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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1146805

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021
FOR
SOUTHPORT OFFSHORE RESCUE TRUST

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SOUTHPORT OFFSHORE RESCUE TRUST

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SOUTHPORT OFFSHORE RESCUE TRUST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The objects of the Charity are stated as follows, in the Governing Document:

Any charitable purpose for the public benefit for the preservation and saving of life at sea and to equip, maintain and operate an offshore rescue service at Southport.

To carry out beach, mud and marshland searches and rescues at Southport and the surrounding area between the rivers Mersey and Ribble and to assist in improving the standards of coastline safety there.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Significant activities

Search and Rescue Service

This reporting year has proven to be one of the most challenging faced by the Trust since its formation in 1988, due to the effects of the Covid 19 pandemic.

As soon as the effects of the virus became apparent, the Trust put in place a series of Emergency Operating Procedures. These procedures covered all aspects of our delivery of the Search and Rescue service and also the operation of our Charity Shop and the management of the Trust itself.

At the start of the pandemic, and to ensure the safety of our lifeboat crews, our charity shop workers and all other volunteers of the Trust, we immediately took the following necessary steps:

- Immediate closure of our charity shop
- Immediate cessation of work at the New Lifeboat Station construction site
- Immediate cessation of all lifeboat crew training sessions
- All Trust committee meetings to be held remotely using video conferencing
- Remain fully available for all emergency call-outs, however a set of Emergency Operating Procedures have been written for the crew to follow when attending the Boathouse and when dealing with a casualty(ies).

Throughout the year we followed Government guidance and re-commenced training with updated procedures (whilst maintaining social distancing rules). We also re-opened our Charity Shop when it was safe to do so and closed it again when advised.

We will continue to follow Government guidance before any return to normal operations.

The Board of Trustee Directors would like to take this opportunity to thank our Search and Rescue crews for their dedication and commitment during this very difficult period and in ensuring that the service remained on 24 hour emergency call-out throughout the year, without any "off-station" periods.

Assets

Both our offshore and inshore lifeboats are regularly maintained in order to ensure that they are ready for immediate call-out at all times.

Our ATV quads continue the service of providing an excellent search and rescue (SAR) capability for the Trust. In February 2021, the Trust's took delivery of their new quads following the three years of service provided by our previous machines. For the first time in the Trust's history, a third quad was added to our fleet. As the quads have proven to be the workhorse of our organisation, it made sense to add the third vehicle. This additional quad will provide an ability to rotate the usage of the quads and to ensure that two quads are available for call-outs at all times. The third quad can also be used to transport additional equipment using our ATV trailer if required. All three quads are also equipped with an extra seat. This enables us to transport additional personnel to and from an incident when required.

The Trust have three launch vehicles in our fleet, a fully converted Caterpillar Challenger, a modified New Holland TD5 tractor and also a Muir Hill 121.

Currently the Challenger is our primary launch vehicle, with the New Holland being utilised for inshore lifeboat launching duties.

Following last year's introduction of our UAS (Unmanned Aerial System) assets (Drones) to our Search and Rescue service. They have been tasked to many of our emergency call-outs. This is especially so in the search for missing casualties within the dunes to the south of our operational area but also frequently to the vast marshland area to the north.

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All our UAS operations are carried out with the specific permission given by Natural England to fly within Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSi).

Also a major benefit of our UAS assets is to fly above areas where people are in danger of being cut off by the tide. They are able to relay information to our ground and waterborne assets directing them to the safest passage to safety.

The Trust currently have four qualified SAR UAS Pilots and we operate 2 state of the art drones, both with HD and thermal imaging cameras.

Emergency Call-Outs

Due to the effects of the Covid 19 pandemic and the Government enforced restrictions and lockdowns, there was a huge increase in Staycations as holidaymakers were not able to go abroad, so stayed in the UK.

Coupled with the increase in staycations and also the very good weather in the late Spring and early Summer 2020, we saw a very large rise in people using our local beaches and dune areas. This in turn resulted in an increase in the amount of emergency call-outs. Also due to the pandemic, the RNLI did not provide the usual lifeguarding service at Ainsdale or Southport. This also helped increase the number of call-outs we attended.

Unfortunately, we have also seen an increase in the number of call-outs to casualties suffering from Mental Health issues.

Overall, the 2020/21 period has proved to be the busiest ever on record.

