

ADVENTURE SUNDERLAND LTD

England & Wales · Charity number 1053017

Details

Other names	THE MARINE ACTIVITIES CENTRE (SUNDERLAND), THE MARINE ACTIVITIES CENTRE (SUNDERLAND) LIMITED, ADVENTURE SUNDERLAND, SUNDERLAND MARINA, THE MAC
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	03153901
Registered	1996-02-16
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: 1. TO PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR RECREATIONAL AND LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES PRINCIPALLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY WATER RELATED AT THE MARINE ACTIVITIES CENTRE (SUNDERLAND) IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE BY IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE OF ALL PERSONS OF ALL AGES

Activities: THE CHARITY'S PRIMARY AIM IS TO PROVIDE OUTDOOR EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE USING ADVENTUROUS ACTIVITIES TO CONTRIBUTE TO THEIR PERSONAL AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** CITY OF SUNDERLAND AND SURROUNDING AREA
- Sunderland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£665,665	£795,058	£2,857,451	12
2024-03-31	£749,428	£779,436	£3,036,844	12
2023-03-31	£723,621	£691,971	£3,066,852	13
2022-03-31	£674,072	£615,740	£3,035,202	13
2021-03-31	£640,007	£560,725	£3,397,194	12

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
MALCOLM GEORGE HOLMES	Chair	
Gerry Taylor		2022-08-11
JOHN RAMSAY		2022-05-25
Martin Meling		2013-10-25
Matthew Hunt		2016-11-25
Michael Hendy		2016-01-22
Tom Wills		2016-01-22

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Accounts

Charity Registration No. 1053017

Company Registration No. 03153901 (England and Wales)

ADVENTURE SUNDERLAND
ANNUAL REPORT AND CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	M Hendy T Wills M Holmes (Chair) M Meling M Hunt J Ramsay G Taylor
Secretary	T Wills
Charity number	1053017
Company number	03153901
Registered office	Marine Activities Centre North Dock Roker Sunderland Tyne and Wear United Kingdom SR6 0PW
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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT AND STRATEGIC REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and aims

Adventure Sunderland was established in 1996 as a registered charity with the objective of providing educational, recreational and leisure activities.

The charity's primary aim is to provide outdoor education opportunities for young people using adventurous activities to contribute to their personal and social development.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commissioner's general guidance on public benefit. The charity has carefully examined the Charity Commissioner's guidance on public benefit and has ensured that its business plan and long-term strategy encompass these requirements.

Beneficiaries of the charity's service include pupils in mainstream primary and secondary schools, colleges, youth groups, universities and a wide variety of social organisations. Most courses seek to achieve development of personal qualities such as self-confidence, awareness of others and responsibility, with the knowledge that such development has a lasting impact on individuals back in their everyday life. The gift aid from the trading subsidiary company allow these activities to be offered at a subsidised level to all sections of the community.

In furtherance of these objects, the charity has adopted the following Mission Statement:

"The Marine Activities Centre, Adventure Sunderland and Sunderland Marina will be nationally recognised as an outstanding example of community based Sports Development.

Through the efficient management of the Marine Activities Centre, Adventure Sunderland and Sunderland Marina, we will:

- Expand access to watersports for all sections of the community.
- Provide a safe, secure, high quality environment for customers, visitors and staff.
- Contribute to the social, cultural and economic regeneration of Wearside and the wider region.
- Work in partnership with other organisations that share common goals.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

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Charitable activities

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The Centre provides an excellent base for Outdoor Education and a wide range of courses at the Centre has been developed. The Centre has a licence from the Adventurous Activities Licensing Authority for all its activities with young people, it is a recognised Royal Yachting Association and British Canoeing Partner. Over the course of the last year more than 4,623 young people (5,802: 2023-24) have used the charity's facilities for a range of positive activities; organised groups, educational visits and private/family sessions.

The financial contribution made by Sunderland Marina Limited to the charity cannot be underestimated in allowing the charity to continue meeting its objectives, predominantly with the local community. The beginning of our 2025 season has a promising outlook with June/July fully booked with Primary and Secondary Schools, Academies and Pupil Referral Units.

The charity delivers recreational course for youth and adults in a variety of activities including paddle boarding, canoeing and powerboating. These activities allow participants to access their immediate surroundings, the rivers and the sea, in a safe and responsible manner and furthermore benefit their health & wellbeing.

We continue to place importance on the training and development of our staff. Staff achieved further qualifications during the past year. Alongside external training courses, a significant amount of in-house training is carried out each year. We have further improved our commitment to our volunteers this year with an evaluation of their development, competence based training and access to industry standard qualifications. It is clear that the enthusiasm, dedication and professionalism of both staff and volunteers continue to inspire and give confidence to all those who use Adventure Sunderland. We are in the process of taking on an Apprentice for the coming year.

Sunderland Marina Limited

Sunderland Marina Limited manages the Marine Activities Centre and the Marina. In the current year Sunderland Marina Limited provided £91,543 (2024: £170,640) in gift aid towards the running costs of the charity.

Sunderland Marina is based in the North Dock Sunderland, originally constructed by Brunel in 1837, and was renovated and extended by Tyne and Wear Development Corporation to provide a modern marina, following the 2014/15 expansion it now provides 132 pontoon berths, together with 95 chain moorings.

The Marina continues to provide a popular berth for boat owners from around the region. The Marina is also a popular destination for visitors from further afield. We have seen a slight decrease in occupancy which reflects the industry statistics, the current financial climate and the increasing need to dredge.

The Marine Activities Centre

Adjoining and serving the Marina is the Marine Activities Centre, the building that provides the focus for users of the Marina, with reception and changing facilities together with workshop and internal storage space. The building itself is arranged into a series of commercial units which are rented out to a diverse range of organisations and companies.

Sunderland Marina Limited holds a lease on a peppercorn rent until 2122 for the land and associated buildings of the charity and Marina, the freeholder to the site being Sunderland City Council (SCC). In 2006 the charity identified that some land included within the lease was surplus to the requirements of both the trading company and the charity and was a potential development site. After prolonged marketing, an offer of £1.22M was received for the freehold of the site. Negotiations started with SCC to secure the freehold, unfortunately at this time SCC maintained that their interest in the site was 50% of the identified value, and a proposal that they should release their interest for £600k was ratified by full council. The charity's professional advisors could not agree with the suggestion that SCC financial interest in the land was 50% due to more than 114 years of the lease remaining, and consequently could not sanction a disposal with this level of cost to the charity. Any sale was delayed whilst protracted discussions with SCC continued.

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These discussions finally came to fruition in 2011 when an agreement was reached with SCC, although their notional interest remained at £600,000 it was agreed that this could be discharged over a thirty-year period by discounting charges for courses and activities to Sunderland based participants. Regrettably, in the intervening period, the property market had collapsed and the site value had dropped to £675,000, the trustees took the view that access to these funds would be more beneficial than retaining the land and the freehold transfer was completed. At a time when financial cuts across the public sector have caused other providers to close and funding for youth groups and schools to be severely restricted this discount fund has been increasingly important to the increase in activity the charity has achieved. This mechanism allows us to set our fees at a level to ensure the financial viability of the charity and to be affordable to the end user.

Financial position

Overview

The charity's Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 are attached. The operating deficit of £179,393 has increased by £149,385 from last year's deficit of £30,008.

The two primary sources of funding continue to be income from charitable activities and the commercial operations of Sunderland Marina Limited. The income from these sources was:

Source	£	% of total income	
Charitable activities	140,969	21.2%	Note 3
Trading activities Sunderland Marina Ltd	524,696	78.8%	Note 4
Total	665,665	100.0%	

Adventure Sunderland is a charity, which seeks to benefit the public through the pursuit of its stated objectives. Our fees for charitable activities are set at a level to ensure accessibility for participants balanced with ensuring the financial viability of the charity. Our fee structure varies dependent on the time of year and demand and is heavily discounted through our trading operations, with an additional discount available for participants from within the Sunderland area as identified above.

Free reserves available for use by the charity are deemed to be those that are realisable, less funds whose uses are restricted or else designated for particular purposes. The calculation thus excludes funds invested in property and other fixed assets that will continue to be used in the day-to-day running of the charity. As a matter of policy, each year the trustees review the value of the reserves retained which are not held for restrictive purposes or designated projects.

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The charity has a target of holding at least £200,000 in free reserves, which is equal to at least three months running costs of both the charity and its trading subsidiary. The charity currently has £516,458 (2024: £563,552) in free reserves, so the target has been achieved.

Free reserves are calculated as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Unrestricted funds	2,175,196	2,340,515
Restricted fund assets	682,255	696,329
Less: Total fixed assets	(2,368,927)	(2,507,025)
Bank loan financing fixed assets		
Due within 1 year	7,350	7,350
Due more than 1 year	20,584	26,383
Free reserves	<u>516,458</u>	<u>563,552</u>

Principal risks and uncertainties

The risks considered in this statement are classified as follows: Governance, Financial, Operational and External.

Governance risks

The governance structure at the charity is in accordance with the following framework:

The charity is a limited liability company, with a maximum of eleven trustees, five appointed by member organisations and up to six independent trustees. Trustees meet four times a year with additional meetings if necessary, the Chief Executive attends and prepares papers for consideration by trustees. The agenda for each Board Meeting is structured with regular reports on budgets, performance, operational issues and health and safety. Any trustee with any concerns concerning the charity can request that the Board consider that issue. The Statutory Accounts and Annual Reports are presented to trustees on an annual basis and the year's performance is reviewed.

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The charity has recently completed a comprehensive governance review and trustees are satisfied that the above governance structure is appropriate to the activities of the charity and that it operates satisfactorily.

Financial risks

The key staff include the Chief Executive, Marina Manager and AS Centre Manager who are jointly responsible for the day-to-day financial management of the charity. The Treasurer, who is a trustee is a qualified accountant and attends the office regularly to satisfy himself as to the record keeping and overall financial performance.

Financial control is exercised by detailed reporting to the Board and the monitoring of income and expenditure against budget. The trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks, which the charity faces and confirm that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen these risks.

The Board considers the charity's exposure to major risks, in terms of their likely impact on its income sources and planned expenditure in the short to medium term, as well as assessing the best way to mitigate such risks. With income, the major risk is from a decline in mooring fees, rental income and to lesser extent course fees, particularly due to the continuing economic situation and other factors leading to reduced economic activity locally.

The charity has a long-term target of holding free reserves equal to at least three months' costs in addition to business interruption insurance. There is also buildings, third party and employer's liability insurance in place. The trustees are satisfied that the latter constitute appropriate protection against any insurable liability. The trustees believe that the level of free reserves in the present economic climate provide acceptable protection in respect of uninsurable losses. The charity does not place any significant reliance on income from investments.

Operational risk

The charity believes that the health and safety of visitors is paramount.

The charity is inspected on a biennial basis by the Adventure Activities Licensing Service (AALS). AALS is part of the Health and Safety Executive (HSE). The inspection process covers the safety management of activities, which includes risk assessments, staff qualifications and the maintenance of equipment associated with the activities. The charity undertakes to perform to the requirements and guidance of AALS and is subject to spot inspections. AALS include in their inspection an assessment to establish whether a "culture of safety" exists within the organisation and has found that it does.

The charity has also been awarded recognised training centre status by the Royal Yachting Association and British Canoeing, all of which carry out annual inspections to ensure appropriate standards are maintained, in both safety and the standard of coaching provided. Additionally the charity holds the "Learning outside the Classroom Quality Badge" (LOtC) and "Adventuremark" status.

All staff leading activities at the charity hold the relevant National Governing Body qualification or have been assessed as competent by an appropriately experienced and qualified person as required by AALS.

The charity has a Health and Safety Policy and Operating Procedures that include generic risk and risk/benefit analysis supported by site-specific risk assessments. Great attention is paid to the need to attain the right balance between risk and benefit. Senior staff believe that this need has been fulfilled by careful consideration of procedures and analysis of incident statistics.

The charity has a compliant and wide ranging Child Protection Policy with annual staff training. Enhanced 'Disclosure & Barring Scheme' (DBS) checks are carried out on all charity staff including long term and regular volunteers, trainees and student placements.

The charity complies with current fire safety legislation. A former fire fighter, a permanent member of staff takes specific responsibility for this area.

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External risk

Potential external risks include damaged reputational risk, turbulent economic circumstances and changing government policy.

The charity seeks to mitigate against these external risks by remaining alert to changing policies through networking with professional bodies which are actively involved in contributing and to developing policy affecting both Outdoor Education and Marinas. With trustees that have a wide and diverse skills and knowledge base, including some from stakeholder organisations representing the education sector across the age range and sports development, the charity is as well informed as it can be with regard to policy changes that might impact the future progress of the charity.

The charity enjoys a good reputation for acting professionally with compassion and protects this reputation through the quality of its staff, staff training, good support by administrative staff and high quality facilities. Any effect on income due to damage to its reputation is likely to be sustainable using the free reserves.

Future plans

The charity will continue all of its current activities and develop new on-site activities and more offsite expeditions. The dedication of the staff and trustees, together with the financial support of its benefactors remains vital to Adventure Sunderland fulfilling its charitable objectives.

Sunderland Marina has begun the process of application to carry out dredging to maintain the depth required for its berth-holders to continue to have 24hr access to/from the Marina. This was last carried out in 2006. Permission from the Port of Sunderland is required followed by confirmation of a successful application to the Marine Management Organisation. Dredging is vital to protect our main income stream.

The charity has one site not yet utilised, an area of land adjacent to the slipway. Following several competitive offers from property developers, we are currently negotiating a contract for the sale of the site. The trustees remain confident that this site will be sold in the future and part of this potential windfall will be reinvested in the estate allowing the charity to continue to provide high quality facilities.

Structure, governance and management

Governing Document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a Memorandum and Articles of Association, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Overview

Adventure Sunderland is a company limited by guarantee, and governed by a Board of trustees. It is governed in accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association. The Board is responsible for the management and control of the charity and the overall direction of its work. The Board is a non-executive body, and appoints a Chief Executive to conduct the business of the charity on its behalf, who is responsible for the staff and the day-to-day management. New Board members are briefed by the Chair and Chief Executive to familiarise themselves with the charity as well as their wider responsibilities as company directors and charity trustees. All members receive an induction pack providing information on their duties and responsibilities, key policy documents, and other background information.

As a charity, it cannot engage directly in trading activities. Accordingly, the commercial activities of the Marine Activities Centre and the Marina are routed through the wholly owned subsidiary, Sunderland Marina Limited. The Board of Directors of Sunderland Marina Limited are appointed by the Board of the charity, and currently consists of one of the members of the charity Board together with the Chief Executive.

The Board of trustees, the Chief Executive Officer, Marina Manager and Adventure Sunderland Centre Manager comprise the key management personnel, during part of this year the Marina Manager position was vacant and those duties were carried out by the CEO, the post has now been filled. No remuneration was paid to trustees in the year. Details of trustee's expenses and related party transactions are disclosed in Notes to the accounts. The pay of the key staff is reviewed annually and normally increased in line with a general increase awarded to all staff within the company.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT AND STRATEGIC REPORT) (CONTINUED)

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The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

M Hendy

T Wills

M Holmes (Chair)

M Meling

I Whitfield

(Resigned 1 March 2025)

M Hunt

J Ramsay

G Taylor

The trustees' report, including the strategic report, was approved by the Board of Trustees.

