

Company registration number: 04168050
Charity registration number: 1093237

**TYNEMOUTH VOLUNTEER LIFE BRIGADE
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

Tynemouth Volunteer Life Brigade

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Tynemouth Volunteer Life Brigade
Company No. 04168050
Trustees' Report For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

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

Objectives and Activities

Aims and Objectives

Tynemouth Volunteer Life Brigade, founded in 1864, has three distinctive objectives:

- To save life and aid persons and vessels in distress on the coast and elsewhere by any means necessary including, but not limited to, the provision of a declared facility to HM Coastguard
- To conserve and develop the Watch House, associated properties and artefacts and to record, maintain and disseminate information on the history of the Brigade for the benefit and education of the community.
- To advance education, for the public benefit, in the dangers inherent to the coast, rivers and inland bodies of water to safeguard the community and promote coastal and water safety.

The Brigade is most commonly associated with our coastal search and rescue team, which principally fulfil the aim of our 1st objective. The team specialise in rope, water, and coastal search and rescue, and also have extensive first aid skills. The team are permanently on call—attending an average of 140+ incidents per year. The team are a 'declared facility' to HM Coastguard, representing them in the North Tyneside area. As well as a rescue team of around 20, the Brigade has a Committee of Directors who manage the whole of the organisation. There is also a wider support structure of around another 40 members who support the operation and running of our Watch House Museum, and work with the Rescue Team to provide sea and water safety talks.

Achievements and Performance

Main Achievements

- During the 2024-2025 financial year, the Brigade's Rescue Team have brought their 2nd vehicle into operational service, and started preparations for an additional base for this to be held in.
- A new group of museum volunteers was recruited to allow the Watch House to be open to the public on bank holidays, Saturdays and Sundays from Easter through to August. This, coupled with the ongoing programme of visits and talks managed by our Watch House Team, led to the most visitors to the building in recent memory.
- The Directors also co-ordinated the renovation of the Brigade Cottage to allow it to be rented on the private market, creating additional income for the Brigade. Our first tenants moved into the property during February 2025.

Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees

Mr J Wright
Mr P Lilley
Mr D V Bell
Mr N Peters
Mr J Peters
Mr A H Graham
Mr D C Graham
Mr S Littlewood
Dr R Day
Mr D J Steven
Mrs H D Peacock (appointed 16/05/2024)

**Tynemouth Volunteer Life Brigade
Trustees' Report (continued)
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

Charity Number

1093237

Company Number

04168050

Registered Office

The Watch House
Spanish Battery
Tynemouth
Tyne & Wear
NE30 4DD

Independent Examiner

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Trustees' Report (continued)
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

Other Information

Future Developments

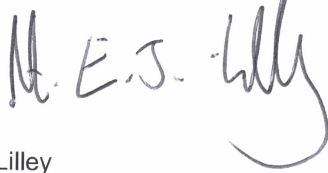
Over the coming 12 months the Brigade intends to:

- Make operational the new base for the second rescue vehicle.
- Support our tenants in the Brigade Cottage to ensure the continuation of the use of that building as private rented accommodation.
- Carry out development and improvement work in the Watch House to further enhance our offering and further boost visitor numbers with the help of our Museum volunteers.
- Ensure funding is in place to carry out the re-painting of the outside of the Watch House in the next 6-18 months.

Small Company Rules

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees' report was approved by the board of trustees and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'M. E. S. Lilley', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Mr P Lilley

Trustee

24 December 2025

Tynemouth Volunteer Life Brigade
Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Tynemouth Volunteer Life Brigade
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

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

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company 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 your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts 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 accounts 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 accounts to be reached.