Charity Shop

At the start of this reporting period our Charity Shop had to be closed as part of the Government's restrictions due to the Covid 19 pandemic. Throughout the period the shop was opened and closed on a number of occasions in line with Government guidance, as follows:

- Shut: 26/03/2020 to 14/06/2020
- Open: 15/06/2020 to 30/10/2020
- Shut: 31/10/2020 to 01/12/2020
- Open: 02/12/2020 to 05/01/2021
- Shut: 06/01/2021 to 12/04/2021

These closures have had a large effect on our yearly income level with an approximate drop of 40% from the previous year. The Board of Trustee Directors would like to take this opportunity to thank all our volunteer shop staff who have worked tirelessly in preparation for each opening and also during the open periods. This effort has resulted in a better than expected income albeit much lower than previous years.

The Trust currently has 4 leases at the Charity Shop complex, 69c, 71 and 69b (Units 1 & 3) Everton Road.

Southport Lifeboat Lottery

In line with Government restrictions, our lottery canvassing company were not able to maintain their normal door to door activities with signing up new players. However, the number of active players have remained steady and in turn we have seen little or no decrease in the monthly income provided. The Lottery has proven to be a very reliable source of income which allows the Trust to invest for the future in new equipment and premises.

Donations and Bequests

Due to the curtailment of the majority of fundraising activities both by ourselves and by our supporters, local organisations, clubs and societies; we have seen a sharp decline in donations. This is also the case with our collection tins, with very little collected in these in all the various shops and public houses in our area.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

However, we have benefitted from a number of significant legacies which have been bequeathed to the Trust. Most notably the Margaret Robertson Charitable Trust, which was formed shortly after Mrs Robertson's death in April 2020 to help support three named charities, of which we were named as one. This trust will provide upon application, funds for specific projects on a year to year basis for at least the next five to ten years.

New Boathouse Project

Work started on the construction of the new Southport Lifeboat Station in July 2018.

Throughout the construction period we have suffered many delays. Initially due to a quality issue with the corrosion coating of the erected steel frame. Following the resolution of this issue, the steel frame and new coating was completed and work continued well until the start of the Covid 19 pandemic. Work was immediately halted at the construction site and remained closed until Government restrictions were eased and work recommenced under new guidelines.

During the period there also had to be a change of Prime Contractor and the Trust are in negotiations with a new Prime Contractor to take the construction to a conclusion.

Public benefit

The Trustees have considered the Charity Commission guidance regarding public benefit and are satisfied that the activities of the Charity, as described above, meet the necessary criteria.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Investment policy and objectives

The Trustees are responsible for the investment of any surplus funds of the Charity. As such funds may be required for immediate use or use in the near future, the Trustees continue to review various interest bearing, instant access and term deposit accounts in which to place such monies.

Reserves policy

The Trustees aim to maintain a level of reserves that would enable the Charity to continue and be financially viable for a period of twelve months, if income streams were to diminish; This equates to approximately £150,000.

Due to the drive to raise funds for the building of a new boathouse, cash and investment holdings at the year end are well in excess of the above amount. Much of these reserves will be spent in the next two to three years however, and have been designated as such. The Trustees will monitor this project closely to ensure sufficient reserves are retained upon completion.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

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

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The Trustees for the year in question are detailed in the accompanying documents.

New Trustees can be appointed by a resolution of the existing Trustees.

Induction and training of new trustees

Training and induction is provided verbally by existing Trustees.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

Registered Charity number

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 22 September 2021 and signed on its behalf by:


.....
A S D'Arcy-Masters - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
SOUTHPORT OFFSHORE RESCUE TRUST**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Southport Offshore Rescue Trust ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's 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

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of FCA, DChA 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:

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.



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Date: 22.09.2021

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	121,668	115,000	236,668	134,348
Other trading activities	3	186,287	-	186,287	294,114
Investment income	4	2,652	-	2,652	1,466
Other income		<u>1,974</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,974</u>	<u>3,868</u>
Total		312,581	115,000	427,581	433,796
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	5	25,616	-	25,616	20,579
Charitable activities	6				
Offshore rescue		<u>137,426</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>137,426</u>	<u>146,180</u>
Total		<u>163,042</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>163,042</u>	<u>166,759</u>
NET INCOME		149,539	115,000	264,539	267,037
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>2,847,695</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,847,695</u>	<u>2,580,658</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>2,997,234</u></u>	<u><u>115,000</u></u>	<u><u>3,112,234</u></u>	<u><u>2,847,695</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