M Hendy

Trustee

15 December 2025

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF ADVENTURE SUNDERLAND

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Adventure Sunderland (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- 4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Azets Audit Services

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United Kingdom

Dated: 15 December 2025

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Income from:							
Charitable activities	3	130,853	10,116	140,969	163,982	-	163,982
Other trading activities	4	524,696	-	524,696	585,446	-	585,446
Total income		655,549	10,116	665,665	749,428	-	749,428
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	5	700,824	-	700,824	674,889	-	674,889
Charitable activities	6	70,044	24,190	94,234	87,582	16,965	104,547
Total resources expended		770,868	24,190	795,058	762,471	16,965	779,436
Net outgoing resources before transfers		(115,319)	(14,074)	(129,393)	(13,043)	(16,965)	(30,008)
Gross transfers between funds		426	13,774	14,200	406	13,134	13,540
Net outgoing resources		(114,893)	(300)	(115,193)	(12,637)	(3,831)	(16,468)
Other recognised gains and losses							
Revaluation of tangible fixed assets		(50,426)	(13,774)	(64,200)	(406)	(13,134)	(13,540)
Net movement in funds		(165,319)	(14,074)	(179,393)	(13,043)	(16,965)	(30,008)
Fund balances at 1 April 2024		2,340,515	696,329	3,036,844	2,353,558	713,294	3,066,852
Fund balances at 31 March 2025		2,175,196	682,255	2,857,451	2,340,515	696,329	3,036,844

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 Group £	2024 Group £ As restated	2025 Charity £	2024 Charity £ As restated
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	11	3,002,845	3,124,469	773,595	790,285
Investments	13	-	-	1,595,332	1,716,740
		<u>3,002,845</u>	<u>3,124,469</u>	<u>2,368,927</u>	<u>2,507,025</u>
Current assets					
Stocks	14	2,872	3,354	-	-
Debtors	15	145,055	147,142	379,927	423,197
Cash at bank and in hand		186,917	218,579	153,562	161,225
		<u>334,844</u>	<u>369,075</u>	<u>533,489</u>	<u>584,422</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	<u>(228,585)</u>	<u>(183,112)</u>	<u>(24,381)</u>	<u>(28,220)</u>
Net current assets		<u>106,259</u>	<u>185,963</u>	<u>509,108</u>	<u>556,202</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>3,109,104</u>	<u>3,310,432</u>	<u>2,878,035</u>	<u>3,063,227</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	17	<u>(251,653)</u>	<u>(273,588)</u>	<u>(20,584)</u>	<u>(26,383)</u>
Net assets		<u><u>2,857,451</u></u>	<u><u>3,036,844</u></u>	<u><u>2,857,451</u></u>	<u><u>3,036,844</u></u>
Income funds					
<u>Restricted funds</u>					
General restricted funds		464,443	464,743	464,443	464,743
Revaluation reserve		217,812	231,586	217,812	231,586
	19	<u>682,255</u>	<u>696,329</u>	<u>682,255</u>	<u>696,329</u>
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
General unrestricted funds		775,364	890,257	2,168,228	2,333,121
Revaluation reserve		1,399,832	1,450,258	6,968	7,394
		<u>2,175,196</u>	<u>2,340,515</u>	<u>2,175,196</u>	<u>2,340,515</u>
		<u><u>2,857,451</u></u>	<u><u>3,036,844</u></u>	<u><u>2,857,451</u></u>	<u><u>3,036,844</u></u>

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 15 December 2025

M Hendy
Trustee

Company Registration No. 03153901

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	Group 2025 £	Group 2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	21	7,246	(28,593)
Interest paid		(2,654)	(2,543)
Interest received		91	68
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Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		4,683	(31,068)
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Investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(30,546)	(37,843)
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Net cash used in investing activities		(30,546)	(37,843)
Financing activities			
Repayment of bank loans		(5,799)	(5,184)
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Net cash used in financing activities		(5,799)	(5,184)
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Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(31,662)	(74,095)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		218,579	292,674
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year		186,917	218,579
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Relating to:			
Cash at bank and in hand		186,917	218,579
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NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Adventure Sunderland is a charitable company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales and the registered charity number is 1053017. The registered office is Marine Activities Centre, North Dock, Roker, Sunderland, Tyne and Wear, SR6 0PW, United Kingdom.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

In addition however, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this statement is not a guarantee as to the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Income from Government and other grants whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred. In respect of furlough grants; all conditions, with respect to the eligible costs being claimed, need to be met.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

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1.5 Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under the headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Allocation and apportionment of costs

Charitable activities include all costs relating to activities where the primary aim is part of the objects of the charity along with indirect costs. The indirect costs have been apportioned on a reasonable basis which is consistent with previous years.

Governance cost

Governance costs include salary cost attributable to the management of the charity's assets, organisational and administrative and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements. Governance costs also include audit and accountancy work.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings	Buildings 2% on cost
Leasehold land and buildings	2% on cost
Plant and equipment	5% - 33% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	5% - 33% on cost
Computers	5% - 33% on cost

Freehold land is not depreciated.

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost comprises direct materials and, where applicable, direct labour costs and those overheads that have been incurred in bringing the stocks to their present location and condition. Items held for distribution at no or nominal consideration are measured the lower of replacement cost and cost.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price less all estimated costs of completion and costs to be incurred in marketing, selling and distribution.

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1 Accounting policies

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1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.10 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Derecognition of financial assets

Financial assets are derecognised only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire or are settled, or when the charity transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to another entity, or if some significant risks and rewards of ownership are retained but control of the asset has transferred to another party that is able to sell the asset in its entirety to an unrelated third party.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.11 Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

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NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

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1.12 Employee benefits

The costs of short-term employee benefits are recognised as a liability and an expense, unless those costs are required to be recognised as part of the cost of stock or fixed assets.

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.13 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

1.14 Limited by guarantee

The charitable company is limited by guarantee in that every member undertakes to contribute to the charity in the event of the same being wound up during the time that he is a member or within one year afterwards in the payment of debts and liabilities and the costs of winding up, such amounts as may be required not exceeding £1.

2 Subsidiary activities

The wholly owned subsidiary, Sunderland Marina Limited which is incorporated in England and Wales, pays the majority of its taxable profits to the charity via gift aid. Sunderland Marina Limited operates all commercial activities carried on at the Marine Activities Centre. The charity owns the entire issued share capital of 100 ordinary shares of £1 each. A summary of the trading results is shown below:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Revenue	519,605	580,377
Cost of sales	(22,947)	(20,673)
Gross Profit	496,658	559,704
Administrative expenses	(679,705)	(646,372)
Other operating income	214,665	196,118
Operating Profit/(Loss)	31,618	109,450
Interest receivable and similar income	91	68
Interest payable and similar expenses	(11,574)	(11,516)
Profit/(Loss) before Taxation	20,135	98,002
Taxation	-	-
Profit/(Loss) for the Financial Year	20,135	98,002

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NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

3 Charitable activities

	Providing educational recreational and leisure activities	Providing educational recreational and leisure activities
	2025 £	2024 £
Course fees	102,296	126,801
Course discounts	20,500	20,147
Performance related grants	10,116	-
Charitable rental income	7,392	7,392
Other income	665	9,642
	<u>140,969</u>	<u>163,982</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	130,853	163,982
Restricted funds	10,116	-
	<u>140,969</u>	<u>163,982</u>

4 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2025 £	2024 £
Commercial trading operations income Sunderland Marina Limited	524,696	585,446
Mooring and pontoon sales	335,270	393,780
Rental income	103,669	103,669
Service charges	47,132	50,957
Diesel	24,696	19,577
Slipway	460	2,900
Visitor sales	7,242	9,495
Other income	1,227	68
Employment allowance and JRS	5,000	5,000
	<u>524,696</u>	<u>585,446</u>

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NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

5 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2025	2024
	£	£
<u>Trading costs</u>		
Commercial trading operations expenditure Sunderland Marina Limited	700,824	674,889
	<u>700,824</u>	<u>674,889</u>
	<u><u>700,824</u></u>	<u><u>674,889</u></u>

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NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

6 Charitable activities

	Providing educational recreational and leisure activities	Providing educational recreational and leisure activities	Total 2025	Providing educational recreational and leisure activities	Providing educational recreational and leisure activities	Total 2024
	2025	2025		2024	2024	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Depreciation and impairment	10,499	14,074	24,573	10,556	16,965	27,521
Course expenses	4,520	50	4,570	10,477	-	10,477
MACT Management fee	-	10,066	10,066	-	-	-
Training	30	-	30	2,119	-	2,119
Uniforms	-	-	-	88	-	88
Travelling	318	-	318	768	-	768
Rates and water	1,000	-	1,000	700	-	700
Heat and light	15,035	-	15,035	11,269	-	11,269
Insurance	14,946	-	14,946	13,980	-	13,980
Repairs and renewals	2,756	-	2,756	1,892	-	1,892
Telephone	750	-	750	677	-	677
Postage, stationery, software and advertising	195	-	195	71	-	71
Loan interest	2,654	-	2,654	2,543	-	2,543
Bank charges	75	-	75	54	-	54
	<u>52,778</u>	<u>24,190</u>	<u>76,968</u>	<u>55,194</u>	<u>16,965</u>	<u>72,159</u>
Share of governance costs (see note 7)	17,266	-	17,266	32,388	-	32,388
	<u>70,044</u>	<u>24,190</u>	<u>94,234</u>	<u>87,582</u>	<u>16,965</u>	<u>104,547</u>
Analysis by fund						
Unrestricted funds	70,044	-	70,044	87,582	-	87,582
Restricted funds	-	24,190	24,190	-	16,965	16,965
	<u>70,044</u>	<u>24,190</u>	<u>94,234</u>	<u>87,582</u>	<u>16,965</u>	<u>104,547</u>

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NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

7	Support costs	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2025 £	2024 £
	Audit fees	-	-	-	15,600
	Accountancy	-	11,866	11,866	12,295
	Legal and professional	-	5,400	5,400	4,493
		<u>-</u>	<u>17,266</u>	<u>17,266</u>	<u>32,388</u>
	Analysed between				
	Charitable activities	-	17,266	17,266	32,388
		<u>-</u>	<u>17,266</u>	<u>17,266</u>	<u>32,388</u>

Governance costs includes payments to the auditors of £nil (2024 - £15,600) for audit fees and £11,600 (2024 £nil) for independent examination fees.

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NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

8 Staff costs

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2025	2024
	Number	Number
Charitable activities	10	10
Administration and management	2	2
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Total	12	12
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Employment costs

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	378,060	348,147
Social security costs	37,741	33,396
Other pension costs	11,228	10,804
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	427,029	392,347
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Directors' remuneration

	2025	2024
	£	£
Remuneration paid to directors	67,224	61,518
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The number of employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more were:

	2025	2024
	Number	Number
£60,001 to £70,000	1	1
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9 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

10 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

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11 Tangible fixed assets - Group	Freehold land and buildings	Leasehold land and buildings	Plant and equipment	Fixtures and fittings	Computers	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cost or valuation						
At 1 April 2024	1,060,000	1,750,000	1,292,758	46,656	37,632	4,187,046
Additions	-	-	30,254	292	-	30,546
Revaluation	(50,000)	-	-	-	-	(50,000)
At 31 March 2025	1,010,000	1,750,000	1,323,012	46,948	37,632	4,167,592
Depreciation and impairment						
At 1 April 2024	13,540	33,100	966,706	25,125	24,105	1,062,576
Depreciation charged in the year	14,200	36,900	40,820	6,536	3,715	102,171
At 31 March 2025	27,740	70,000	1,007,526	31,661	27,820	1,164,747
Carrying amount						
At 31 March 2025	982,260	1,680,000	315,486	15,287	9,812	3,002,845
At 31 March 2024	1,046,460	1,716,900	326,052	21,531	13,526	3,124,469

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11 Tangible fixed assets - Group

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The carrying value of land included in land and buildings comprises:

	2025 £	2024 £
Freehold	1,060,000	1,060,000
Long leasehold	1,750,000	1,750,000
	<u>2,810,000</u>	<u>2,810,000</u>

On 24 March 2023, freehold land and buildings were revalued on an existing use basis by a qualified valuer David Johnson, MRICS of George F White LLP at £2,810,000 (including a value of land of £350,000). This valuation was incorporated into the financial statements at 31 March 2022 and in the opinion of the trustees, remains appropriate at the balance sheet date.

At 31 March 2025, had the revalued assets been carried at historic cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses, their carrying amount would have been approximately £1,019,007 (2024 - £1,086,832).

Included in cost or valuation of land and buildings is freehold land of £350,000 (2024: £350,000) which is not depreciated.

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NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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12 Tangible fixed assets - Charity

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold Property £	Plant and Machinery £	Office Equipment £	Totals £
Cost				
At 1 April 2024	760,000	175,073	37,632	972,705
Additions	-	7,882	-	7,882
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2025	<u>760,000</u>	<u>182,955</u>	<u>37,632</u>	<u>980,587</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2024	13,540	144,774	24,105	182,419
Charge for year	14,200	6,658	3,715	24,573
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2025	<u>27,740</u>	<u>151,432</u>	<u>27,820</u>	<u>206,992</u>
Net Book Value				
At 31 March 2025	<u>732,260</u>	<u>31,523</u>	<u>9,812</u>	<u>773,595</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>746,460</u>	<u>30,299</u>	<u>13,526</u>	<u>790,285</u>

Included in cost or valuation of land and buildings is freehold land of £50,000 which is not depreciated.

On 24 March 2023 freehold land and buildings were revalued on an Existing Use Basis by a qualified valuer David Johnson, MRICS of George F White LLP at £760,000 (including a land value of £50,000). This valuation was incorporated into the financial statements at 31 March 2022, and in the opinion of the trustees, remains appropriate at the balance sheet date.

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13 Fixed asset investments - Charity

	Shares in group undertakings	Loans to group undertakings	Total
	£	£	£
Cost or valuation			
At 1 April 2024	1,962,266	33,733	1,995,999
Repayments		(5,799)	(5,799)
Revaluations	-	-	-
At 31 March 2025	1,962,266	27,934	1,990,200
Impairment			
At 1 April 2024	279,259	-	279,259
Impairment losses	115,609	-	115,609
At 31 March 2025	394,868	-	394,868
Net Book Value			
At 31 March 2025	1,567,398	27,934	1,595,332
At 1 April 2024	1,683,007	33,733	1,716,740

There were no investment assets outside the UK. The company's investments at the balance sheet date in the share capital of companies include the following:

Sunderland Marina Limited:

Nature of business: Marine Activities Centre and Marina

Class of share: % holding

Ordinary 100

	2025	2024
	£	£
Aggregate capital and reserves	1,595,332	1,716,740
Profit/(Loss) for the year	20,135	98,002

Investments in subsidiaries are carried at fair value which is deemed to be the balance sheet total of the subsidiary.

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14 Stocks

	2025 £ Group	2024 £ Group	2025 £ Charity	2024 £ Charity
Finished goods and goods for resale	2,872	3,354	-	-

15 Debtors

Amounts falling due within one year:	2025 £ Group	2024 £ Group	2025 £ Charity	2024 £ Charity
Trade debtors	141,416	143,799	-	29,670
Amounts owed by subsidiary undertakings	-	-	378,141	391,846
Other debtors	1,851	1,661	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income	1,788	1,682	1,786	1,681
	<u>145,055</u>	<u>147,142</u>	<u>379,927</u>	<u>423,197</u>

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £ Group	2024 £ Group	2025 £ Charity	2024 £ Charity
Bank loans	7,350	7,350	7,350	7,350
Other taxation and social security	37,585	33,636	-	-
Trade creditors	5,544	5,489	5,544	5,489
Deferred consideration	15,168	15,168	-	-
Other creditors	25,756	4,561	-	-
Accruals and deferred income	137,182	116,908	11,487	15,381
	<u>228,585</u>	<u>183,112</u>	<u>24,381</u>	<u>28,220</u>

17 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2025 £ Group	2024 £ Group	2025 £ Charity	2024 £ Charity
Bank loans	20,584	26,383	20,584	26,383
Other borrowings	50,000	50,000	-	-
Other creditors	181,069	197,205	-	-
	<u>251,653</u>	<u>273,588</u>	<u>20,584</u>	<u>26,383</u>

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18 Loans and overdrafts

	2025 £ Group	2024 £ Group	2025 £ Charity	2024 £ Charity
Bank loans	27,934	33,733	27,934	33,733
Other loans	50,000	50,000	-	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Payable within one year	7,350	7,350	7,350	7,350
Payable after one year	70,584	76,383	20,584	26,383
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

The following secured debts are included within creditors:

	2025 £ Group	2024 £ Group	2025 £ Charity	2024 £ Charity
Bank loans	27,934	33,733	27,934	33,733
City of Sunderland	247,205	262,373	-	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	275,139	296,106	27,934	33,733
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Bank loans are secured on Adventure Sunderland, Marine Walk, Roker, Sunderland, SR6 1PW

City of Sunderland loans and debt are secured on land and buildings at Marine Activities Centre, North Dock, Roker, Sunderland and land lying to the south East of Dame Dorothy Street, Sunderland.

19 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Resources expended £	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Watersports Activity Centre	708,863	(13,134)	695,729	(13,774)	681,955
Latitude Fifty	183	(183)	-	-	-
Sport England Humber Ocean	3,348	(3,348)	-	-	-
Lions Club Minibus	900	(300)	600	(300)	300
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	713,294	(16,965)	696,329	(14,074)	682,255
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

20 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Fund balances at 31 March 2025 are represented by:						
Tangible assets	2,320,590	682,255	3,002,845	2,428,140	696,329	3,124,469
Current assets/(liabilities)	106,259	-	106,259	185,963	-	185,963
Long term liabilities	(251,653)	-	(251,653)	(273,588)	-	(273,588)
	<u>2,175,196</u>	<u>682,255</u>	<u>2,857,451</u>	<u>2,340,515</u>	<u>696,329</u>	<u>3,036,844</u>

21 Cash generated from operations

	Group 2025 £	Group 2024 £
Deficit for the year	(179,393)	(30,008)
Adjustments for:		
Fixed assets revaluation	50,000	-
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	102,171	99,868
Interest received	(91)	(68)
Interest paid	2,654	2,543
Movements in working capital:		
Decrease in stocks	482	(245)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	2,087	(55,372)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	29,336	(45,311)
Cash generated from operations	<u>7,246</u>	<u>(28,593)</u>

22 Analysis of changes in net funds

	At 1 April 2024 £	Cash flows £	At 31 March 2025 £
Cash at bank and in hand	218,579	(31,662)	186,917
Loans falling due within one year	(7,350)	-	(7,350)
Loans falling due after more than one year	(76,383)	5,799	(70,584)
	<u>134,846</u>	<u>(25,863)</u>	<u>108,983</u>

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Company number	03153901
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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT AND STRATEGIC REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and aims

Adventure Sunderland was established in 1996 as a registered charity with the objective of providing education recreational and leisure activities.

The charity's primary aim is to provide outdoor education opportunities for young people using adventurous activities contribute to their personal and social development.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commissioner's general guidance on public benefit. The charity has carefully examined the Charity Commissioner's guidance on public benefit and has ensured that its business plan and long-term strategy encompass these requirements.