Bland & Wood Chartered Accountants

24 December 2025

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Tynemouth Volunteer Life Brigade
Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025 Total funds	2024 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Donations and legacies	3	42,812	5,274	48,086	71,922
Other trading activities	4	39,820	-	39,820	37,968
Investments	5	5,862	-	5,862	1,660
		<u>88,494</u>	<u>5,274</u>	<u>93,768</u>	<u>111,550</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Raising funds	7	(47,218)	(67,083)	(114,301)	(91,542)
NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME		<u>41,276</u>	<u>(61,809)</u>	<u>(20,533)</u>	<u>20,008</u>
Transfers between funds	13	(62,000)	62,000	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		<u>(20,724)</u>	<u>191</u>	<u>(20,533)</u>	<u>20,008</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:					
Total funds brought forward		237,703	26,337	264,040	244,032
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	13	<u><u>216,979</u></u>	<u><u>26,528</u></u>	<u><u>243,507</u></u>	<u><u>264,040</u></u>

The notes on pages 9 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

Tynemouth Volunteer Life Brigade
Comparative Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2024 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:				
Donations and legacies	3	68,453	3,469	71,922
Other trading activities	4	37,968	-	37,968
Investments	5	1,660	-	1,660
		<u>108,081</u>	<u>3,469</u>	<u>111,550</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:				
Raising funds	7	(52,168)	(39,374)	(91,542)
NET INCOME		<u>55,913</u>	<u>(35,905)</u>	<u>20,008</u>
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		<u>55,913</u>	<u>(35,905)</u>	<u>20,008</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:				
Total funds brought forward		<u>181,790</u>	<u>62,242</u>	<u>244,032</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	13	<u><u>237,703</u></u>	<u><u>26,337</u></u>	<u><u>264,040</u></u>

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Tynemouth Volunteer Life Brigade
Balance Sheet
As At 31 March 2025

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025 Total funds	2024 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets	10	38,069	-	38,069	54,007
Investment Properties	11	60,000	-	60,000	60,000
Investments	12	1,695	-	1,695	1,695
		<u>99,764</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>99,764</u>	<u>115,702</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank and in hand		133,552	10,191	143,743	148,338
		<u>133,552</u>	<u>10,191</u>	<u>143,743</u>	<u>148,338</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)		<u>133,552</u>	<u>10,191</u>	<u>143,743</u>	<u>148,338</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>233,316</u>	<u>10,191</u>	<u>243,507</u>	<u>264,040</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>233,316</u>	<u>10,191</u>	<u>243,507</u>	<u>264,040</u>
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY					
Restricted Funds				26,528	26,337
Unrestricted Funds				<u>216,979</u>	<u>237,703</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	13			<u>243,507</u>	<u>264,040</u>

Tynemouth Volunteer Life Brigade
Balance Sheet (continued)
As At 31 March 2025

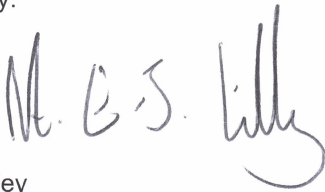
For the year ending 31 March 2025 the charitable company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

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

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 24 December 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mr P Lilley', is written over the printed name.

Mr P Lilley

Trustee

The notes on pages 9 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

**Tynemouth Volunteer Life Brigade
Notes to the Financial Statements
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

1. General Information

Tynemouth Volunteer Life Brigade is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England & Wales, registered number 04168050 and registered charity number 1093237. The registered office is The Watch House, Spanish Battery, Tynemouth, Tyne & Wear, NE30 4DD.

2. Accounting Policies

2.1. Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) "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)", Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Companies Act 2006.

The charitable company is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

2.2. Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of the fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Plant & Machinery	20% straight line basis
Motor Vehicles	25% reducing balance basis

2.3. Investment Properties

All investment properties are carried at fair value determined annually and derived from the current market rents and investment property yields for comparable real estate, adjusted if necessary for any difference in the nature, location or condition of the specific asset. No depreciation is provided for. Changes in fair value are recognised in the statement of financial activities.

2.4. Investments

2.5. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and are readily convertible to a known amount of cash with insignificant risk of change in value, and bank overdrafts.