SOUTHPORT OFFSHORE RESCUE TRUST

BALANCE SHEET
31ST MARCH 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	11	1,842,882	-	1,842,882	1,416,578
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	12	1,118	-	1,118	1,144
Debtors	13	19,752	-	19,752	6,482
Investments	14	448,301	-	448,301	439,106
Cash at bank		<u>697,715</u>	<u>115,000</u>	<u>812,715</u>	<u>986,668</u>
		1,166,886	115,000	1,281,886	1,433,400
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	15	(12,534)	-	(12,534)	(2,283)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>1,154,352</u>	<u>115,000</u>	<u>1,269,352</u>	<u>1,431,117</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>2,997,234</u>	<u>115,000</u>	<u>3,112,234</u>	<u>2,847,695</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>2,997,234</u>	<u>115,000</u>	<u>3,112,234</u>	<u>2,847,695</u>
FUNDS	16				
Unrestricted funds:					
General fund				408,352	685,117
Designated - existing fixed assets				1,842,882	1,416,578
Designated - boathouse				566,000	566,000
Designated - equipment				<u>180,000</u>	<u>180,000</u>
				<u>2,997,234</u>	<u>2,847,695</u>
Restricted funds:					
Restricted fund				<u>115,000</u>	-
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>3,112,234</u>	<u>2,847,695</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st March 2021.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2021 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The notes form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET - continued
31ST MARCH 2021

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 22 September 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:



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A J Porter - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

SOUTHPORT OFFSHORE RESCUE TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, 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 financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

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 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.

Support Costs

All of the Charity's overheads relate to one charitable activity and as such don't need to be allocated between different headings.

Support costs shown relate mainly to professional fees associated with the proposed new building.

Shop costs are already segregated and shown within the fundraising heading as a separate activity.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Life boats	- 10% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 10% on cost
Vehicles	- 10% on cost
Boathouse contents	- 10% on cost

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Taxation

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

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income

Current asset investments are recognised at the lower of cost or net realisable value.

Investment income is recognised in the accounts as the charity becomes entitled to it, on an accruals basis.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2021	2020
	£	£
Donations	216,314	40,097
Gift aid	923	2,412
Legacies	-	60,120
Grants	-	31,719
Government Grant	10,000	-
JRS Grant	9,431	-
	<u>236,668</u>	<u>134,348</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Department of Transport	<u>-</u>	<u>31,719</u>

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2021	2020
	£	£
Fundraising events	-	9,476
Shop income	117,205	217,695
Lottery	69,082	66,943
	<u>186,287</u>	<u>294,114</u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2021	2020
	£	£
Deposit account interest	2,607	1,428
Dividends	45	38
	<u>2,652</u>	<u>1,466</u>

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5. RAISING FUNDS

Raising donations and legacies

	2021	2020
	£	£
Shop expenses	25,616	17,963
Southport flower show/Antique fair	-	2,616
	<u>25,616</u>	<u>20,579</u>

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 7) £	Totals £
Offshore rescue	<u>133,076</u>	<u>4,350</u>	<u>137,426</u>

7. SUPPORT COSTS

	Governance costs £
Offshore rescue	<u>4,350</u>

8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2021 £	2020 £
Depreciation - owned assets	75,483	72,332
Surplus on disposal of fixed assets	<u>(1,974)</u>	<u>(3,868)</u>

9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st March 2021 nor for the year ended 31st March 2020.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st March 2021 nor for the year ended 31st March 2020.

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10. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	102,629	31,719	134,348
Other trading activities	294,114	-	294,114
Investment income	1,466	-	1,466
Other income	<u>3,868</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,868</u>
Total	402,077	31,719	433,796
 EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	20,579	-	20,579
Charitable activities			
Offshore rescue	<u>114,461</u>	<u>31,719</u>	<u>146,180</u>
Total	<u>135,040</u>	<u>31,719</u>	<u>166,759</u>
 NET INCOME	267,037	-	267,037
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	<u>2,580,658</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,580,658</u>
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>2,847,695</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>2,847,695</u></u>