Beneficiaries of the charity's service include pupils in mainstream primary and secondary schools, colleges, youth groups, universities and a wide variety of social organisations. Most courses seek to achieve development of personal qualities such as self-confidence, awareness of others and responsibility, with the knowledge that such development has a lasting impact on individuals back in their everyday life. The gift aid from the trading subsidiary company allow these activities to be offered at a subsidised level to all sections of the community.

In furtherance of these objects, the charity has adopted the following Mission Statement:

"The Marine Activities Centre, Adventure Sunderland and Sunderland Marina will be nationally recognised as an outstanding example of community based Sports Development.

Through the efficient management of the Marine Activities Centre, Adventure Sunderland and Sunderland Marina, we will:

- Expand access to watersports for all sections of the community.
- Provide a safe, secure, high quality environment for customers, visitors and staff.
- Contribute to the social, cultural and economic regeneration of Wearside and the wider region.
- Work in partnership with other organisations that share common goals.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT AND STRATEGIC REPORT) (CONTINUED)

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Charitable Activities

Adventure Sunderland

The Centre provides an excellent base for Outdoor Education and a wide range of courses at the Centre has been developed. The Centre has a licence from the Adventurous Activities Licensing Authority for all its activities with young people, it is a recognised Royal Yachting Association and British Canoeing Partner. Over the course of the last year more than 5,802 young people (5,293: 2022-23) have used the charity's facilities for a range of positive activities; organised groups, educational visits and private/family sessions.

The financial contribution made by Sunderland Marina Limited to the charity cannot be underestimated in allowing the charity to continue meeting its objectives, predominantly with the local community. The beginning of our 2024 season has a promising outlook with June/July fully booked with Primary and Secondary Schools, Academies and Pupil Referral Units.

The charity delivers recreational course for youth and adults in a variety of activities including paddle boarding, canoeing and powerboating. These activities allow participants to access their immediate surroundings, the rivers and the sea, in a safe and responsible manner and furthermore benefit their health & wellbeing.

We continue to place importance on the training and development of our staff. Staff achieved further qualifications during the past year. Alongside external training courses, a significant amount of in-house training is carried out each year. We have further improved our commitment to our volunteers this year with an evaluation of their development, competence based training and access to industry standard qualifications. It is clear that the enthusiasm, dedication and professionalism of both staff and volunteers continue to inspire and give confidence to all those who use Adventure Sunderland.

Sunderland Marina Limited

Sunderland Marina Limited manages the Marine Activities Centre and the Marina. In the current year Sunderland Marina Limited provided £170,640 (2023: £97,250) in gift aid towards the running costs of the charity.

Sunderland Marina is based in the North Dock Sunderland, originally constructed by Brunel in 1837, and was renovated and extended by Tyne and Wear Development Corporation to provide a modern marina, following the 2014/15 expansion it now provides 132 pontoon berths, together with 95 chain moorings.

The Marina continues to provide a popular berth for boat owners from around the region. The Marina is also a popular destination for visitors from further afield. We have seen a slight decrease in occupancy which reflects the industry statistics and the current financial climate.

The Marine Activities Centre

Adjoining and serving the Marina is the Marine Activities Centre, the building that provides the focus for users of the Marina, with reception and changing facilities together with workshop and internal storage space. The building itself is arranged into a series of commercial units which are rented out to a diverse range of organisations and companies.

Sunderland Marina Limited holds a lease on a peppercorn rent until 2122 for the land and associated buildings of the charity and Marina, the freeholder to the site being Sunderland City Council (SCC). In 2006 the charity identified that some land included within the lease was surplus to the requirements of both the trading company and the charity and was a potential development site. After prolonged marketing, an offer of £1.22M was received for the freehold of the site. Negotiations started with SCC to secure the freehold, unfortunately at this time SCC maintained that their interest in the site was 50% of the identified value, and a proposal that they should release their interest for £600k was ratified by full council. The charity's professional advisors could not agree with the suggestion that SCC financial interest in the land was 50% due to more than 114 years of the lease remaining, and consequently could not sanction a disposal with this level of cost to the charity. Any sale was delayed whilst protracted discussions with SCC continued.

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These discussions finally came to fruition in 2011 when an agreement was reached with SCC, although their notional interest remained at £600,000 it was agreed that this could be discharged over a thirty-year period by discounting charges for courses and activities to Sunderland based participants. Regrettably, in the intervening period, the property market had collapsed and the site value had dropped to £675,000, the trustees took the view that access to these funds would be more beneficial than retaining the land and the freehold transfer was completed. At a time when financial cuts across the public sector have caused other providers to close and funding for youth groups and schools to be severely restricted this discount fund has been increasingly important to the increase in activity the charity has achieved. This mechanism allows us to set our fees at a level to ensure the financial viability of the charity and to be affordable to the end user.

Financial Position

Overview

The charity's Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 are attached. The operating deficit of (£30,008) has increased by £61,658 from last year's surplus of £31,650.

The two primary sources of funding continue to be income from charitable activities and the commercial operations of Sunderland Marina Limited. The income from these sources was:

Source	£	% of total income
Charitable activities	163,982	48.5%
Gift aid	170,640	50.4%
Other	3,672	1.1%
Total	338,294	100.0%

Adventure Sunderland is a charity, which seeks to benefit the public through the pursuit of its stated objectives. Our fees for charitable activities are set at a level to ensure accessibility for participants balanced with ensuring the financial viability of the charity. Our fee structure varies dependent on the time of year and demand and is heavily discounted through our trading operations, with an additional discount available for participants from within the Sunderland area as identified above.

Free reserves available for use by the charity are deemed to be those that are realisable, less funds whose uses are restricted or else designated for particular purposes. The calculation thus excludes funds invested in property and other fixed assets that will continue to be used in the day-to-day running of the charity. As a matter of policy, each year the trustees review the value of the reserves retained which are not held for restrictive purposes or designated projects.

The charity has a target of holding at least £173,000 in free reserves, which is equal to at least three months running costs of both the charity and its trading subsidiary. The charity currently has £675,730 (2023: £674,376) in free reserves, so the target has been achieved.

Free Reserves are calculated as follows:

	2024	2023
General unrestricted funds	709,463	713,294
Less:		
Loan commitments due within 1 year	(7,350)	(7,350)
Loan commitments due more than 1 year	(26,383)	(31,568)
Free reserves	675,730	674,376

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT AND STRATEGIC REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Principal risks and uncertainties

The risks considered in this statement are classified as follows: Governance, Financial, Operational and External.

Governance risks

The governance structure at the charity is in accordance with the following framework:

The charity is a limited liability company, with a maximum of eleven trustees, five appointed by member organisations and up to six independent trustees. Trustees meet four times a year with additional meetings if necessary, the Chief Executive attends and prepares papers for consideration by trustees. The agenda for each Board Meeting is structured with regular reports on budgets, performance, operational issues and health and safety. Any trustee with any concerns concerning the charity can request that the Board consider that issue. The Statutory Accounts and Annual Reports are presented to trustees on an annual basis and the year's performance is reviewed.

The charity has recently completed a comprehensive governance review and trustees are satisfied that the above governance structure is appropriate to the activities of the charity and that it operates satisfactorily.

Financial Risks

The key staff include the Chief Executive, Marina Manager and AS Centre Manager who are jointly responsible for the day-to-day financial management of the charity. The Treasurer, who is a trustee is a qualified accountant and attends the office regularly to satisfy himself as to the record keeping and overall financial performance.

Financial control is exercised by detailed reporting to the Board and the monitoring of income and expenditure against budget. The trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks, which the charity faces and confirm that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen these risks.

The Board considers the charity's exposure to major risks, in terms of their likely impact on its income sources and planned expenditure in the short to medium term, as well as assessing the best way to mitigate such risks. With income, the major risk is from a decline in mooring fees, rental income and to lesser extent course fees, particularly due to the continuing economic situation and other factors leading to reduced economic activity locally.

The charity has a long-term target of holding free reserves equal to at least three months' costs in addition to business interruption insurance. There is also buildings, third party and employer's liability insurance in place. The trustees are satisfied that the latter constitute appropriate protection against any insurable liability. The trustees believe that the level of free reserves in the present economic climate provide acceptable protection in respect of uninsurable losses. The charity does not place any significant reliance on income from investments.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT AND STRATEGIC REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Operational Risk

The charity believes that the health and safety of visitors is paramount.

The charity is inspected on a biennial basis by the Adventure Activities Licensing Service (AALS). AALS is part of the Health and Safety Executive (HSE). The inspection process covers the safety management of activities, which includes risk assessments, staff qualifications and the maintenance of equipment associated with the activities. The charity undertakes to perform to the requirements and guidance of AALS and is subject to spot inspections. AALS include in their inspection an assessment to establish whether a "culture of safety" exists within the organisation and has found that it does.

The charity has also been awarded recognised training centre status by the Royal Yachting Association and British Canoeing, all of which carry out annual inspections to ensure appropriate standards are maintained, in both safety and the standard of coaching provided. Additionally the charity holds the "Learning outside the Classroom Quality Badge" (LOtC) and "Adventuremark" status.

All staff leading activities at the charity hold the relevant National Governing Body qualification or have been assessed as competent by an appropriately experienced and qualified person as required by AALS.

The charity has a Health and Safety Policy and Operating Procedures that include generic risk and risk/benefit analysis supported by site-specific risk assessments. Great attention is paid to the need to attain the right balance between risk and benefit. Senior staff believe that this need has been fulfilled by careful consideration of procedures and analysis of incident statistics.

The charity has a compliant and wide ranging Child Protection Policy with annual staff training. Enhanced 'Disclosure & Barring Scheme' (DBS) checks are carried out on all charity staff including long term and regular volunteers, trainees and student placements.

The charity complies with current fire safety legislation. A former fire fighter, a permanent member of staff takes specific responsibility for this area.

External risk

Potential external risks include damaged reputational risk, turbulent economic circumstances and changing government policy.

The charity seeks to mitigate against these external risks by remaining alert to changing policies through networking with professional bodies which are actively involved in contributing and to developing policy affecting both Outdoor Education and Marinas. With trustees that have a wide and diverse skills and knowledge base, including some from stakeholder organisations representing the education sector across the age range and sports development, the charity is as well informed as it can be with regard to policy changes that might impact the future progress of the charity.

The charity enjoys a good reputation for acting professionally with compassion and protects this reputation through the quality of its staff, staff training, good support by administrative staff and high quality facilities. Any effect on income due to damage to its reputation is likely to be sustainable using the free reserves.

The trustees believe that the charity has restored its pre-Covid performance, in a well-founded position and that the measures taken to protect and enhance its income from its trading subsidiary will enable it to face the challenges of the current economic downturn and ahead.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT AND STRATEGIC REPORT) (CONTINUED)

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Future Plans

The charity will continue all of its current activities and develop new on-site activities and more offsite expeditions. The dedication of the staff and trustees, together with the financial support of its benefactors remains vital to Adventure Sunderland fulfilling its charitable objectives.

Sunderland Marina has begun the process of application to carry out dredging to maintain the depth required for its berth-holders to continue to have 24hr access to/from the Marina. This was last carried out in 2006. Permission from the Port of Sunderland is required followed by confirmation of a successful application to the Marine Management Organisation. Dredging is vital to protect our main income stream.

The charity has one site not yet utilised, an area of land adjacent to the slipway. Following several competitive offers from property developers, we are currently negotiating a contract for the sale of the site. The trustees remain confident that this site will be sold in the future and part of this potential windfall will be reinvested in the estate allowing the charity to continue to provide high quality facilities.

Structure, governance and management

Governing Document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a Memorandum and Articles of Association, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Overview

Adventure Sunderland is a company limited by guarantee, and governed by a Board of trustees. It is governed in accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association. The Board is responsible for the management and control of the charity and the overall direction of its work. The Board is a non-executive body, and appoints a Chief Executive to conduct the business of the charity on its behalf, who is responsible for the staff and the day-to-day management. New Board members are briefed by the Chair and Chief Executive to familiarise themselves with the charity as well as their wider responsibilities as company directors and charity trustees. All members receive an induction pack providing information on their duties and responsibilities, key policy documents, and other background information.

As a charity, it cannot engage directly in trading activities. Accordingly, the commercial activities of the Marine Activities Centre and the Marina are routed through the wholly owned subsidiary, Sunderland Marina Limited. The Board of Directors of Sunderland Marina Limited are appointed by the Board of the charity, and currently consists of one of the members of the charity Board together with the Chief Executive.

The Board of trustees, the Chief Executive Officer, Marina Manager and Adventure Sunderland Centre Manager comprise the key management personnel, during part of this year the Marina Manager position was vacant and those duties were carried out by the CEO, the post has now been filled. No remuneration was paid to trustees in the year. Details of trustee's expenses and related party transactions are disclosed in Notes to the accounts. The pay of the key staff is reviewed annually and normally increased in line with a general increase awarded to all staff within the company.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

M Hendy
T Wills
M Holmes (Chair)
M Meling
I Whitfield
M Hunt
J Ramsay
G Taylor

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT AND STRATEGIC REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees, who are also the directors of Adventure Sunderland for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Auditor

The auditors, Azets Audit Services, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting but as independent examiner as an audit will not be required.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act relating to small companies.

Qualified Opinion – Relating to revaluation of property

Adventure Sunderland engaged a professional surveyor in good faith to obtain a new valuation report for the three property sites. This lengthy process provided the resultant valuation documents which did not satisfy the audit team, specifically in relation to assumptions made with regard to interpretation of several potentially restrictive clauses in two of the leases.

The trustees' report, including the strategic report, was approved by the Board of Trustees.

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M Hendy
Trustee

Date:

ADVENTURE SUNDERLAND

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF ADVENTURE SUNDERLAND

Qualified opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Adventure Sunderland (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion section of our report, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for qualified opinion

The freehold land and buildings in Adventure Sunderland and the leasehold property in Sunderland Marina Ltd were revalued on 24 March 2023 by an external valuer, as detailed in note 12, to £760,000 and £1.75m respectively, however we have not been able to place reliance on these as the valuations included certain assumptions that we do not consider justifiable in order to arrive at a fair valuation and as a result the value of the freehold land and buildings and the leasehold property are likely to be materially overstated.

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE TRUSTEES OF ADVENTURE SUNDERLAND

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE TRUSTEES OF ADVENTURE SUNDERLAND

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above and on the Financial Reporting Council's website, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud.

We obtain and update our understanding of the entity, its activities, its control environment, and likely future developments, including in relation to the legal and regulatory framework applicable and how the entity is complying with that framework. Based on this understanding, we identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. This includes consideration of the risk of acts by the entity that were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, including fraud, we designed procedures which included:

- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims as well as actual, suspected and alleged fraud;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- Assessing the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations considered to have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the entity through enquiry and inspection;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- Performing audit work over the risk of management bias and override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for indicators of potential bias.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Joanne Regan FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Azets Audit Services

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ADVENTURE SUNDERLAND

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	2	-	-	-	1,860	-	1,860
Charitable activities	5	163,982	-	163,982	166,026	-	166,026
Other trading activities	6	585,446	-	585,446	555,442	-	555,442
Investments	3	-	-	-	293	-	293
Total income		<u>749,428</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>749,428</u>	<u>723,621</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>723,621</u>
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	7	674,889	-	674,889	627,996	-	627,996
Charitable activities	9	100,716	3,831	104,547	59,741	4,234	63,975
Total resources expended		<u>775,605</u>	<u>3,831</u>	<u>779,436</u>	<u>687,737</u>	<u>4,234</u>	<u>691,971</u>
Net (expenditure)/income for the year/							
Net movement in funds		(26,177)	(3,831)	(30,008)	35,884	(4,234)	31,650
Fund balances at 1 April 2023		<u>2,353,558</u>	<u>713,294</u>	<u>3,066,852</u>	<u>2,317,674</u>	<u>717,528</u>	<u>3,035,202</u>
Fund balances at 31 March 2024		<u><u>2,327,381</u></u>	<u><u>709,463</u></u>	<u><u>3,036,844</u></u>	<u><u>2,353,558</u></u>	<u><u>713,294</u></u>	<u><u>3,066,852</u></u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	2024 Group £	2023 Group £	2024 Charity £	2023 Charity As restated £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	14	3,124,469	3,186,494	790,285	788,521
Investments	13	-	-	1,716,740	1,789,378
		<u>3,124,469</u>	<u>3,186,494</u>	<u>2,507,025</u>	<u>2,577,899</u>
Current assets					
Stocks	16	3,354	3,109	-	-
Debtors	17	147,142	91,770	423,197	365,137
Cash at bank and in hand		218,579	292,674	161,225	177,610
		<u>369,075</u>	<u>387,553</u>	<u>584,422</u>	<u>542,747</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	18	<u>(183,112)</u>	<u>(213,254)</u>	<u>(28,220)</u>	<u>(22,226)</u>
Net current assets		<u>185,963</u>	<u>174,299</u>	<u>556,202</u>	<u>520,521</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>3,310,432</u>	<u>3,360,793</u>	<u>3,063,227</u>	<u>3,098,420</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	19	<u>(273,588)</u>	<u>(293,941)</u>	<u>(26,383)</u>	<u>(31,568)</u>
Net assets		<u><u>3,036,844</u></u>	<u><u>3,066,852</u></u>	<u><u>3,036,844</u></u>	<u><u>3,066,852</u></u>
Income funds					
General restricted funds		464,743	468,574	464,743	468,574
Revaluation reserve		244,720	244,720	244,720	244,720
	21	<u>709,463</u>	<u>713,294</u>	<u>709,463</u>	<u>713,294</u>
Unrestricted funds					
General unrestricted funds		876,717	902,894	2,319,581	2,345,758
Revaluation reserve		1,450,664	1,450,664	7,800	7,800
		<u>2,327,381</u>	<u>2,353,558</u>	<u>2,327,381</u>	<u>2,353,558</u>
		<u><u>3,036,844</u></u>	<u><u>3,066,852</u></u>	<u><u>3,036,844</u></u>	<u><u>3,066,852</u></u>

ADVENTURE SUNDERLAND

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)

AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2024, although an audit has been carried out under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on

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M Hendy
Trustee

Company Registration No. 03153901

ADVENTURE SUNDERLAND

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Group 2024 £	Group 2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	25	(33,709)	34,203
Interest paid		(2,543)	(2,278)
Interest received		-	293
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		36,252	32,218
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(37,843)	(58,219)
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Net cash used in investing activities		(37,843)	(58,219)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		292,674	318,675
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Cash and cash equivalents at end of year		218,579	292,674
		<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>
Relating to:			
Cash at bank and in hand		218,579	292,674
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ADVENTURE SUNDERLAND

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Adventure Sunderland is a charitable company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales and the registered charity number is 1053017. The registered office is Marine Activities Centre, North Dock, Roker, Sunderland, Tyne and Wear, SR6 0PW, United Kingdom.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's Memorandum and Articles and Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

In addition however, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this statement is not a guarantee as to the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

ADVENTURE SUNDERLAND

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Income from Government and other grants whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred. In respect of furlough grants; all conditions, with respect to the eligible costs being claimed, need to be met.

