

# The Medusa Trust CIO

## Report and Accounts 30 November 2024

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## Secretary

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Barclays Bank Plc

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Southampton City 2

Leicestershire

LE87 2BB

## Registered office

Holt House

Seale Road

Elstead

Surrey

GU8 6LF

## Registered number

**Charitable Incorporated Organisation Number** 1133706

### **Website**

[www.hmsmedusa.org.uk](http://www.hmsmedusa.org.uk)

## **The Medusa Trust**

### **Chairman's Report**

#### **Structure, governance and management.**

The Chairman submits his Report and the Unaudited Financial Statements of the Organisation for the year from 1 December 2023 to 30 November 2024.

As mentioned in the previous accounts, the Trustees applied to convert The Medusa Trust to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (a new vehicle for charities that combines the former entities of trust and a company entirely under the Charity Commission). The Charity commission approved the conversion on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

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#### **Object and activities.**

The principal activity of the company is to restore, maintain, and operate HMS Medusa (ML 1387) as a permanent operational memorial to the officers and crew of the WW2 Coastal Forces.

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Medusa is lifted for one week each year for maintenance and annual survey.

During this year Medusa received approximately 1,000 visitors and delivered 44 operational (sea going or alongside educational) days.

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### **Statement of public benefit.**

The Trustees have regard for the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.  
The Trust benefits the public as follows:

- Educational visits to Medusa by schools, cadet organisations and adult groups.
- Port visits and open days to give access to the general public.
- An extensive website with details of all 464 vessels of this class for the benefit of veterans and families of veterans who served on them.
- Lectures to groups on the history of the vessel.
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- Delivery of 44 operational days

### **Financial review**

This operating year, the trust has achieved a surplus of £31,490 principally due to some generous donations. In particular a donation of £5,000 was received from the Survey vessel association upon its winding up and another from the Hong King flotilla Association when it wound up. A further £20,000 was received from a benefactor.

The Trust relies on general public donations to keep Medusa operational and does not receive funding from government bodies.

The Trust continues to build a reserve to provide matching funding against a future refit, primarily a major engine overhaul.

The Trust is registered with HMRC for Gift Aid

The Trust continues to operate as a going concern.

### **Policies.**

The Trust operates to the following policy documents which are reviewed and added to as required.

- Internal charity financial controls policy and procedures
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### **Trustee responsibilities.**

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

They are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and enable them to ascertain to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, both as amended subsequently, and the provisions of the Constitution, Governing Document or Trust Deed. 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. The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website.

This report, which has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies, together with the Charities Act 2011, was approved by the Trustees on 27 March 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Alan Watson OBE  
Chairman

## The Medusa Trust

### Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 30 November 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Income</b>	52,282	28,211
Cost of income	(1,863)	(5,018)
<b>Gross income</b>	50,419	23,193
Administrative expenses	(20,201)	(21,181)
<b>Net income</b>	30,218	2,012
Interest receivable	1,272	495
<b>Surplus for the year</b>	31,490	2,507
Accumulated Surplus b/fwd	93,437	90,930
Accumulated Surplus c/fwd	124,927	93,437

## The Medusa Trust

### Balance Sheet as at 30 November 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	3	1	1
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	4	11,954	11,586
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>113,140</u>	<u>81,970</u>
		125,094	93,556
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	5	(168)	(120)
		<u>124,926</u>	<u>93,436</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>124,927</u>	<u>93,437</u>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Accumulated Surplus		124,927	93,437
<b>Capital and Reserves</b>		<u>124,927</u>	<u>93,437</u>

The Trustees, as Members, have not required the Company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year under review in accordance with Section 476 of the companies Act 2006; the Trustees as Directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The Trustees are satisfied that the Charity is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 133 of the Charities Act 2011.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and enable them to ascertain to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, both as amended subsequently, and the provisions of the Constitution, Governing Document or Trust Deed

A D Watson, OBE  
Director  
Approved by the board on

Lord Strathalmond



## The Medusa Trust

### Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 30 November 2024

	Share capital	Share premium	Re- valuation reserve	Profit and loss account	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>At 1 December 2022</b>	-	-	-	90,930	90,930
Surplus for the financial year				2,507	2,507
<b>At 30 November 2023</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>93,437</u>	<u>93,437</u>
<b>At 1 December 2023</b>	-	-	-	93,437	93,437
Surplus for the financial year				31,490	31,490
<b>At 30 November 2024</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>124,927</u>	<u>124,927</u>

**The Medusa Trust**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
**for the year ended 30 November 2024**

**1 Accounting policies**

**Basis of preparation**

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with FRS 102, The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (as applied to small entities by section 1A of the standard).

**Income**

Income represents amounts contributed by donations and events during the year.

All income received is to restore, maintain and operate the former HMS Medusa (ML 1387).

**Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulative depreciation and any accumulative impairment losses. Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, other than freehold land, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset evenly over its expected useful life, as follows:

Plant and machinery	over 5 years
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**Debtors**

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price (which is usually the invoice price), less any impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts. Loans and other financial assets are initially recognised at transaction price including any transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortised cost determined using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts.

**Creditors**

Short term creditors are measured at transaction price (which is usually the invoice price). Loans and other financial liabilities are initially recognised at transaction price net of any transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortised cost determined using the effective interest method.

**Taxation**

The company is exempt from corporation tax.

**2 Employees**

	2024 Number	2023 Number
Average number of persons employed by the company	_____ -	_____ -

**The Medusa Trust**  
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**3 Tangible fixed assets**

	<b>HMS Medusa £</b>
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 December 2023	<u>1</u>
At 30 November 2024	<u>1</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>	
At 30 November 2024	<hr/> =
<b>Net book value</b>	
At 30 November 2024	<u>1</u>
At 30 November 2023	<u>1</u>

<b>4 Debtors</b>	<b>2024 £</b>	<b>2023 £</b>
Other debtors	<u>11,954</u>	<u>11,585</u>

<b>5 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>2024 £</b>	<b>2023 £</b>
Other creditors	<u>168</u>	<u>120</u>

**6 Other information**

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	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Sales</b>		
Grants and Donations	39,224	22,700
Donations received via Just Giving	8,558	2,992
Gift Aid	1,000	1,121
Sales	<u>3,500</u>	<u>1,398</u>
	<u>52,282</u>	<u>28,211</u>
<b>Interest Receivable</b>	1,272	279
<b>Cost of sales</b>		
Materials	1,647	4,802
Other direct costs	<u>216</u>	<u>216</u>
	<u>1,863</u>	<u>5,018</u>
<b>Administrative expenses</b>		
Website	72	152
Stationery and printing	211	300
Survey	1,355	222
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Equipment expensed	4,709	0
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Audit & tax fees	168	133
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## Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Report to the Trustees of: ***The Medusa Trust CIO***  
With Offices at: ***Holt House, Seale Road, Elstead, Surrey, GU8 6LF***  
Charitable Incorporated Number: ***1133706 (England and Wales)***  
For the Year Ended: ***30<sup>th</sup> November 2024***

### Responsibilities and Basis of Report

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above Charitable Incorporated Organisation ("the Trust") for the year ended 30/11/2024.

As the CIO's Trustees and Directors, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- The accounting records were not kept in accordance with Section 130 of the Act; or
- The accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- The accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, 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.

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.

Signed

A blue ink signature, appearing to read 'Jonthan Kemp', is written over a horizontal line.

Jonthan Kemp BA(Hons), MBCS, MICB

Date

19<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Professional Qualifications/ body:

Member of the Institute of Certified Bookkeepers  
Affiliate Member of the Association of Charity  
Independent Examiners