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11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Improvements to property £	Life boats £	Fixtures and fittings £
COST			
At 1st April 2020	1,044,128	303,077	16,566
Additions	470,287	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31st March 2021	<u>1,514,415</u>	<u>303,077</u>	<u>16,566</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1st April 2020	-	166,050	8,994
Charge for year	-	31,183	1,657
Eliminated on disposal	-	-	-
At 31st March 2021	-	<u>197,233</u>	<u>10,651</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31st March 2021	<u>1,514,415</u>	<u>105,844</u>	<u>5,915</u>
At 31st March 2020	<u>1,044,128</u>	<u>137,027</u>	<u>7,572</u>
	Vehicles £	Boathouse contents £	Totals £
COST			
At 1st April 2020	320,363	74,560	1,758,694
Additions	31,500	-	501,787
Disposals	(2,000)	-	(2,000)
At 31st March 2021	<u>349,863</u>	<u>74,560</u>	<u>2,258,481</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1st April 2020	122,713	44,359	342,116
Charge for year	35,186	7,457	75,483
Eliminated on disposal	(2,000)	-	(2,000)
At 31st March 2021	<u>155,899</u>	<u>51,816</u>	<u>415,599</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31st March 2021	<u>193,964</u>	<u>22,744</u>	<u>1,842,882</u>
At 31st March 2020	<u>197,650</u>	<u>30,201</u>	<u>1,416,578</u>

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12. STOCKS				
		2021	2020	
		£	£	
Stocks		<u>1,118</u>	<u>1,144</u>	
13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR				
		2021	2020	
		£	£	
Other debtors		<u>19,752</u>	<u>6,482</u>	
14. CURRENT ASSET INVESTMENTS				
		2021	2020	
		£	£	
Unlisted investments		<u>448,301</u>	<u>439,106</u>	
The above investments relate to all cash deposits and bonds.				
15. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR				
		2021	2020	
		£	£	
Trade creditors		11,684	1,238	
Accrued expenses		<u>850</u>	<u>1,045</u>	
		<u>12,534</u>	<u>2,283</u>	
16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS				
	At 1.4.20	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 31.3.21
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	685,117	149,539	(426,304)	408,352
Designated - existing fixed assets	1,416,578	-	426,304	1,842,882
Designated - boathouse	566,000	-	-	566,000
Designated - equipment	<u>180,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>180,000</u>
	2,847,695	149,539	-	2,997,234
Restricted funds				
Restricted fund	<u>-</u>	<u>115,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>115,000</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>2,847,695</u>	<u>264,539</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,112,234</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	312,581	(163,042)	149,539
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	115,000	-	115,000
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>427,581</u>	<u>(163,042)</u>	<u>264,539</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.20 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	429,751	267,037	(11,671)	685,117
Designated - existing fixed assets	1,347,940	-	68,638	1,416,578
Designated - boathouse	622,967	-	(56,967)	566,000
Designated - equipment	180,000	-	-	180,000
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	2,580,658	267,037	-	2,847,695
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>2,580,658</u>	<u>267,037</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,847,695</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	402,077	(135,040)	267,037
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	31,719	(31,719)	-
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>433,796</u>	<u>(166,759)</u>	<u>267,037</u>

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	429,751	416,576	(437,975)	408,352
Designated - existing fixed assets	1,347,940	-	494,942	1,842,882
Designated - boathouse	622,967	-	(56,967)	566,000
Designated - equipment	<u>180,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>180,000</u>
	2,580,658	416,576	-	2,997,234
Restricted funds				
Restricted fund	-	115,000	-	115,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>2,580,658</u>	<u>531,576</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,112,234</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	714,658	(298,082)	416,576
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	146,719	(31,719)	115,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>861,377</u>	<u>(329,801)</u>	<u>531,576</u>

Transfers between funds and fund balances

The transfer from the general fund recognises the movement in designated balances noted below.

The fixed assets designated fund represents monies already spent on fixed assets and equipment which are shown on the balance sheet but don't reflect liquid resources.

The boathouse designated fund represents capital commitments which have been ear-marked for the remaining building and running costs of a new boathouse.

The equipment replacement designated fund represents the necessity to upgrade and replace equipment and vehicles to keep up with required standards and codes of conduct

The restricted fund is a donation received that is specifically for the construction of the new boathouse.

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17. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st March 2021.

Southport Offshore Rescue Trust – Details of Activities and Achievements for the Year 2020/21

Search and Rescue Service

This reporting year has proven to be one of the most challenging faced by the Trust since its formation in 1988, due to the effects of the Covid 19 pandemic.

As soon as the effects of the virus became apparent, the Trust put in place a series of Emergency Operating Procedures. These procedures covered all aspects of our delivery of the Search and Rescue service and also the operation of our Charity Shop and the management of the Trust itself.