1.5 Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under the headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings	Land Nil depreciation Buildings 2% on cost
Leasehold land and buildings	2% on cost
Plant and equipment	5% - 33% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	5% - 33% on cost
Computers	5% - 33% on cost

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost comprises direct materials and, where applicable, direct labour costs and those overheads that have been incurred in bringing the stocks to their present location and condition. Items held for distribution at no or nominal consideration are measured the lower of replacement cost and cost.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price less all estimated costs of completion and costs to be incurred in marketing, selling and distribution.

ADVENTURE SUNDERLAND

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies (Continued)

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.10 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Derecognition of financial assets

Financial assets are derecognised only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire or are settled, or when the charity transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to another entity, or if some significant risks and rewards of ownership are retained but control of the asset has transferred to another party that is able to sell the asset in its entirety to an unrelated third party.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.11 Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

1.12 Limited by guarantee

The charitable company is limited by guarantee in that every member undertakes to contribute to the charity in the event of the same being wound up during the time that he is a member or within one year afterwards in the payment of debts and liabilities and the costs of winding up, such amounts as may be required not exceeding £1.

ADVENTURE SUNDERLAND

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

2 Donations and legacies

	Total Unrestricted funds	
	2024	2023
	£	£
Government grants	-	1,860

3 Investments

	Total Unrestricted funds	
	2024	2023
	£	£
Interest receivable	-	293

4 Subsidiary activities

The wholly owned subsidiary, Sunderland Marina Limited which is incorporated in England and Wales, pays the majority of its taxable profits to the charity via gift aid. Sunderland Marina Limited operates all commercial activities carried on at the Marine Activities Centre. The charity owns the entire issued share capital of 100 ordinary

	2024	2023
	£	£
Revenue	580,377	550,423
Cost of sales	(20,673)	(33,236)
Gross Profit	559,704	517,187
Administrative expenses	(646,372)	(585,149)
Other operating income	196,118	189,132
Operating Profit/(Loss)	109,450	121,170
Interest receivable and similar income	68	22
Interest payable and similar expenses	(11,516)	(10,589)
Profit/(Loss) before Taxation	98,002	110,603
Taxation	-	(1,595)
Profit/(Loss) for the Financial Year	98,002	109,008

ADVENTURE SUNDERLAND

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

5 Charitable activities

	Providing educational recreational and leisure activities	Providing educational recreational and leisure activities
	2024	2023
	£	£
Course fees	126,801	129,357
Course discounts	7,440	21,750
Charitable rental income	7,392	7,392
Other income	22,349	7,527
	<u>163,982</u>	<u>166,026</u>

6 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2024	2023
	£	£
Commercial trading operations income Sunderland Marina Limited	<u>585,446</u>	<u>555,442</u>
Mooring and pontoon sales	349,768	362,917
Rental income	99,988	87,760
Service charges	46,265	37,844
Diesel	33,855	19,312
Slipway	2,160	4,940
Visitor sales	7,010	7,031
Other income	11,396	7,730
Employment allowance and JRS	5,000	4,000
Government Grants	-	2,043
	<u>585,446</u>	<u>555,442</u>

ADVENTURE SUNDERLAND

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

7 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2024	2023
	£	£
<u>Trading costs</u>		
Commercial trading operations expenditure Sunderland Marina Limited	674,889	627,996
	<u>674,889</u>	<u>627,996</u>

8 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Audit fees	-	15,600	15,600	1,260
Accountancy	-	12,295	12,295	6,380
Legal and professional	-	4,493	4,493	520
	<u>-</u>	<u>32,388</u>	<u>32,388</u>	<u>8,160</u>
Analysed between				
Charitable activities	<u>-</u>	<u>32,388</u>	<u>32,388</u>	<u>8,160</u>

Governance costs includes payments to the auditors of £15,600 (2023- £7,640) for audit fees.

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NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

9 Charitable activities

	Providing educational recreational and leisure activities	Providing educational recreational and leisure activities	Total 2024	Providing educational recreational and leisure activities	Providing educational recreational and leisure activities	Total 2023
	2024	2024		2023	2023	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Depreciation and impairment	23,690	3,831	27,521	8,196	4,234	12,430
Course expenses	10,477	-	10,477	7,517	-	7,517
Training	2,119	-	2,119	1,108	-	1,108
Uniforms	88	-	88	150	-	150
Travelling	768	-	768	267	-	267
Rates and water	700	-	700	1,032	-	1,032
Heat and light	11,269	-	11,269	8,549	-	8,549
Insurance	13,980	-	13,980	12,227	-	12,227
Repairs and renewals	1,892	-	1,892	9,332	-	9,332
Telephone	677	-	677	405	-	405
Postage, stationery, software and advertising	71	-	71	422	-	422
Loan interest	2,543	-	2,543	2,278	-	2,278
Bank charges	54	-	54	98	-	98
	<u>68,328</u>	<u>3,831</u>	<u>72,159</u>	<u>51,581</u>	<u>4,234</u>	<u>55,815</u>
Share of governance costs (see note 8)	32,388	-	32,388	8,160	-	8,160
	<u>100,716</u>	<u>3,831</u>	<u>104,547</u>	<u>59,741</u>	<u>4,234</u>	<u>63,975</u>
Analysis by fund						
Unrestricted funds	100,716	-	100,716	59,741	-	59,741
Restricted funds	-	3,831	3,831	-	4,234	4,234
	<u>100,716</u>	<u>3,831</u>	<u>104,547</u>	<u>59,741</u>	<u>4,234</u>	<u>63,975</u>

10 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

ADVENTURE SUNDERLAND

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

11 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

12 Staff Costs

Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024	2023
	Number	Number
	12	13
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Employment costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	348,147	334,421
Social security costs	33,396	32,192
Other pension costs	10,804	10,981
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	<u>392,347</u>	<u>377,594</u>

Directors' remuneration

	2024	2023
	£	£
Remuneration paid to directors	61,518	60,264
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

The number of employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more were:

	2024	2023
	Number	Number
£60,001 to £70,000	1	1
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

ADVENTURE SUNDERLAND

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

13 Fixed Asset Investments - Charity

	Shares in group undertakings	Loans to group undertakings	Total
	£	£	£
Cost or valuation			
At 1 April 2023	2,024,178	44,459	2,068,637
Repayments		(10,726)	(10,726)
Revaluations	(61,912)		(61,912)
At 31 March 2024	1,962,266	33,733	1,995,999
Impairment			
At 1 April 2023	279,259	-	279,259
Impairment losses			
At 31 March 2024	279,259	-	279,259
Net Book Value			
At 31 March 2024	1,683,007	33,733	1,716,740
At 1 April 2023	1,744,919	44,459	1,789,378

There were no investment assets outside the UK. The company's investments at the balance sheet date in the share capital of companies include the following:

Sunderland Marina Limited:

Nature of business: Marine Activities Centre and Marina

Class of share: % holding

Ordinary 100

	2024	2023
	£	£
Aggregate capital and reserves	1,716,740	1,789,378
Profit/(Loss) for the year	98,002	109,008

ADVENTURE SUNDERLAND

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

14 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings	Leasehold land and buildings	Plant and equipment	Fixtures and fittings	Computers	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cost or valuation						
At 1 April 2023	1,060,000	1,750,000	1,268,055	46,656	24,492	4,149,203
Additions	-	-	24,703	-	13,140	37,843
At 31 March 2024	1,060,000	1,750,000	1,292,758	46,656	37,632	4,187,046
Depreciation and impairment						
At 1 April 2023	-	-	923,053	18,589	21,067	962,709
Depreciation charged in the year	13,540	33,100	43,653	6,536	3,039	99,868
At 31 March 2024	13,540	33,100	966,706	25,125	24,106	1,062,577
Carrying amount						
At 31 March 2024	1,046,460	1,716,900	326,052	21,531	13,526	3,124,469
At 31 March 2023	1,060,000	1,750,000	345,002	28,067	3,425	3,186,494

ADVENTURE SUNDERLAND

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

14 Tangible fixed assets

(Continued)

The carrying value of land included in land and buildings comprises:

	2024 £	2023 £
Freehold	1,060,000	1,060,000
Long leasehold	1,750,000	1,750,000
	<u>2,810,000</u>	<u>2,810,000</u>

At 31 March 2024, had the revalued assets been carried at historic cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses, their carrying amount would have been approximately £1,086,832 (2023 - £1,148,857).

Included in the above group tangible fixed assets freehold property with an NBV of £300,000 (2023 £300,000), long leasehold with an NBV of £1,750,000 (2023: £1,750,000), plant and machinery with an NBV of £295,754 (2023: £319,907), and fixtures and fittings with a NBV of £21,531 (2023: £28,067) belongs to Sunderland Marina Limited.

Included in cost or valuation of land and buildings is freehold land of £350,000 (2023: £350,000) which is not depreciated.

On 24 March 2023, freehold land and buildings were revalued on an Existing Use Value basis by a qualified valuer David Johnson, MRICS of George F White LLP at £2,810,000 (including a value of land of £350,000).

ADVENTURE SUNDERLAND

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

15 Tangible Fixed Assets - Charity

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold Property £	Plant and Machinery £	Office Equipment £	Totals £
Cost				
At 1 April 2023	760,000	158,928	24,492	943,420
Additions	-	16,145	13,140	29,285
At 31 March 2024	<u>760,000</u>	<u>175,073</u>	<u>37,632</u>	<u>972,705</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2023	0	133,832	21,067	154,899
Charge for year	13,540	10,942	3,039	27,521
At 31 March 2024	<u>13,540</u>	<u>144,774</u>	<u>24,106</u>	<u>182,420</u>
Net Book Value				
At 31 March 2024	<u>746,460</u>	<u>30,299</u>	<u>13,526</u>	<u>790,285</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>760,000</u>	<u>25,096</u>	<u>3,425</u>	<u>788,521</u>

Included in cost or valuation of land and buildings is freehold land of £50,000 which is not depreciated.

On 24 March 2023 freehold land and buildings were revalued on an Existing Use Basis by a qualified valuer David Johnson, MRICS of George F White LLP at £760,000 (including a land value of £50,000). This valuation was incorporated into the financial statements at 31 March 2022.

16 Stocks

	2024 £ Group	2023 £ Group	2024 £ Charity	2023 £ Charity
Finished goods and goods for resale	<u>3,354</u>	<u>3,109</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

ADVENTURE SUNDERLAND

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

17 Debtors

	2024	2023	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:	Group	Group	Charity	Charity
Trade debtors	143,799	85,576	29,670	-
Amounts owed by subsidiary undertakings	-	-	391,846	360,493
Other debtors	1,661	1,551	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income	1,682	4,643	1,681	4,644
	<u>147,142</u>	<u>91,770</u>	<u>423,197</u>	<u>365,137</u>

18 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Creditors:	Group	Group	Charity	Charity
Bank loans	7,350	7,350	7,350	7,350
Corporation tax payable	-	1,595	-	-
Other taxation and social security	33,636	31,457	-	-
Trade creditors	5,489	4,796	5,489	4,643
Deferred consideration	15,168	14,258	-	-
Other creditors	4,561	5,428	-	-
Accruals and deferred income	116,908	148,370	15,381	10,233
	<u>183,112</u>	<u>213,254</u>	<u>28,220</u>	<u>22,226</u>

19 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2024	2023	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Creditors:	Group	Group	Charity	Charity
Bank loans	26,383	31,568	26,383	31,568
Other borrowings	50,000	50,000	-	-
Other creditors	197,205	212,373	-	-
	<u>273,588</u>	<u>293,941</u>	<u>26,383</u>	<u>31,568</u>

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NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

20 Loans and overdrafts

	2024 £ Group	2023 £ Group	2024 £ Charity	2023 £ Charity
Bank loans	33,733	38,918	33,733	38,918
Other loans	50,000	50,000	-	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Payable within one year	7,350	7,350	7,350	7,350
Payable after one year	76,383	81,568	26,383	31,568
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

The following secured debts are included within creditors:

	2024 £ Group	2023 £ Group	2024 £ Charity	2023 £ Charity
Bank loans	33,733	38,918	33,733	38,918
City of Sunderland	262,373	276,630	-	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	296,106	315,548	33,733	38,918
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Bank loans are secured on Adventure Sunderland, Marine Walk, Roker, Sunderland, SR6 1PW

City of Sunderland loans and debt are secured on land and buildings at Marine Activities Centre, North Dock, R Sunderland and land lying to the south East of Dame Dorothy Street, Sunderland.

21 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Resources expended £	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Resources expended 31 March 2024 £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Watersports Activity Centre	708,863	-	708,863	-	708,863
Lions Club	12	(12)	-	-	-
Latitude Fifty	458	(275)	183	(183)	-
Sport England Humber Ocean	6,995	(3,647)	3,348	(3,348)	-
Lions Club Minibus	1,200	(300)	900	(300)	600
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	717,528	(4,234)	713,294	(3,831)	709,463
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

ADVENTURE SUNDERLAND

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

22 Related party transactions

During the year the charity paid a management fee of £191,118 (2023: £184,132) to its subsidiary Sunderland Marina Limited. At the year end Sunderland Marina Limited agreed to pay a donation via Gift Aid of £170,640 (2023: £97,250) to the charity. At the year end the balance due from the trading subsidiary was £391,846 (2023: £360,494).

The charity made loans totaling £210,000 to Sunderland Marina Limited, being part of the available loan facility of £215,000 obtained by the parent charity from Nat West bank. The loan from the parent company was made on commercial terms. During the year interest received on this loan was £3,672 (2023: £2,863). At 31 March 2024 £33,733 (2023: £38,917) remained outstanding.

23 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Fund balances at 31 March 2024 are represented by:						
Tangible assets	2,415,006	709,463	3,124,469	2,473,200	713,294	3,186,494
Current assets/(liabilities)	185,963	-	185,963	174,299	-	174,299
Long term liabilities	(273,588)	-	(273,588)	(293,941)	-	(293,941)
	<u>2,327,381</u>	<u>709,463</u>	<u>3,036,844</u>	<u>2,353,558</u>	<u>713,294</u>	<u>3,066,852</u>

24 Prior year adjustment

The Balance Sheet "Charity" 2023 comparatives have been restated in respect of an overstatement of Investments by £97,250. Investments as disclosed in the Accounts year ended 31 March 2023 was £1,842,169, however the Gift Aid charge from its Subsidiary Sunderland Marina Ltd of £97,250 and the investment was understated by £44,459 although included in the single entity Accounts of Adventure Sunderland was not updated in the Consolidated Accounts. The 2023 Investments comparative for the "Charity" has been restated as £1,789,378. The effect on the "Charity" General Unrestricted Funds is an overstatement in the Accounts year ended 31 March 2023 by £52,791. General Unrestricted Funds in the Accounts year ended 31 March 2023 was £2,398,549 and has been restated to in the 2023 comparatives at £2,345,758.