3. Income from Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025 Total
	funds	funds	funds
	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	42,812	5,274	48,086

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For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2024 Total funds
	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	68,453	3,469	71,922

4. Income from Other Trading Activities

	2025 Unrestricted funds	2024 Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Fundraising events	39,820	37,968

5. Investment Income

	2025 Unrestricted funds	2024 Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Bank interest receivable	1,140	581
Dividends from investments	1,045	1,079
Rents received from investment properties	3,677	-
	5,862	1,660

6. Net Income/(Expenditure)

The net (expenditure)/income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2025 £	2024 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets - owned	15,938	18,002

7. Analysis of Expenditure

	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs (see note 8)	2025 Total
	£	£	£
Raising funds	4,352	109,949	114,301

Tynemouth Volunteer Life Brigade
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

		2024
	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs (see note 8)
	£	£
Raising funds	11,172	80,370
	<u>11,172</u>	<u>80,370</u>
		<u>91,542</u>

8. Support Costs

	2025
	Raising funds
	£
General administration	94,011
Depreciation	15,938
	<u>109,949</u>

	2024
	Raising funds
	£
General administration	62,368
Depreciation	18,002
	<u>80,370</u>

9. Average Number of Employees

Average number of employees during the year was: NIL (2024: NIL)

10. Tangible Assets

	Plant & Machinery	Motor Vehicles	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
As at 1 April 2024	8,843	121,677	130,520
As at 31 March 2025	<u>8,843</u>	<u>121,677</u>	<u>130,520</u>
Depreciation			
As at 1 April 2024	8,843	67,670	76,513
Provided during the period	-	15,938	15,938
As at 31 March 2025	<u>8,843</u>	<u>83,608</u>	<u>92,451</u>

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For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

Net Book Value

As at 31 March 2025

- 38,069 38,069

As at 1 April 2024

- 54,007 54,007

11. Investment Property

2025

£

Fair Value

As at 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025

60,000

12. Investments

Listed

£

Cost or Valuation

As at 1 April 2024

1,695

As at 31 March 2025

1,695

Provision

As at 1 April 2024

-

As at 31 March 2025

-

Net Book Value

As at 31 March 2025

1,695

As at 1 April 2024

1,695

13. Movement in Funds

**As at 1 April
2024**

Income

Expenditure

Transfers

**As at 31
March 2025**

£

£

£

£

£

Unrestricted funds

General:

General unrestricted fund

237,703 88,494 (47,218) (62,000) 216,979

Restricted funds

Collection

26,337 5,274 (67,083) 62,000 26,528

Total funds

264,040 93,768 (114,301) - 243,507

Tynemouth Volunteer Life Brigade
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

	As at 1 April 2023	Income	Expenditure	As at 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General:				
General unrestricted fund	181,790	108,081	(52,168)	237,703
Restricted funds				
Collection	62,242	3,469	(39,374)	26,337
Total funds	<u>244,032</u>	<u>111,550</u>	<u>(91,542)</u>	<u>264,040</u>

14. Transactions with Trustees

None of the trustees received any remuneration or any other benefits from an employment with the charity or a related entity during the current or previous year.

No trustee expenses have been incurred.

15. Related Party Disclosures

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period that require disclosure.

16. Company limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company, in the event of a winding up, such an amount as may be required not exceeding £1.

17. Rocket House

The company is the sole corporate trustee of the Rocket House. This came into place on 29th August 2019 when the Brigade, operating on charity number 1093237, (amalgamated with charity 238655 on 13 January 2003), passed a written resolution at an extraordinary general meeting.

Tynemouth Volunteer Life Brigade
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

	2025	2024
	Total	Total
	funds	funds
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:		
Donations and legacies		
Donations and gifts	42,076	67,885
Donations from individuals	6,010	4,037
	<u>48,086</u>	<u>71,922</u>
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	39,820	37,968
	<u>39,820</u>	<u>37,968</u>
Investments		
Dividends from other fixed asset investments - listed	1,045	1,079
Rental income from investment property	3,677	-
Bank interest receivable	1,140	581
	<u>5,862</u>	<u>1,660</u>
	<u>93,768</u>	<u>111,550</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:		
Raising funds		
Support and administration costs	(4,352)	(11,172)
Repairs, renewals and maintenance	(9,630)	(11,040)
Insurance	(8,951)	-
Rescue training	(3,799)	(2,188)
Other office costs	(4,896)	(3,180)
Sundry expenses	(66,735)	(45,960)
Depreciation of plant and machinery	(15,938)	(18,002)
	<u>(114,301)</u>	<u>(91,542)</u>
	<u>(114,301)</u>	<u>(91,542)</u>
NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME	<u>(20,533)</u>	<u>20,008</u>