of uncertainty and while we have continued to fund our athletes, this has allowed us to end the financial year with a strong balance sheet.



The trustees would like to thank the tireless efforts of Mark Hards, Lee Martin, Michael Smith and of course Julia Howells who have put in an enormous amount of work in the year ending July 2020 and without whom the charity would not have been able to achieve its goals.

Looking forward to the next year

While planning remains a challenge in the current environment we hope to be able to restart fund raising activities before the end of the coming financial period. In the meantime we will continue to work closely with our beneficiaries and help them to navigate their way through the COVID crisis where we can, being particularly mindful that funds will be tight for many families in the coming months. However while we remain open to applications from new athletes and sports clubs we will not actively seek new beneficiaries during the coming year.

We do plan however to do some work behind the scenes to enhance our social media presence and ensure that we are ready to face a post COVID world with a strong brand and renewed purpose. We are hopeful that our fun run in July 2021 will be able to go ahead and will also be planning our next Gala Dinner for Autumn of that year on the basis that this too is possible. In essence our goals remain, as they always have, true to our vision of enabling and encouraging young talent in the sporting arena. We have taken steps to ensure that this is something we are able to do now and into the future despite the current situation in terms of COVID 19 and the associated restrictions.