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NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Group 2024 £	Group 2023 £
25 Cash generated from operations		
(Deficit)/surplus for the year	(30,008)	31,650
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	99,868	50,069
Interest received	-	(293)
Interest paid	2,543	2,278
Movements in working capital:		
Decrease in stocks	(245)	(441)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	(55,372)	(7,285)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(50,495)	(41,775)
Cash generated from operations	<u>(33,709)</u>	<u>34,203</u>

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England & Wales - Charity number 1053017

Accounts

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	M Hendy T Wills M Holmes Chair M Meling I Whitfield M Hunt J Ramsay G Taylor	(Appointed 25 May 2022) (Appointed 11 August 2022)
Secretary	T Wills	
Charity number	1053017	
Company number	03153901	
Registered office	Marine Activities Centre North Dock Roker Sunderland Tyne and Wear United Kingdom SR6 0PW	
Auditor	Azets Audit Services Bede House 3 Belmont Business Park Durham DH1 1TW	
Solicitors	Sintons The Cube Barrack Road Newcastle Upon Tyne Tyne And Wear United Kingdom NE4 6DB	

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The trustees, who are also the directors of Adventure Sunderland for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT AND STRATEGIC REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and aims

Adventure Sunderland was established in 1996 as a registered charity with the objective of providing education recreational and leisure activities.

The charity's primary aim is to provide outdoor education opportunities for young people using adventurous activities contribute to their personal and social development.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commissioner's general guidance on public benefit. The charity has carefully examined the Charity Commissioner's guidance on public benefit and has ensured that its business plan and long-term strategy encompass these requirements.

Beneficiaries of the charity's service include pupils in mainstream primary and secondary schools, colleges, youth groups, universities and a wide variety of social organisations. Most courses seek to achieve development of personal qualities such as self-confidence, awareness of others and responsibility, with the knowledge that such development has a lasting impact on individuals back in their everyday life. The gift aid from the trading subsidiary company allow these activities to be offered at a subsidised level to all sections of the community.

In furtherance of these objects, the charity has adopted the following Mission Statement:

"The Marine Activities Centre, Adventure Sunderland and Sunderland Marina will be nationally recognised as an outstanding example of community based Sports Development.

Through the efficient management of the Marine Activities Centre, Adventure Sunderland and Sunderland Marina, we will:

- Expand access to watersports for all sections of the community.
- Provide a safe, secure, high quality environment for customers, visitors and staff.
- Contribute to the social, cultural and economic regeneration of Wearside and the wider region.
- Work in partnership with other organisations that share common goals.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT AND STRATEGIC REPORT) (CONTINUED)

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Charitable Activities

Adventure Sunderland

The Centre provides an excellent base for Outdoor Education and a wide range of courses at the Centre has been developed. The Centre has a licence from the Adventurous Activities Licensing Authority for all its activities with young people, it is a recognised Royal Yachting Association and British Canoeing Partner. Over the course of the last year more than 5,290 young people (4,612: 2021-22) have used the charity's facilities for a range of positive activities; organised groups, educational visits and private/family sessions. It has been very positive to return to pre-Covid levels of engagement.

The financial contribution made by Sunderland Marina Limited to the charity cannot be underestimated in allowing the charity to continue meeting its objectives, predominantly with the local community. The beginning of our 2023 season has a promising outlook with June/July fully booked with Primary and Secondary Schools, Academies and Pupil Referral Units. Similarly this reflects statistics to pre-Covid levels.

The charity delivers recreational course for youth and adults in a variety of activities including paddle boarding, canoeing and powerboating. These activities allow participants to access their immediate surroundings, the rivers and the sea, in a safe and responsible manner and furthermore benefit their health & wellbeing.

We continue to place importance on the training and development of our staff. Staff achieved further qualifications during the past year. Alongside external training courses, a significant amount of in-house training is carried out each year. We have further improved our commitment to our volunteers this year with an evaluation of their development, competence based training and access to industry standard qualifications. It is clear that the enthusiasm, dedication and professionalism of both staff and volunteers continue to inspire and give confidence to all those who use Adventure Sunderland.

Sunderland Marina Limited

Sunderland Marina Limited manages the Marine Activities Centre and the Marina. In the current year Sunderland Marina Limited provided £97,250 (2022: £152,905) in gift aid towards the running costs of the charity.

Sunderland Marina is based in the North Dock Sunderland, originally constructed by Brunel in 1837, and was renovated and extended by Tyne and Wear Development Corporation to provide a modern marina, following the 2014/15 expansion it now provides 132 pontoon berths, together with 95 chain moorings.

The Marina continues to provide a popular berth for boat owners from around the region. The Marina is also a popular destination for visitors from further afield.

The Marine Activities Centre

Adjoining and serving the Marina is the Marine Activities Centre, the building that provides the focus for users of the Marina, with reception and changing facilities together with workshop and internal storage space. The building itself is arranged into a series of commercial units which are rented out to a diverse range of organisations and companies.

Sunderland Marina Limited holds a lease on a peppercorn rent until 2122 for the land and associated buildings of the charity and Marina, the freeholder to the site being Sunderland City Council (SCC). In 2006 the charity identified that some land included within the lease was surplus to the requirements of both the trading company and the charity and was a potential development site. After prolonged marketing, an offer of £1.22M was received for the freehold of the site. Negotiations started with SCC to secure the freehold, unfortunately at this time SCC maintained that their interest in the site was 50% of the identified value, and a proposal that they should release their interest for £600k was ratified by full council. The charity's professional advisors could not agree with the suggestion that SCC financial interest in the land was 50% due to more than 114 years of the lease remaining, and consequently could not sanction a disposal with this level of cost to the charity. Any sale was delayed whilst protracted discussions with SCC continued.

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These discussions finally came to fruition in 2011 when an agreement was reached with SCC, although their notional interest remained at £600,000 it was agreed that this could be discharged over a thirty-year period by discounting charges for courses and activities to Sunderland based participants. Regrettably, in the intervening period, the property market had collapsed and the site value had dropped to £675,000, the trustees took the view that access to these funds would be more beneficial than retaining the land and the freehold transfer was completed. At a time when financial cuts across the public sector have caused other providers to close and funding for youth groups and schools to be severely restricted this discount fund has been increasingly important to the increase in activity the charity has achieved. This mechanism allows us to set our fees at a level to ensure the financial viability of the charity and to be affordable to the end user.

Financial Position

Overview

The charity's Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 are attached. The operating surplus of £31,650 has increased by £393,642 from last year's deficit of (£361,992).

The two primary sources of funding continue to be income from charitable activities and the commercial operations of Sunderland Marina Limited. The income from these sources was:

Source	£	% of total income
Charitable activities	166,026	62.0%
Gift aid	97,250	36.3%
Other	4,723	1.7%
Total	267,999	100.0%

Adventure Sunderland is a charity, which seeks to benefit the public through the pursuit of its stated objectives. Our fees for charitable activities are set at a level to ensure accessibility for participants balanced with ensuring the financial viability of the charity. Our fee structure varies dependent on the time of year and demand and is heavily discounted through our trading operations, with an additional discount available for participants from within the Sunderland area as identified above.

Free reserves available for use by the charity are deemed to be those that are realisable, less funds whose uses are restricted or else designated for particular purposes. The calculation thus excludes funds invested in property and other fixed assets that will continue to be used in the day-to-day running of the charity. As a matter of policy, each year the trustees review the value of the reserves retained which are not held for restrictive purposes or designated projects.

The charity has a target of holding at least £173,000 in free reserves, which is equal to at least three months running costs of both the charity and its trading subsidiary. The charity currently has £863,976 (2022: £822,551) in free reserves, so the target has been achieved.

Free Reserves are calculated as follows:

	2023	2022
General unrestricted funds	902,894	867,010
Less:		
Loan commitments due within 1 year	(7,350)	(7,350)
Loan commitments due more than 1 year	(31,568)	(37,109)
Free reserves	863,976	822,551

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT AND STRATEGIC REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Principal risks and uncertainties

The risks considered in this statement are classified as follows: Governance, Financial, Operational and External.

Governance risks

The governance structure at the charity is in accordance with the following framework:

The charity is a limited liability company, with a maximum of eleven trustees, five appointed by member organisations and up to six independent trustees. Trustees meet four times a year with additional meetings if necessary, the Chief Executive attends and prepares papers for consideration by trustees. The agenda for each Board Meeting is structured with regular reports on budgets, performance, operational issues and health and safety. Any trustee with any concerns concerning the charity can request that the Board consider that issue. The Statutory Accounts and Annual Reports are presented to trustees on an annual basis and the year's performance is reviewed.

The charity has recently completed a comprehensive governance review and trustees are satisfied that the above governance structure is appropriate to the activities of the charity and that it operates satisfactorily.

Financial Risks

The key staff include the Chief Executive, Marina Manager and AS Centre Manager who are jointly responsible for the day-to-day financial management of the charity. The Treasurer, who is a trustee is a qualified accountant and attends the office regularly to satisfy himself as to the record keeping and overall financial performance.

Financial control is exercised by detailed reporting to the Board and the monitoring of income and expenditure against budget. The trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks, which the charity faces and confirm that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen these risks.

The Board considers the charity's exposure to major risks, in terms of their likely impact on its income sources and planned expenditure in the short to medium term, as well as assessing the best way to mitigate such risks. With income, the major risk is from a decline in mooring fees, rental income and to lesser extent course fees, particularly due to the continuing economic situation and other factors leading to reduced economic activity locally.

The charity has a long-term target of holding free reserves equal to at least three months' costs in addition to business interruption insurance. There is also buildings, third party and employer's liability insurance in place. The trustees are satisfied that the latter constitute appropriate protection against any insurable liability. The trustees believe that the level of free reserves in the present economic climate provide acceptable protection in respect of uninsurable losses. The charity does not place any significant reliance on income from investments.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT AND STRATEGIC REPORT) (CONTINUED)

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Operational Risk

The charity believes that the health and safety of visitors is paramount.

The charity is inspected on a biennial basis by the Adventure Activities Licensing Service (AALS). AALS is part of the Health and Safety Executive (HSE). The inspection process covers the safety management of activities, which includes risk assessments, staff qualifications and the maintenance of equipment associated with the activities. The charity undertakes to perform to the requirements and guidance of AALS and is subject to spot inspections. AALS include in their inspection an assessment to establish whether a "culture of safety" exists within the organisation and has found that it does.

The charity has also been awarded recognised training centre status by the Royal Yachting Association and British Canoeing, all of which carry out annual inspections to ensure appropriate standards are maintained, in both safety and the standard of coaching provided. Additionally the charity holds the "Learning outside the Classroom Quality Badge" (LOtC) and "Adventuremark" status.

All staff leading activities at the charity hold the relevant National Governing Body qualification or have been assessed as competent by an appropriately experienced and qualified person as required by AALS.

The charity has a Health and Safety Policy and Operating Procedures that include generic risk and risk/benefit analysis supported by site-specific risk assessments. Great attention is paid to the need to attain the right balance between risk and benefit. Senior staff believe that this need has been fulfilled by careful consideration of procedures and analysis of incident statistics.

The charity has a compliant and wide ranging Child Protection Policy with annual staff training. Enhanced 'Disclosure & Barring Scheme' (DBS) checks are carried out on all charity staff including long term and regular volunteers, trainees and student placements.

The charity complies with current fire safety legislation. A former fire fighter, a permanent member of staff takes specific responsibility for this area.

External risk

Potential external risks include damaged reputational risk, turbulent economic circumstances and changing government policy.

The charity seeks to mitigate against these external risks by remaining alert to changing policies through networking with professional bodies which are actively involved in contributing and to developing policy affecting both Outdoor Education and Marinas. With trustees that have a wide and diverse skills and knowledge base, including some from stakeholder organisations representing the education sector across the age range and sports development, the charity is as well informed as it can be with regard to policy changes that might impact the future progress of the charity.

The charity enjoys a good reputation for acting professionally with compassion and protects this reputation through the quality of its staff, staff training, good support by administrative staff and high quality facilities. Any effect on income due to damage to its reputation is likely to be sustainable using the free reserves.

The trustees believe that the charity has restored its pre-Covid performance, in a well-founded position and that the measures taken to protect and enhance its income from its trading subsidiary will enable it to face the challenges of the current economic downturn and ahead.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT AND STRATEGIC REPORT) (CONTINUED)

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Future Plans

The charity will continue all of its current activities and develop new on-site activities and more offsite expeditions. The dedication of the staff and trustees, together with the financial support of its benefactors remains vital to Adventure Sunderland fulfilling its charitable objectives.

Sunderland Marina has begun the process of application to carry out dredging to maintain the depth required for its berth-holders to continue to have 24hr access to/from the Marina. This was last carried out in 2006. Permission from the Port of Sunderland is required followed by confirmation of a successful application to the Marine Management Organisation. Dredging is vital to protect our main income stream.

The charity has one site not yet utilised, an area of land adjacent to the slipway. Following several competitive offers from property developers, we are currently negotiating a contract for the sale of the site. The trustees remain confident that this site will be sold in the future and part of this potential windfall will be reinvested in the estate allowing the charity to continue to provide high quality facilities.

Structure, governance and management

Governing Document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a Memorandum and Articles of Association, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Overview

Adventure Sunderland is a company limited by guarantee, and governed by a Board of trustees. It is governed in accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association. The Board is responsible for the management and control of the charity and the overall direction of its work. The Board is a non-executive body, and appoints a Chief Executive to conduct the business of the charity on its behalf, who is responsible for the staff and the day-to-day management. New Board members are briefed by the Chair and Chief Executive to familiarise themselves with the charity as well as their wider responsibilities as company directors and charity trustees. All members receive an induction pack providing information on their duties and responsibilities, key policy documents, and other background information.

As a charity, it cannot engage directly in trading activities. Accordingly, the commercial activities of the Marine Activities Centre and the Marina are routed through the wholly owned subsidiary, Sunderland Marina Limited. The Board of Directors of Sunderland Marina Limited are appointed by the Board of the charity, and currently consists of one of the members of the charity Board together with the Chief Executive.

The Board of trustees met four times (trustee attendance 2023-76%, 2022-70%) during the year to review the activities, consider the financial position and determine policy and procedure.

The Board of trustees, the Chief Executive Officer, Marina Manager and AS Centre Manager comprise the key management personnel. No remuneration was paid to trustees in the year. Details of trustee's expenses and related party transactions are disclosed in Notes to the accounts. The pay of the key staff is reviewed annually and normally increased in line with a general increase awarded to all staff within the company.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT AND STRATEGIC REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

R Atchison	(Resigned 30 May 2022)
M Hendy	
D Marrin	(Resigned 31 August 2022)
I Nixon	(Resigned 9 December 2022)
T Wills	
F Brown	(Resigned 8 June 2022)
M Holmes Chair	
M Meling	
I Whitfield	
M Hunt	
J Ramsay	(Appointed 25 May 2022)
G Taylor	(Appointed 11 August 2022)

Events Since The End Of The Year

Information relating to events since the end of the year is given in the notes to the financial statements.

Auditor

The auditors, Azets Audit Services, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act relating to small companies.

Qualified Opinion – Relating to revaluation of property

Adventure Sunderland engaged a professional surveyor in good faith to obtain a new valuation report for the three property sites. This lengthy process provided the resultant valuation documents which did not satisfy the audit team, specifically in relation to assumptions made with regard to interpretation of several potentially restrictive clauses in two of the leases.

The trustees' report, including the strategic report, was approved by the Board of Trustees.

M Hendy
Trustee

18 December 2023

ADVENTURE SUNDERLAND

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF ADVENTURE SUNDERLAND

Qualified opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Adventure Sunderland (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion section of our report, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for qualified opinion

The freehold land and buildings in Adventure Sunderland and the leasehold property in Sunderland Marina Ltd were revalued in the period by an external valuer, as detailed in note 12, to £760,000 and £1.75m respectively, however we have not been able to place reliance on these as the valuations included certain assumptions that we do not consider justifiable in order to arrive at a fair valuation and as a result the value of the freehold land and buildings and the leasehold property are likely to be materially overstated.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE TRUSTEES OF ADVENTURE SUNDERLAND

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In respect solely of the limitation on our work relating to freehold land and buildings described above:

- we have not obtained all the information and explanations that we considered necessary for the purpose of our audit; and
- we were unable to determine whether adequate accounting records had been maintained.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE TRUSTEES OF ADVENTURE SUNDERLAND

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above and on the Financial Reporting Council's website, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud.

