



Grosvenor Rowing Club CHESTER

Dear Friends,

I'm both proud and humbled to write to you following another successful year where Grosvenor athletes have achieved accolades at all levels including recent wins at the World Masters, Women's Henley, Veterans Henley, National Championships as well as numerous national and regional regattas with wins from all our rowing squads.

As we celebrate our 150th anniversary in 2019 it is clear how important Grosvenor Rowing Club, Chester is to every member (rowers, coaches, coxes) and supporter. While plans are in hand for this to be celebrated as a most prestigious occasion (invites to follow) it also presents us with an opportunity to consider the clubs legacy for future generations of Cheshire based rowers.

We recognise that **OUR CLUB IS AT RISK OF FALLING INTO DISREPAIR** and as announced at our recent highly spirited AGM we are embarking on an ambitious plan to re-roof and insulate our gym, install heating throughout the club, completely upgrade our changing facilities and improve disabled access. These improvements will allow us to increase our rowing numbers from 169 to 260, treble our junior membership and provide better facilities for our disabled athletes. We will be able to offer a wider and greater community service to Chester and the surrounding area and continue the legacy that is Grosvenor Rowing Club, Chester.

While we have established a fundraising team to focus and coordinate efforts to deliver against the 150th anniversary development plan **WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE THIS A REALITY**. Although our budget includes a 5-year plan to support our growth by increasing membership income, as a not-for-profit community club it is simply beyond our ability to fund the facilities upgrade from ongoing operations.

WE NEED TO RAISE A TOTAL OF £200,000 as a capital investment to support our plan. We are currently seeking £150,000 from external grants and other fundraising sources and activity in this area is progressing well. Our intention is to provide the remaining £50,000 from donations from our members and old friends as well as internal fundraising activities which we look forward to inviting you to.

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The reality is that **WE NEED OUR MEMBERS AND OLD FRIENDS TO CONTRIBUTE** to the fund if we are to meet our ambitious targets. Therefore, and with that reality borne in mind, we respectfully request that you consider making a donation to our fundraising efforts.

Any contribution to the plan however small will be greatly appreciated and ring-fenced under the stewardship of the treasurer with full accounting visibility.

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF WAYS YOU CAN DONATE & SUPPORT THE 150TH DEVELOPMENT FUND:

1. ONLINE BY VIA OUR JUST GIVING PAGE:



<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/Grosvenor-Rowing-Club-150> please don't forget to tick the Gift Aid box confirming you are a UK tax payer as this will help us to supercharge your donation by 25%. As a Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) we are eligible to reclaim the basic rate of tax on your gift – at no extra cost to you.

2. DONATE WITHOUT IT ACTUALLY COSTING YOU ANYTHING!



Through our trusted partners easyfundraising, the UK's biggest charity shopping fundraising site you can turn your everyday online shopping into free donations for Grosvenor Rowing Club, Chester.

Simply shop online as you would usually, but first click the easyfundraising link <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/grosvenorowc/> (or Search, 'Grosvenor Rowing Club' on www.easyfundraising.org.uk). Once you have completed your purchase the retailer will donate a percentage of your spend to Grosvenor Rowing Club, Chester so it won't cost you anymore than the normal price of your shopping.

There are over 1.2 million people already using easyfundraising across more than 3,400 big name online brands and retailers. Examples include: Amazon, Apple, ASOS, eBay, John Lewis, Argos, M&S, Tesco, Sainsbury's, Boots, Currys PC World, Booking.com, Misguided, BT Sports, JD Sport, Nike, Debenhams to name a few. Use it for hotels, train tickets, holidays, supermarket shopping, electricals, utilities, insurance, clothes & entertainment and even business purchases.

We hope you'll keep us in mind when shopping online as is a fantastic way of supporting the club with minimal effort.

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3. TAKE PART IN OUR MONTHLY LOTTERY & TURN YOUR DONATION INTO A SIGNIFICANT CHANCE OF WINNING CASH PRIZES EVERY MONTH!



£5 per play

PRIZES

1st prize – £50

2 further prizes of £10 each

Take part monthly or as a one-off play.

Friends and family are welcome to get involved.

100% proceeds go direct to the **150th Anniversary Development Fund** with only a small amount required each month to cover prizes.

To play: email Bruce Belcher bruce.belcher@hotmail.co.uk who can provide you with more details.

Draws will take place in the clubhouse after training, on the last Sunday of each month. Winners will be notified by email following each draw.

Small Print: Players must be 16 or over. Prize values depend on number of entries and is based on a minimum monthly entry of 25. Tickets and all communication by email.

Lottery run by Bruce Belcher on Behalf of Grosvenor Rowing Club, Chester. Registration 18/02673/LOTTO

If you prefer a more traditional approach, we are of course **MORE THAN HAPPY TO RECEIVE DIRECT PAYMENTS OR CHEQUES AS FOLLOWS:**

- 4. YOU CAN MAKE A TRANSFER DIRECT TO OUR FUNDRAISING ACCOUNT** as a monthly or one-off donation. Please email Contact@grosvenor-rowingclub.org.uk for details of our fundraising account.
- 5.** If you prefer to donate by post: (cheques, postal orders etc.) should be made payable to, **'Grosvenor Rowing Club, Chester 150th Development Fund'** and can be posted as follows:

Att: The Treasurer
Grosvenor Rowing Club,
The Groves,
Chester.
CH1 1SD

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Alternatively, if you feel you have more to offer / want to get more involved with our fundraising efforts we'd love to hear from you! Please make your interest or skills known to the fundraising team by emailing Robert Audas at audasinternational@yahoo.co.uk

Thank you in anticipation.

Yours Truly,

Nick Lindop
Club Chairman
Grosvenor Rowing Club, Chester

Tanith Allwood
Club Captain
Grosvenor Rowing Club, Chester

We would love to keep members past & present up to date on the success of our 150th Development Plan and to invite you to our related fundraising events at the club as well as our 150th Anniversary Dinner in 2019 however should you wish to update your contact preferences please email Contact@grosvenor-rowingclub.org.uk

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