We obtain and update our understanding of the entity, its activities, its control environment, and likely future developments, including in relation to the legal and regulatory framework applicable and how the entity is complying with that framework. Based on this understanding, we identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. This includes consideration of the risk of acts by the entity that were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, including fraud, we designed procedures which included:

- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims as well as actual, suspected and alleged fraud;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- Assessing the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations considered to have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the entity through enquiry and inspection;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- Performing audit work over the risk of management bias and override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for indicators of potential bias.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Joanne Regan FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Azets Audit Services

19 December 2023

Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor

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ADVENTURE SUNDERLAND

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

		Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
	Notes						
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	2	1,860	-	1,860	11,601	-	11,601
Charitable activities	5	166,026	-	166,026	128,894	-	128,894
Other trading activities	6	555,442	-	555,442	533,577	-	533,577
Investments	3	293	-	293	-	-	-
Total income		723,621	-	723,621	674,072	-	674,072
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	7	627,996	-	627,996	566,904	-	566,904
Charitable activities	9	59,741	4,234	63,975	48,836	14,994	63,830
Total resources expended		687,737	4,234	691,971	615,740	14,994	630,734
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources		35,884	(4,234)	31,650	58,332	(14,994)	43,338
Other recognised gains and losses							
Revaluation of tangible fixed assets		-	-	-	(612,850)	207,520	(405,330)
Net movement in funds		35,884	(4,234)	31,650	(554,518)	192,526	(361,992)
Fund balances at 1 April 2022		2,317,674	717,528	3,035,202	2,872,192	525,002	3,397,194
Fund balances at 31 March 2023		2,353,558	713,294	3,066,852	2,317,674	717,528	3,035,202

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

ADVENTURE SUNDERLAND

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023 Group £	2022 Group £	2023 Charity £	2022 Charity £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	14	3,186,494	3,178,344	788,521	792,374
Investments	13	-	-	1,842,169	1,733,161
		<u>3,186,494</u>	<u>3,178,344</u>	<u>2,630,690</u>	<u>2,525,535</u>
Current assets					
Stocks	15	3,109	2,668	-	-
Debtors	16	91,770	84,485	365,137	412,502
Cash at bank and in hand		292,674	318,675	177,610	120,761
		<u>387,553</u>	<u>405,828</u>	<u>542,747</u>	<u>533,263</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	18	<u>(213,254)</u>	<u>(235,231)</u>	<u>(22,226)</u>	<u>(30,946)</u>
Net current assets		<u>174,299</u>	<u>170,597</u>	<u>520,521</u>	<u>502,317</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>3,360,793</u>	<u>3,348,941</u>	<u>3,151,211</u>	<u>3,027,852</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	20	<u>(293,941)</u>	<u>(313,739)</u>	<u>(31,568)</u>	<u>(37,109)</u>
Net assets		<u><u>3,066,852</u></u>	<u><u>3,035,202</u></u>	<u><u>3,119,643</u></u>	<u><u>2,990,743</u></u>
Income funds					
General restricted funds		468,574	472,808	468,574	472,808
Revaluation reserve		244,720	244,720	244,720	244,720
	19	<u>713,294</u>	<u>717,528</u>	<u>713,294</u>	<u>717,528</u>
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
General unrestricted funds		902,894	867,010	2,398,549	2,265,415
Revaluation reserve		1,450,664	1,450,664	7,800	7,800
	19	<u>2,353,558</u>	<u>2,317,674</u>	<u>2,406,349</u>	<u>2,273,215</u>
		<u><u>3,066,852</u></u>	<u><u>3,035,202</u></u>	<u><u>3,119,643</u></u>	<u><u>2,990,743</u></u>

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)

AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2023, although an audit has been carried out under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 18 December 2023

M Hendy
Trustee

Company Registration No. 03153901

ADVENTURE SUNDERLAND

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	Group 2023 £	Group 2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	23	34,203	161,318
Interest paid		(2,278)	(1,940)
Interest received		293	-
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Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		32,218	159,378
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(58,219)	(9,213)
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Net cash used in investing activities		(58,219)	(9,213)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		318,675	168,510
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year		292,674	318,675
		<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>
Relating to:			
Cash at bank and in hand		292,674	318,675
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ADVENTURE SUNDERLAND

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Adventure Sunderland is a charitable company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales and the registered charity number is 1053017. The registered office is Marine Activities Centre, North Dock, Roker, Sunderland, Tyne and Wear, SR6 0PW, United Kingdom.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's Memorandum and Articles and Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

In addition however, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this statement is not a guarantee as to the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

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NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Income from Government and other grants whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred. In respect of furlough grants; all conditions, with respect to the eligible costs being claimed, need to be met.

1.5 Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under the headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings	Land Nil depreciation Buildings 2% on cost
Leasehold land and buildings	2% on cost
Plant and equipment	5% - 33% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	5% - 33% on cost
Computers	5% - 33% on cost

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost comprises direct materials and, where applicable, direct labour costs and those overheads that have been incurred in bringing the stocks to their present location and condition. Items held for distribution at no or nominal consideration are measured the lower of replacement cost and cost.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price less all estimated costs of completion and costs to be incurred in marketing, selling and distribution.

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NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Accounting policies (Continued)

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.10 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Derecognition of financial assets

Financial assets are derecognised only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire or are settled, or when the charity transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to another entity, or if some significant risks and rewards of ownership are retained but control of the asset has transferred to another party that is able to sell the asset in its entirety to an unrelated third party.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.11 Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

1.12 Limited by guarantee

The charitable company is limited by guarantee in that every member undertakes to contribute to the charity in the event of the same being wound up during the time that he is a member or within one year afterwards in the payment of debts and liabilities and the costs of winding up, such amounts as may be required not exceeding £1.

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NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
Government grants	1,860	11,601

3 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Total
	2023	2022
	£	£
Interest receivable	293	-

4 Subsidiary Activities

The wholly owned subsidiary, Sunderland Mairna Limited which is incorporate in England and Wales, pay the majority of its taxable profits to charity via gift aid. Sunderland Marina Limited operates all commercial activities carried on at the Marine Activities Centre.

The charity owns the entire issued share capital of 100 ordinary shares of £1 each. A summary of the trading results its show below:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Revenue	550,423	527,538
Cost of sales	(33,236)	(17,283)
Gross Profit	517,187	510,255
Adminstrative expenses	(682,399)	(730,638)
Other operating income	189,132	172,178
Operating Profit/(Loss)	23,920	(48,205)
Interest receivable and similar income	22	-
Interest payable and similar expenses	(10,589)	(5,269)
Profit/(Loss) before Taxation	13,353	(53,474)
Taxation	(1,595)	-
Profit/(Loss) for the Financial Year	11,758	(53,474)

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NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

5 Charitable activities

	Providing educational recreational and leisure activities	Providing educational recreational and leisure activities
	2023 £	2022 £
Course fees	129,357	104,623
Course discounts	21,750	15,862
Charitable rental income	7,392	6,396
Other income	7,527	2,013
	<u>166,026</u>	<u>128,894</u>

6 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023 £	2022 £
Commercial trading operations income Sunderland Marina Limited	<u>555,442</u>	<u>533,577</u>
Mooring and pontoon sales	349,768	362,917
Rental income	99,988	87,760
Service charges	46,265	37,844
Diesel	33,855	19,312
Slipway	2,160	4,940
Visitor sales	7,010	7,031
Other income	11,396	7,730
Employment allowance and JRS	5,000	4,000
Government Grants	-	2,043
	<u>555,442</u>	<u>533,577</u>

ADVENTURE SUNDERLAND

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

7 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
<u>Trading costs</u>		
Commercial trading operations expenditure Sunderland Marina Limited	627,996	566,904
	<u>627,996</u>	<u>566,904</u>

8 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Audit fees	-	7,640	7,640	3,840
Legal and professional	-	520	520	748
	<u>-</u>	<u>8,160</u>	<u>8,160</u>	<u>4,588</u>
Analysed between				
Charitable activities	<u>-</u>	<u>8,160</u>	<u>8,160</u>	<u>4,588</u>

Governance costs includes payments to the auditors of £7,640 (2022- £3,840) for audit fees.

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NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

9 Charitable activities

	Providing educational recreational and leisure activities	Providing educational recreational and leisure activities	Total 2023	Providing educational recreational and leisure activities	Providing educational recreational and leisure activities	Total 2022
	2023	2023		2022	2022	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Depreciation and impairment	8,196	4,234	12,430	8,464	14,994	23,458
Course expenses	7,517	-	7,517	5,163	-	5,163
Training	1,108	-	1,108	1,362	-	1,362
Uniforms	150	-	150	-	-	-
Travelling	267	-	267	222	-	222
Rates and water	1,032	-	1,032	1,235	-	1,235
Heat and light	8,549	-	8,549	3,330	-	3,330
Insurance	12,227	-	12,227	10,703	-	10,703
Repairs and renewals	9,332	-	9,332	11,394	-	11,394
Cleaning	-	-	-	42	-	42
Telephone	405	-	405	-	-	-
Postage, stationery, software and advertising	422	-	422	419	-	419
Loan interest	2,278	-	2,278	1,844	-	1,844
Bank charges	98	-	98	70	-	70
	<u>51,581</u>	<u>4,234</u>	<u>55,815</u>	<u>44,248</u>	<u>14,994</u>	<u>59,242</u>
Share of governance costs (see note 8)	8,160	-	8,160	4,588	-	4,588
	<u>59,741</u>	<u>4,234</u>	<u>63,975</u>	<u>48,836</u>	<u>14,994</u>	<u>63,830</u>
Analysis by fund						
Unrestricted funds	59,741	-	59,741	48,836	-	48,836
Restricted funds	-	4,234	4,234	-	14,994	14,994
	<u>59,741</u>	<u>4,234</u>	<u>63,975</u>	<u>48,836</u>	<u>14,994</u>	<u>63,830</u>

10 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

ADVENTURE SUNDERLAND

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

11 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

12 Staff Costs

Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023	2022
	Number	Number
	13	13
	<u>13</u>	<u>13</u>

Employment costs

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	334,421	321,123
Social security costs	32,192	29,148
Other pension costs	10,981	10,980
	<u>377,594</u>	<u>361,251</u>

Directors' remuneration

	2023	2022
	£	£
Remuneration paid to directors	60,264	60,264
	<u>60,264</u>	<u>60,264</u>

The number of employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more were:

	2023	2022
	Number	Number
	1	1
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

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NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

13 Fixed Asset Investments - Charity

	Shares in group undertakings	Total
	£	£
Cost or valuation		
At 1 April 2022	2,012,420	2,012,420
Repayments	0	0
Revaluations	11,758	11,758
At 31 March 2023	<u>2,024,178</u>	<u>2,024,178</u>
Impairment		
At 1 April 2022	279,259	279,259
Impairment losses		
At 31 March 2023	<u>279,259</u>	<u>279,259</u>
Net Book Value		
At 31 March 2023	<u>1,744,919</u>	<u>1,744,919</u>
At 1 April 2022	<u>1,733,161</u>	<u>1,733,161</u>

There were no investment assets outside the UK. The company's investments at the balance sheet date in the share capital of companies include the following:

Sunderland Marina Limited:

Nature of business: Marine Activities Centre and Marina

Class of share: % holding

Ordinary 100

	2023	2022
	£	£
Aggregate capital and reserves	1,744,919	1,733,161
Profit/(Loss) for the year	11,758	(53,474)

ADVENTURE SUNDERLAND

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

14 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings	Leasehold land and buildings	Plant and equipment	Fixtures and fittings	Computers	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cost or valuation						
At 1 April 2022	1,060,000	1,750,000	1,236,136	21,056	23,792	4,090,984
Additions	-	-	31,919	25,600	700	58,219
At 31 March 2023	1,060,000	1,750,000	1,268,055	46,656	24,492	4,149,203
Depreciation and impairment						
At 1 April 2022	-	-	878,928	14,308	19,404	912,640
Depreciation charged in the year	-	-	44,125	4,281	1,663	50,069
At 31 March 2023	-	-	923,053	18,589	21,067	962,709
Carrying amount						
At 31 March 2023	1,060,000	1,750,000	345,002	28,067	3,425	3,186,494
At 31 March 2022	1,060,000	1,750,000	357,208	6,748	4,388	3,178,344

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NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

14 Tangible fixed assets

(Continued)

The carrying value of land included in land and buildings comprises:

	2023 £	2022 £
Freehold	1,060,000	1,060,000
Long leasehold	1,750,000	1,750,000
	<u>2,810,000</u>	<u>2,810,000</u>

At 31 March 2023, had the revalued assets been carried at historic cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses, their carrying amount would have been approximately £1,148,857 (2022 - £1,140,707).

Included in the above group tangible fixed assets freehold property with an NBV of £300,000 (2022 £300,000), long leasehold with an NBV of £1,750,000 (2022: £1,750,000), plant and machinery with an NBV of £319,907 (2022: £329,222), and fixtures and fittings with a NBV of £28,067 (2022: £6,748) belongs to Sunderland Marina Limited.

Included in cost or valuation of land and buildings is freehold land of £350,000 (2022: £300,000) which is not depreciated.

On 24 March 2023, freehold land and buildings were revalued on an Existing Use Value basis by a qualified valuer David Johnson, MRICS of George F White LLP at £2,810,000 (including a value of land of £350,000).

15 Stocks

	2023 £ Group	2022 £ Group	2023 £ Charity	2022 £ Charity
Finished goods and goods for resale	3,109	2,668	-	-

16 Debtors

	2023 £ Group	2022 £ Group	2023 £ Charity	2022 £ Charity
Amounts falling due within one year:				
Trade debtors	85,576	79,746	-	-
Amounts owed by subsidiary undertakings	-	-	360,493	410,850
Other debtors	1,551	3,088	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income	4,643	1,651	4,644	1,652
	<u>91,770</u>	<u>84,485</u>	<u>365,137</u>	<u>412,502</u>

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NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

17 Loans and overdrafts

	2023 £ Group	2022 £ Group	2023 £ Charity	2022 £ Charity
Bank loans	38,918	44,459	38,918	44,459
Other loans	50,000	50,000	-	-
	<u>38,918</u>	<u>44,459</u>	<u>38,918</u>	<u>44,459</u>
Payable within one year	7,350	7,350	7,350	7,350
Payable after one year	81,568	87,109	31,568	37,109
	<u>81,568</u>	<u>87,109</u>	<u>31,568</u>	<u>37,109</u>

The following secured debts are included within creditors:

	2023 £ Group	2022 £ Group	2023 £ Charity	2022 £ Charity
Bank loans	38,918	44,459	38,918	44,459
City of Sunderland	276,630	290,033	-	-
	<u>315,548</u>	<u>334,492</u>	<u>38,918</u>	<u>44,459</u>

Bank loans are secured on Adventure Sunderland, Marine Walk, Roker, Sunderland, SR6 1PW

City of Sunderland loans and debt are secured on land and buildings at Marine Activities Centre, North Dock, R Sunderland and land lying to the south East of Dame Dorothy Street, Sunderland.

18 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £ Group	2022 £ Group	2023 £ Charity	2022 £ Charity
Bank loans	7,350	7,350	7,350	7,350
Corporation tax payable	1,595	-	-	-
Other taxation and social security	31,457	29,810	-	-
Trade creditors	4,796	3,567	4,643	3,548
Deferred consideration	12,598	12,598	-	-
Other creditors	7,088	5,361	-	-
Accruals and deferred income	148,370	176,545	10,233	20,048
	<u>213,254</u>	<u>235,231</u>	<u>22,226</u>	<u>30,946</u>

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NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

19 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 April 2021	Resources expended	Revaluations, gains and losses	Balance at 1 April 2022	Resources expended	Balance at 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Watersports Activity Centre	512,094	(10,751)	207,520	708,863	-	708,863
Lions Club	33	(21)	-	12	(12)	-
Latitude Fifty	733	(275)	-	458	(275)	183
Sport England Humber Ocean	10,642	(3,647)	-	6,995	(3,647)	3,348
Lions Club Minibus	1,500	(300)	-	1,200	(300)	900
	<u>525,002</u>	<u>(14,994)</u>	<u>207,520</u>	<u>717,528</u>	<u>(4,234)</u>	<u>713,294</u>

20 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2023 £	2022 £	2023 £	2022 £
	Group	Group	Charity	Charity
Bank loans	31,568	37,109	31,568	37,109
Other borrowings	50,000	50,000	-	-
Other creditors	212,373	226,630	-	-
	<u>293,941</u>	<u>313,739</u>	<u>31,568</u>	<u>37,109</u>

21 Related party transactions

During the year the charity paid a management fee of £184,132 (2022: £166,135) to its subsidiary Sunderland Marina Limited. At the year end Sunderland Marina Limited agreed to pay a donation via Gift Aid of £97,250 (2022: £152,905) to the charity. At the year end the balance due from the trading subsidiary was £360,494 (2022: £410,850).

The charity made loans totaling £210,000 to Sunderland Marina Limited, being part of the available loan facility of £215,000 obtained by the parent charity from Nat West bank. The loan from the parent company was made on commercial terms. During the year interest received on this loan was £2,863 (2022: £2,327). At 31 March 2023 £38,917 (2022: £44,459) remained outstanding.

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22 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Fund balances at 31 March 2023 are represented by:						
Tangible assets	2,473,200	713,294	3,186,494	2,460,816	717,528	3,178,344
Current assets/(liabilities)	174,299	-	174,299	170,597	-	170,597
Long term liabilities	(293,941)	-	(293,941)	(313,739)	-	(313,739)
	<u>2,353,558</u>	<u>713,294</u>	<u>3,066,852</u>	<u>2,317,674</u>	<u>717,528</u>	<u>3,035,202</u>

23 Cash generated from operations

	Group 2023 £	Group 2022 £
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	31,650	43,338
Adjustments for:		
Transfer from revaluation reserve	-	(31,050)
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	50,069	87,774
Interest received	(293)	-
Interest paid	2,278	1,940
Movements in working capital:		
Decrease in stocks	(441)	-
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	(7,285)	75,859
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(41,775)	(16,543)
Cash generated from operations	<u>34,203</u>	<u>161,318</u>

ADVENTURE SUNDERLAND LTD

England & Wales - Charity number 1053017

Accounts

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	M Hendy T Wills M Holmes Chair M Meling I Whitfield M Hunt J Ramsay G Taylor	(Appointed 25 May 2022) (Appointed 11 August 2022)
Secretary	T Wills	
Charity number	1053017	
Company number	03153901	
Registered office	Marine Activities Centre North Dock Roker Sunderland Tyne and Wear United Kingdom SR6 0PW	
Auditor	Azets Audit Services Bede House 3 Belmont Business Park Durham DH1 1TW	
Solicitors	Sintons The Cube Barrack Road Newcastle Upon Tyne Tyne And Wear United Kingdom NE4 6DB	

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT AND STRATEGIC REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and aims

Adventure Sunderland was established in 1996 as a registered charity with the objective of providing education recreational and leisure activities.

The charity's primary aim is to provide outdoor education opportunities for young people using adventurous activities contribute to their personal and social development.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commissioner's general guidance on public benefit. The charity has carefully examined the Charity Commissioner's guidance on public benefit and has ensured that its business plan and long-term strategy encompass these requirements.

Beneficiaries of the charity's service include pupils in mainstream primary and secondary schools, colleges, youth groups, universities and a wide variety of social organisations. Most courses seek to achieve development of personal qualities such as self-confidence, awareness of others and responsibility, with the knowledge that such development has a lasting impact on individuals back in their everyday life. The gift aid from the trading subsidiary company allow these activities to be offered at a subsidised level to all sections of the community.

In furtherance of these objects, the charity has adopted the following Mission Statement:

"The Marine Activities Centre, Adventure Sunderland and Sunderland Marina will be nationally recognised as an outstanding example of community based Sports Development.

Through the efficient management of the Marine Activities Centre, Adventure Sunderland and Sunderland Marina, we will:

- Expand access to watersports for all sections of the community.
- Provide a safe, secure, high quality environment for customers, visitors and staff.
- Contribute to the social, cultural and economic regeneration of Wearside and the wider region.
- Work in partnership with other organisations that share common goals.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT AND STRATEGIC REPORT) (CONTINUED)

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Charitable Activities

Adventure Sunderland

The Centre provides an excellent base for Outdoor Education and a wide range of courses at the Centre has been developed. The Centre has a licence from the Adventurous Activities Licensing Authority for all its activities with young people, it is a recognised Royal Yachting Association and British Canoeing Partner. Over the course of the last year more than 4,630 young people (930: 2020-21) have used the charity's facilities for a range of positive activities; organised groups, educational visits and private/family sessions. It has been very positive to return to pre-Covid levels of engagement.

The financial contribution made by Sunderland Marina Limited to the charity cannot be underestimated in allowing the charity to continue meeting its objectives, predominantly with the local community. The beginning of our 2022 season has a promising outlook with June/July fully booked with Primary and Secondary Schools, Academies and Pupil Referral Units. Similarly this reflects statistics to pre-Covid levels.

The charity delivers recreational course for youth and adults in a variety of activities including paddle boarding, canoeing and powerboating. These activities allow participants to access their immediate surroundings, the rivers and the sea, in a safe and responsible manner and furthermore benefit their health & wellbeing.

We continue to place importance on the training and development of our staff. Staff achieved further qualifications during the past year. Alongside external training courses, a significant amount of in-house training is carried out each year. We have further improved our commitment to our volunteers this year with an evaluation of their development, competence based training and access to industry standard qualifications. It is clear that the enthusiasm, dedication and professionalism of both staff and volunteers continue to inspire and give confidence to all those who use Adventure Sunderland.

Sunderland Marina Limited

Sunderland Marina Limited manages the Marine Activities Centre and the Marina. In the current year Sunderland Marina Limited provided £152,905 (2021: £238,093) in gift aid towards the running costs of the charity.

Sunderland Marina is based in the North Dock Sunderland, originally constructed by Brunel in 1837, and was renovated and extended by Tyne and Wear Development Corporation to provide a modern marina, following the 2014/15 expansion it now provides 132 pontoon berths, together with 95 chain moorings.

The Marina continues to provide a popular berth for boat owners from around the region. The Marina is also a popular destination for visitors from further afield.

The Marine Activities Centre

Adjoining and serving the Marina is the Marine Activities Centre, the building that provides the focus for users of the Marina, with reception and changing facilities together with workshop and internal storage space. The building itself is arranged into a series of commercial units which are rented out to a diverse range of organisations and companies.

Sunderland Marina Limited holds a lease on a peppercorn rent until 2122 for the land and associated buildings of the charity and Marina, the freeholder to the site being Sunderland City Council (SCC). In 2006 the charity identified that some land included within the lease was surplus to the requirements of both the trading company and the charity and was a potential development site. After prolonged marketing, an offer of £1.22M was received for the freehold of the site. Negotiations started with SCC to secure the freehold, unfortunately at this time SCC maintained that their interest in the site was 50% of the identified value, and a proposal that they should release their interest for £600k was ratified by full council. The charity's professional advisors could not agree with the suggestion that SCC financial interest in the land was 50% due to more than 114 years of the lease remaining, and consequently could not sanction a disposal with this level of cost to the charity. Any sale was delayed whilst protracted discussions with SCC continued.

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These discussions finally came to fruition in 2011 when an agreement was reached with SCC, although their notional interest remained at £600,000 it was agreed that this could be discharged over a thirty-year period by discounting charges for courses and activities to Sunderland based participants. Regrettably, in the intervening period, the property market had collapsed and the site value had dropped to £675,000, the trustees took the view that access to these funds would be more beneficial than retaining the land and the freehold transfer was completed. At a time when financial cuts across the public sector have caused other providers to close and funding for youth groups and schools to be severely restricted this discount fund has been increasingly important to the increase in activity the charity has achieved. This mechanism allows us to set our fees at a level to ensure the financial viability of the charity and to be affordable to the end user.

Financial Position

Overview

The charity's Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2022 are attached. The operating surplus of £12,288 has decreased by £66,994 from last year's surplus of £79,282.

The two primary sources of funding continue to be income from charitable activities and the commercial operations of Sunderland Marina Limited. The income from these sources was:

Source	£	% of total income
Charitable activities	128,894	43.6%
Gift aid	152,905	51.7%
Other	13,828	4.7%
Total	295,627	100.1%

Adventure Sunderland is a charity, which seeks to benefit the public through the pursuit of its stated objectives. Our fees for charitable activities are set at a level to ensure accessibility for participants balanced with ensuring the financial viability of the charity. Our fee structure varies dependent on the time of year and demand and is heavily discounted through our trading operations, with an additional discount available for participants from within the Sunderland area as identified above.

Free reserves available for use by the charity are deemed to be those that are realisable, less funds whose uses are restricted or else designated for particular purposes. The calculation thus excludes funds invested in property and other fixed assets that will continue to be used in the day-to-day running of the charity. As a matter of policy, each year the trustees review the value of the reserves retained which are not held for restrictive purposes or designated projects.

The charity has a target of holding at least £120,000 in free reserves, which is equal to at least three months running costs of both the charity and its trading subsidiary. The charity currently has £465,208 (2021: £380,874) in free reserves, so the target has been achieved.

Free Reserves are calculated as follows:

	2022	2021
General unrestricted funds	867,010	808,678
Less:		
Loan commitments due within 1 year	(7,350)	(7,350)
Loan commitments due more than 1 year	(37,109)	(42,600)
Free reserves	822,551	758,728

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT AND STRATEGIC REPORT) (CONTINUED)

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Principal risks and uncertainties

The risks considered in this statement are classified as follows: Governance, Financial, Operational and External.

Governance risks

The governance structure at the charity is in accordance with the following framework:

The charity is a limited liability company, with a maximum of eleven trustees, five appointed by member organisations and up to six independent trustees. Trustees meet four times a year with additional meetings if necessary, the Chief Executive attends and prepares papers for consideration by trustees. The agenda for each Board Meeting is structured with regular reports on budgets, performance, operational issues and health and safety. Any trustee with any concerns concerning the charity can request that the Board consider that issue. The Statutory Accounts and Annual Reports are presented to trustees on an annual basis and the year's performance is reviewed.

The charity has recently completed a comprehensive governance review and trustees are satisfied that the above governance structure is appropriate to the activities of the charity and that it operates satisfactorily.

Financial Risks

The key staff include the Chief Executive, Marina Manager and AS Centre Manager who are jointly responsible for the day-to-day financial management of the charity. The Treasurer, who is a trustee is a qualified accountant and attends the office regularly to satisfy himself as to the record keeping and overall financial performance.

Financial control is exercised by detailed reporting to the Board and the monitoring of income and expenditure against budget. The trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks, which the charity faces and confirm that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen these risks.

The Board considers the charity's exposure to major risks, in terms of their likely impact on its income sources and planned expenditure in the short to medium term, as well as assessing the best way to mitigate such risks. With income, the major risk is from a decline in mooring fees, rental income and to lesser extent course fees, particularly due to the continuing economic situation and other factors leading to reduced economic activity locally.

The charity has a long-term target of holding free reserves equal to at least three months' costs in addition to business interruption insurance. There is also buildings, third party and employer's liability insurance in place. The trustees are satisfied that the latter constitute appropriate protection against any insurable liability. The trustees believe that the level of free reserves in the present economic climate provide acceptable protection in respect of uninsurable losses. The charity does not place any significant reliance on income from investments.

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Operational Risk

The charity believes that the health and safety of visitors is paramount.

The charity is inspected on a biennial basis by the Adventure Activities Licensing Service (AALS). AALS is part of the Health and Safety Executive (HSE). The inspection process covers the safety management of activities, which includes risk assessments, staff qualifications and the maintenance of equipment associated with the activities. The charity undertakes to perform to the requirements and guidance of AALS and is subject to spot inspections. AALS include in their inspection an assessment to establish whether a "culture of safety" exists within the organisation and has found that it does.

The charity has also been awarded recognised training centre status by the Royal Yachting Association and British Canoeing, all of which carry out annual inspections to ensure appropriate standards are maintained, in both safety and the standard of coaching provided. Additionally the charity holds the "Learning outside the Classroom Quality Badge" (LOtC) and "Adventuremark" status.

All staff leading activities at the charity hold the relevant National Governing Body qualification or have been assessed as competent by an appropriately experienced and qualified person as required by AALS.

The charity has a Health and Safety Policy and Operating Procedures that include generic risk and risk/benefit analysis supported by site-specific risk assessments. Great attention is paid to the need to attain the right balance between risk and benefit. Senior staff believe that this need has been fulfilled by careful consideration of procedures and analysis of incident statistics.

The charity has a compliant and wide ranging Child Protection Policy with annual staff training. Enhanced 'Disclosure & Barring Scheme' (DBS) checks are carried out on all charity staff including long term and regular volunteers, trainees and student placements.

The charity complies with current fire safety legislation. A former fire fighter, a permanent member of staff takes specific responsibility for this area.

External risk

Potential external risks include damaged reputational risk, turbulent economic circumstances and changing government policy.

The charity seeks to mitigate against these external risks by remaining alert to changing policies through networking with professional bodies which are actively involved in contributing and to developing policy affecting both Outdoor Education and Marinas. With trustees that have a wide and diverse skills and knowledge base, including some from stakeholder organisations representing the education sector across the age range and sports development, the MAC is as well informed as it can be with regard to policy changes that might impact the future progress of the charity.

The charity enjoys a good reputation for acting professionally with compassion and protects this reputation through the quality of its staff, staff training, good support by administrative staff and high quality facilities. Any effect on income due to damage to its reputation is likely to be sustainable using the free reserves.

The trustees believe that the charity has restored its pre-Covid performance, in a well-founded position and that the measures taken to protect and enhance its income from its trading subsidiary will enable it to face the challenges of the potential economic downturn and ahead.

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Future Plans

The charity will continue all of its current activities and develop new on-site activities and more offsite expeditions. The dedication of the staff and trustees, together with the financial support of its benefactors remains vital to Adventure Sunderland fulfilling its charitable objectives.

Sunderland Marina has begun the process of application to carry out dredging to maintain the depth required for its berth-holders to continue to have 24hr access to/from the Marina. This was last carried out in 2006. Permission from the Port of Sunderland is required followed by confirmation of a successful application to the Marine Management Organisation. Dredging is vital to protect our main income stream.

The charity has one site not yet utilised, an area of land adjacent to the slipway. Following several competitive offers from property developers, we are currently negotiating a contract for the sale of the site. The trustees remain confident that this site will be sold in the future and part of this potential windfall will be reinvested in the estate allowing the charity to continue to provide high quality facilities.

Structure, governance and management

Governing Document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a Memorandum and Articles of Association, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Overview

Adventure Sunderland is a company limited by guarantee, and governed by a Board of trustees. It is governed in accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association. The Board is responsible for the management and control of the charity and the overall direction of its work. The Board is a non-executive body, and appoints a Chief Executive to conduct the business of the charity on its behalf, who is responsible for the staff and the day-to-day management. New Board members are briefed by the Chair and Chief Executive to familiarise themselves with the charity as well as their wider responsibilities as company directors and charity trustees. All members receive an induction pack providing information on their duties and responsibilities, key policy documents, and other background information.

As a charity, it cannot engage directly in trading activities. Accordingly, the commercial activities of the Marine Activities Centre and the Marina are routed through the wholly owned subsidiary, Sunderland Marina Limited. The Board of Directors of Sunderland Marina Limited are appointed by the Board of the charity, and currently consists of one of the members of the charity Board together with the Chief Executive.

The Board of trustees met four times (trustee attendance 2021-70%, 2020-68%) during the year to review the activities, consider the financial position and determine policy and procedure.

The Board of trustees, the Chief Executive Officer, Marina Manager and AS Centre Manager comprise the key management personnel. No remuneration was paid to trustees in the year. Details of trustee's expenses and related party transactions are disclosed in Notes to the accounts. The pay of the key staff is reviewed annually and normally increased in line with a general increase awarded to all staff within the company.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT AND STRATEGIC REPORT) (CONTINUED)

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The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

R Atchison	(Resigned 30 May 2022)
M Hendy	
D Marrin	(Resigned 31 August 2022)
I Nixon	(Resigned 9 December 2022)
T Wills	
F Brown	(Resigned 8 June 2022)
M Holmes Chair	
M Meling	
I Whitfield	
M Hunt	
J Ramsay	(Appointed 25 May 2022)
G Taylor	(Appointed 11 August 2022)

Events Since The End Of The Year

Information relating to events since the end of the year is given in the notes to the financial statements.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees, who are also the directors of Adventure Sunderland for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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Auditor

The auditors, Azets Audit Services, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act relating to small companies.

Qualified Opinion – Relating to revaluation of property

Adventure Sunderland engaged a professional surveyor in good faith to obtain a new valuation report for the three property sites. This lengthy process provided the resultant valuation documents which did not satisfy the audit team, specifically in relation to assumptions made with regard to interpretation of several potentially restrictive clauses in two of the leases.

The trustees' report, including the strategic report, was approved by the Board of Trustees.

M Hendy
Trustee

25 July 2023

ADVENTURE SUNDERLAND

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF ADVENTURE SUNDERLAND

Qualified opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Adventure Sunderland (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2022 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion section of our report, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for qualified opinion

The freehold land and buildings in Adventure Sunderland and the leasehold property in Sunderland Marina Ltd were revalued in the period by an external valuer, as detailed in note 12, to £760,000 and £1.75m respectively, however we have not been able to place reliance on these as the valuations included certain assumptions that we do not consider justifiable in order to arrive at a fair valuation and as a result the value of the freehold land and buildings and the leasehold property are likely to be materially overstated.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE TRUSTEES OF ADVENTURE SUNDERLAND

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In respect solely of the limitation on our work relating to freehold land and buildings described above:

- we have not obtained all the information and explanations that we considered necessary for the purpose of our audit; and
- we were unable to determine whether adequate accounting records had been maintained.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE TRUSTEES OF ADVENTURE SUNDERLAND

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above and on the Financial Reporting Council's website, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud.

We obtain and update our understanding of the entity, its activities, its control environment, and likely future developments, including in relation to the legal and regulatory framework applicable and how the entity is complying with that framework. Based on this understanding, we identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. This includes consideration of the risk of acts by the entity that were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, including fraud, we designed procedures which included:

- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims as well as actual, suspected and alleged fraud;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- Assessing the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations considered to have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the entity through enquiry and inspection;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- Performing audit work over the risk of management bias and override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for indicators of potential bias.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Joanne Regan FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Azets Audit Services

25 July 2023

Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor

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ADVENTURE SUNDERLAND

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	2	11,601	-	11,601	27,238	-	27,238
Charitable activities	4	128,894	-	128,894	43,204	-	43,204
Other trading activities	5	533,577	-	533,577	569,565	-	569,565
Total income		<u>674,072</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>674,072</u>	<u>640,007</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>640,007</u>
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	6	566,904	-	566,904	511,227	-	511,227
Charitable activities	8	48,836	14,994	63,830	32,641	16,857	49,498
Total resources expended		<u>615,740</u>	<u>14,994</u>	<u>630,734</u>	<u>543,868</u>	<u>16,857</u>	<u>560,725</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources		58,332	(14,994)	43,338	96,139	(16,857)	79,282
Other recognised gains and losses							
Revaluation of tangible fixed assets		(612,850)	207,520	(405,330)	354,800	37,200	392,000
Net movement in funds		<u>(554,518)</u>	<u>192,526</u>	<u>(361,992)</u>	<u>450,939</u>	<u>20,343</u>	<u>471,282</u>
Fund balances at 1 April 2021		<u>2,872,192</u>	<u>525,002</u>	<u>3,397,194</u>	<u>2,421,253</u>	<u>504,659</u>	<u>2,925,912</u>
Fund balances at 31 March 2022		<u><u>2,317,674</u></u>	<u><u>717,528</u></u>	<u><u>3,035,202</u></u>	<u><u>2,872,192</u></u>	<u><u>525,002</u></u>	<u><u>3,397,194</u></u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

ADVENTURE SUNDERLAND

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	2022 Group £	2021 Group £	2022 Charity £	2021 Charity £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	11	3,178,344	3,631,185	823,424	600,426
Investments	12	-	-	1,733,161	2,065,894
		<u>3,178,344</u>	<u>3,631,185</u>	<u>2,556,585</u>	<u>2,666,320</u>
Current assets					
Stocks	13	2,668	2,668	-	-
Debtors	14	84,485	160,344	412,502	386,876
Cash at bank and in hand		318,675	168,510	120,761	56,788
		<u>405,828</u>	<u>331,522</u>	<u>533,263</u>	<u>443,664</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	<u>(235,231)</u>	<u>(232,880)</u>	<u>(30,946)</u>	<u>(20,190)</u>
Net current assets		<u>170,597</u>	<u>98,642</u>	<u>502,317</u>	<u>423,474</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>3,348,941</u>	<u>3,729,827</u>	<u>3,058,902</u>	<u>3,089,794</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	17	<u>(313,739)</u>	<u>(332,633)</u>	<u>(37,109)</u>	<u>(42,600)</u>
Net assets		<u><u>3,035,202</u></u>	<u><u>3,397,194</u></u>	<u><u>3,021,793</u></u>	<u><u>3,047,194</u></u>
Income funds					
General restricted funds		472,808	487,802	472,808	487,802
Revaluation reserve		244,720	37,200	492,440	37,200
	18	<u>717,528</u>	<u>525,002</u>	<u>1,209,968</u>	<u>525,002</u>
Unrestricted funds					
General unrestricted funds		867,010	808,678	605,881	808,678
Revaluation reserve		1,450,664	2,063,514	1,450,664	4,800
	18	<u>2,317,674</u>	<u>2,872,192</u>	<u>2,056,545</u>	<u>813,478</u>
		<u><u>3,035,202</u></u>	<u><u>3,397,194</u></u>	<u><u>3,266,513</u></u>	<u><u>1,338,480</u></u>

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)

AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2022, although an audit has been carried out under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 25 July 2023

M Hendy
Trustee

Company Registration No. 03153901

ADVENTURE SUNDERLAND

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	Group 2022 £	Group 2021 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	21	161,318	111,260
Interest paid		(1,940)	(4,264)
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		159,378	106,996
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(9,213)	(9,310)
Proceeds on disposal of tangible fixed assets		-	1,740
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Net cash used in investing activities		(9,213)	(7,570)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		168,510	69,084
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year		318,675	168,510
		<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>
Relating to:			
Cash at bank and in hand		318,675	168,510
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ADVENTURE SUNDERLAND

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Adventure Sunderland is a charitable company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales and the registered charity number is 1053017. The registered office is Marine Activities Centre, North Dock, Roker, Sunderland, Tyne and Wear, SR6 0PW, United Kingdom.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's Memorandum and Articles and Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

In addition however, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this statement is not a guarantee as to the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

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NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Income from Government and other grants whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred. In respect of furlough grants; all conditions, with respect to the eligible costs being claimed, need to be met.

1.5 Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under the headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings	Land Nil depreciation Buildings 2% on cost
Leasehold land and buildings	2% on cost
Plant and equipment	5% - 33% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	5% - 33% on cost
Computers	5% - 33% on cost

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost comprises direct materials and, where applicable, direct labour costs and those overheads that have been incurred in bringing the stocks to their present location and condition. Items held for distribution at no or nominal consideration are measured the lower of replacement cost and cost.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price less all estimated costs of completion and costs to be incurred in marketing, selling and distribution.

ADVENTURE SUNDERLAND

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.10 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Derecognition of financial assets

Financial assets are derecognised only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire or are settled, or when the charity transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to another entity, or if some significant risks and rewards of ownership are retained but control of the asset has transferred to another party that is able to sell the asset in its entirety to an unrelated third party.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.11 Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

1.12 Limited by guarantee

The charitable company is limited by guarantee in that every member undertakes to contribute to the charity in the event of the same being wound up during the time that he is a member or within one year afterwards in the payment of debts and liabilities and the costs of winding up, such amounts as may be required not exceeding £1.

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NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2022	2021
	£	£
Government grants	11,601	27,238

3 Subsidiary Activities

The wholly owned subsidiary, Sunderland Mairna Limited which is incorporate in England and Wales, pay the majority of its taxable profits to charity via gift aid. Sunderland Marina Limited operates all commercial activities carried on at the Marine Activities Centre.

The charity owns the entire issued share capital of 100 ordinary shares of £1 each. A summary of the trading results its show below:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Turnover	527,538	471,569
Cost of sales	(17,283)	(12,143)
Gross profit	510,255	459,426
Administrative expenses	(730,638)	(735,877)
Other operating income	172,178	213,806
Operating loss	(48,205)	(62,645)
Interest receivable and similar income	-	2
Interest payable and similar expenses	(5,269)	(3,436)
Loss before taxation	(53,474)	(66,079)
Tax on loss	-	-
Loss for the financial year	(53,474)	(66,079)

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NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

4 Charitable activities

	Providing educational recreational and leisure activities	Providing educational recreational and leisure activities
	2022	2021
	£	£
Course fees	104,623	25,436
Course discounts	15,862	7,727
Charitable rental income	6,396	6,696
Other income	2,013	3,345
	<u>128,894</u>	<u>43,204</u>

5 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2022	2021
	£	£
Commercial trading operations income Sunderland Marina Limited	533,577	569,565
Mooring and pontoon sales	362,917	320,767
Rental income	87,760	84,878
Service charges	37,844	36,752
Diesel	19,312	13,546
Slipway	4,940	6,910
Visitor sales	7,031	3,015
Other income	7,730	5,703
Employment allowance and JRS	6,043	72,869
Government Grants	-	25,000
Profit on sale of Assets	-	125
	<u>533,577</u>	<u>569,565</u>

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NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

6 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2022	2021
	£	£
<u>Trading costs</u>		
Commercial trading operations expenditure Sunderland Marina Limited	566,904	511,227
	<u>566,904</u>	<u>511,227</u>

7 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2022		Governance costs	2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Audit fees	-	3,840	3,840	-	2,760	2,760
Legal and professional	-	748	748	-	199	199
	<u>-</u>	<u>4,588</u>	<u>4,588</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,959</u>	<u>2,959</u>
Analysed between						
Charitable activities	<u>-</u>	<u>4,588</u>	<u>4,588</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,959</u>	<u>2,959</u>

Governance costs includes payments to the auditors of £3,840 (2021- £2,760) for audit fees.

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NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

8 Charitable activities

	Providing educational recreational and leisure activities	Providing educational recreational and leisure activities	Total 2022	Providing educational recreational and leisure activities	Providing educational recreational and leisure activities	Total 2021
	2022	2022		2021	2021	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Depreciation and impairment	8,464	14,994	23,458	11,295	16,857	28,152
Bad debts	-	-	-	220	-	220
Course expenses	5,163	-	5,163	482	-	482
Training	1,362	-	1,362	175	-	175
Travelling	222	-	222	-	-	-
Rates and water	1,235	-	1,235	(63)	-	(63)
Heat and light	3,330	-	3,330	1,942	-	1,942
Insurance	10,703	-	10,703	11,843	-	11,843
Repairs and renewals	11,394	-	11,394	988	-	988
Cleaning	42	-	42	294	-	294
Postage, stationery, software and advertising	419	-	419	452	-	452
Loan interest	1,844	-	1,844	2,003	-	2,003
Bank charges	70	-	70	51	-	51
	<u>44,248</u>	<u>14,994</u>	<u>59,242</u>	<u>29,682</u>	<u>16,857</u>	<u>46,539</u>
Share of governance costs (see note 7)	4,588	-	4,588	2,959	-	2,959
	<u>48,836</u>	<u>14,994</u>	<u>63,830</u>	<u>32,641</u>	<u>16,857</u>	<u>49,498</u>
Analysis by fund						
Unrestricted funds	48,836	-	48,836	32,641	-	32,641
Restricted funds	-	14,994	14,994	-	16,857	16,857
	<u>48,836</u>	<u>14,994</u>	<u>63,830</u>	<u>32,641</u>	<u>16,857</u>	<u>49,498</u>

9 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

ADVENTURE SUNDERLAND

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

10 Staff Costs

Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2022	2021
	Number	Number
	13	12
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Employment costs

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	321,123	293,987
Social security costs	29,148	26,204
Other pension costs	10,980	11,451
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	<u>361,251</u>	<u>331,642</u>

Directors' remuneration

	2022	2021
	£	£
Remuneration paid to directors	60,264	60,264
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

The number of employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more were:

	2022	2021
	Number	Number
	1	1
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

ADVENTURE SUNDERLAND

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings	Leasehold land and buildings	Plant and equipment	Fixtures and fittings	Computers	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cost or valuation						
At 1 April 2021	1,228,000	2,250,000	1,227,863	20,846	23,062	4,749,771
Additions	-	-	8,273	210	730	9,213
Revaluation	(168,000)	(500,000)	-	-	-	(668,000)
At 31 March 2022	1,060,000	1,750,000	1,236,136	21,056	23,792	4,090,984
Depreciation and impairment						
At 1 April 2021	67,360	184,150	836,530	12,598	17,948	1,118,586
Depreciation charged in the year	11,160	31,050	42,398	1,710	1,456	87,774
Revaluation	(78,520)	(215,200)	-	-	-	(293,720)
At 31 March 2022	-	-	878,928	14,308	19,404	912,640
Carrying amount						
At 31 March 2022	1,060,000	1,750,000	357,208	6,748	4,388	3,178,344
At 31 March 2021	1,160,640	2,065,850	391,333	8,248	5,114	3,631,185

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NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

11 Tangible fixed assets

(Continued)

The carrying value of land included in land and buildings comprises:

	2022 £	2021 £
Freehold	1,060,000	1,160,640
Long leasehold	1,750,000	2,065,850
	<u>2,810,000</u>	<u>3,226,490</u>

At 31 March 2022, had the revalued assets been carried at historic cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses, their carrying amount would have been approximately £1,140,707 (2021 - £1,219,268).

Included in the above group tangible fixed assets freehold property with an NBV of £300,000 (2021 £600,000), long leasehold with an NBV of £1,750,000 (2021: £2,065,850), plant and machinery with an NBV of £329,222 (2021: £356,661), and fixtures and fittings with a NBV of £6,748 (2021: £8,248) belongs to Sunderland Marina Limited.

Included in cost or valuation of land and buildings is freehold land of £350,000 (2021: £600,000) which is not depreciated.

On 24 March 2023, freehold land and buildings were revalued on an Existing Use Value basis by a qualified valuer David Johnson, MRICS of George F White LLP at £2,810,000 (including a value of land of £350,000).

ADVENTURE SUNDERLAND

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

12 Fixed Asset Investments - Charity

	Shares in group undertakings £	Total £
Cost or valuation		
At 1 April 2021	2,065,894	2,065,894
Repayments	-	0
Revaluations	(53,474)	(53,474)
At 31 March 2022	<u>2,012,420</u>	<u>2,012,420</u>
Impairment		
At 1 April 2021	-	-
Impairment losses	279,259	279,259
At 31 March 2022	<u>279,259</u>	<u>279,259</u>
Net Book Value		
At 31 March 2022	<u>1,733,161</u>	<u>1,733,161</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>2,065,894</u>	<u>2,065,894</u>

There were no investment assets outside the UK. The company's investments at the balance sheet date in the share capital of companies include the following:

Sunderland Marina Limited:

Nature of business: Marine Activities Centre and Marina

Class of share: % holding

Ordinary 100

	2022 £	2021 £
Aggregate capital and reserves	1,777,620	2,415,894
Profit/(Loss) for the year	<u>(53,474)</u>	<u>(66,079)</u>

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NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

13 Stocks

	2022 £ Group	2021 £ Group	2022 £ Charity	2021 £ Charity
Finished goods and goods for resale	2,668	2,668	-	-

14 Debtors

Amounts falling due within one year:	2022 £ Group	2021 £ Group	2022 £ Charity	2021 £ Charity
Trade debtors	79,746	157,393	-	-
Other debtors	3,088	-	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income	1,651	2,951	1,652	1,420
	<u>84,485</u>	<u>160,344</u>	<u>412,502</u>	<u>386,877</u>

15 Loans and overdrafts

	2022 £ Group	2021 £ Group	2022 £ Charity	2021 £ Charity
Bank loans	44,459	49,950	44,459	49,950
Other loans	50,000	50,000	-	-
	<u>94,459</u>	<u>99,950</u>	<u>44,459</u>	<u>49,950</u>
Payable within one year	7,350	7,350	7,350	7,350
Payable after one year	87,109	92,600	37,109	42,600
	<u>94,459</u>	<u>99,950</u>	<u>44,459</u>	<u>49,950</u>
Amounts included above which fall due after five years:				
Payable by instalments	-	2,531	-	2,531
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,531</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,531</u>

The following secured debts are included within creditors:

	2022 £ Group	2021 £ Group	2022 £ Charity	2021 £ Charity
Bank loans	44,459	49,950	44,459	49,950
City of Sunderland	289,228	302,631	-	-
	<u>333,687</u>	<u>352,581</u>	<u>44,459</u>	<u>49,950</u>

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NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

15 Loans and overdrafts

(Continued)

Bank loans are secured on Adventure Sunderland, Marine Walk, Roker, Sunderland, SR6 1PW

City of Sunderland loans and debt are secured on land and buildings at Marine Activities Centre, North Dock, R Sunderland and land lying to the south East of Dame Dorothy Street, Sunderland.

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £ Group	2021 £ Group	2022 £ Charity	2021 £ Charity
Bank loans	7,350	7,350	7,350	7,350
Other taxation and social security	29,810	35,133	-	-
Trade creditors	3,567	2,067	3,548	2,048
Deferred consideration	12,598	12,598	-	-
Other creditors	5,361	4,557	-	-
Accruals and deferred income	176,545	171,175	20,048	10,792
	<u>235,231</u>	<u>232,880</u>	<u>30,946</u>	<u>20,190</u>

17 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2022 £ Group	2021 £ Group	2022 £ Charity	2021 £ Charity
Bank loans	37,109	42,600	37,109	42,600
Other borrowings	50,000	50,000	-	-
Other creditors	226,630	240,033	-	-
	<u>313,739</u>	<u>332,633</u>	<u>37,109</u>	<u>42,600</u>

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18 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 April 2020	Resources expended	Revaluations, gains and losses	Balance at 1 April 2021	Resources expended	Revaluations, gains and losses	Balance at 31 March 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Watersports Activity Centre	487,505	(12,611)	37,200	512,094	(10,751)	207,520	708,863
Sport England	3	(3)	-	-	-	-	-
Lions Club	54	(21)	-	33	(21)	-	12
Latitude Fifty	1,008	(275)	-	733	(275)	-	458
Sport England Humber Ocean	14,289	(3,647)	-	10,642	(3,647)	-	6,995
Lions Club Minibus	1,800	(300)	-	1,500	(300)	-	1,200
	<u>504,659</u>	<u>(16,857)</u>	<u>37,200</u>	<u>525,002</u>	<u>(14,994)</u>	<u>207,520</u>	<u>717,528</u>

19 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Fund balances at 31 March 2022 are represented by:						
Tangible assets	2,460,816	717,528	3,178,344	3,106,183	525,002	3,631,185
Current assets/(liabilities)	170,597	-	170,597	98,642	-	98,642
Long term liabilities	(313,739)	-	(313,739)	(332,633)	-	(332,633)
	<u>2,317,674</u>	<u>717,528</u>	<u>3,035,202</u>	<u>2,872,192</u>	<u>525,002</u>	<u>3,397,194</u>

20 Related party transactions

During the year the charity paid a management fee of £166,135 (2021: £115,937) to its subsidiary Sunderland Marina Limited. At the year end Sunderland Marina Limited agreed to pay a donation via Gift Aid of £152,905 (2021: £238,093) to the charity. At the year end the balance due from the trading subsidiary was £366,391 (2021: £335,505).

The charity made loans totaling £210,000 to Sunderland Marina Limited, being part of the available loan facility of £215,000 obtained by the parent charity from Nat West bank. The loan from the parent company was made on commercial terms. During the year interest received on this loan was £2,327 (2021: £2,261). At 31 March 2022 £44,459 (2021: £49,950) remained outstanding.

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	Group 2022 £	Group 2021 £
21 Cash generated from operations		
(Deficit)/surplus for the year	43,338	79,282
Adjustments for:		
Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	807
Transfer from revaluation reserve	(31,050)	-
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	87,774	99,458
Interest paid	1,940	4,264
Movements in working capital:		
Decrease in stocks	-	943
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	75,859	(137,477)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(16,543)	63,983
Cash generated from operations	<u>161,318</u>	<u>111,260</u>