At the start of the pandemic, and to ensure the safety of our lifeboat crews, our charity shop workers and all other volunteers of the Trust, we immediately took the following necessary steps:

- Immediate closure of our charity shop
- Immediate cessation of work at the New Lifeboat Station construction site
- Immediate cessation of all lifeboat crew training sessions
- All Trust committee meetings to be held remotely using video conferencing
- Remain fully available for all emergency call-outs, however a set of Emergency Operating Procedures have been written for the crew to follow when attending the Boathouse and when dealing with a casualty(ies).

Throughout the year we followed Government guidance and re-commenced training with updated procedures (whilst maintaining social distancing rules). We also re-opened our Charity Shop when it was safe to do so and closed it again when advised.

We will continue to follow Government guidance before any return to normal operations.

The Board of Trustee Directors would like to take this opportunity to thank our Search and Rescue crews for their dedication and commitment during this very difficult period and in ensuring that the service remained on 24 hour emergency call-out throughout the year, without any “off-station” periods.

Assets

Both our offshore and inshore lifeboats are regularly maintained in order to ensure that they are ready for immediate call-out at all times.



Our ATV quads continue the service of providing an excellent search and rescue (SAR) capability for the Trust. In February 2021, the Trust's took delivery of their new quads following the three years of service provided by our previous machines. For the first time in the Trust's history, a third quad was added to our fleet. As the quads have proven to be the workhorse of our organisation, it made sense to add the third vehicle. This additional quad will provide an ability to rotate the usage of the quads and to ensure that two quads are available for call-outs at all times. The third quad can also be used to transport additional equipment using our ATV trailer if required. All three quads are also equipped with an extra seat. This enables us to transport additional personnel to and from an incident when required.



The Trust have three launch vehicles in our fleet, a fully converted Caterpillar Challenger, a modified New Holland TD5 tractor and also a Muir Hill 121.

Currently the Challenger is our primary launch vehicle, with the New Holland being utilised for inshore lifeboat launching duties.



Following last year's introduction of our UAS (Unmanned Aerial System) assets (Drones) to our Search and Rescue service. They have been tasked to many of our emergency call-outs. This is especially so in the search for missing casualties within the dunes to the south of our operational area but also frequently to the vast marshland area to the north.

All our UAS operations are carried out with the specific permission given by Natural England to fly within Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSi).

Also a major benefit of our UAS assets is to fly above areas where people are in danger of being cut off by the tide. They are able to relay information to our ground and waterborne assets directing them to the safest passage to safety.

The Trust currently have four qualified SAR UAS Pilots and we operate 2 state of the art drones, both with HD and thermal imaging cameras.

Emergency Call-Outs

Due to the effects of the Covid 19 pandemic and the Government enforced restrictions and lockdowns, there was a huge increase in Staycations as holidaymakers were not able to go abroad, so stayed in the UK.

Coupled with the increase in staycations and also the very good weather in the late Spring and early Summer 2020, we saw a very large rise in people using our local beaches and dune areas. This in turn resulted in an increase in the amount of emergency call-outs. Also due to the pandemic, the RNLI did not provide the usual lifeguarding service at Ainsdale or Southport. This also helped increase the number of call-outs we attended.

Unfortunately, we have also seen an increase in the number of call-outs to casualties suffering from Mental Health issues.

Overall, the 2020/21 period has proved to be the busiest ever on record.

Full details for the reporting period are as follows:

Date	Incident	Asset Used	Action	Casualties
2021				
01/04/21	Tasked to a casualty at Formby Beach with suspected broken shoulder. On arrival we provided essential first aid and stabilised the casualty before transporting and handing over to Ambulance team.	Quads	Assisted	1
30/03/21	Requested to launch following reports of two persons in difficult in the water off Southport. Stood down on route as both casualties had managed to self recover.	ILB	Stood down	
13/03/21	Tasked to assist Merseyside Police in the search for a vulnerable male in the region of Victoria Road, Formby. Stood down on route as found by Police.	Quads & UAS Team	Stood down	
04/03/21	Tasked to reports of two missing people in the vicinity of Formby Beach. Stood down on route as found safe and well.	Quads & UAS Team	Stood down	
02/03/21	Tasked to search Ainsdale sand dunes for a group of missing people. Found by UAS team who directed ground assets to location and aided recovery to safety	Quads & UAS Team	Assisted	6
26/02/21	Requested to assist the Royal Navy Northern Diving Group in the disposal of a 500lb German WW2 bomb off Formby Point.	OLB	Assisted	
2020				
13/12/20	Tasked to the aid of two paddle boarders in difficulty at Ainsdale Beach. One managed to self recover ashore but other had to be assisted and given urgent medical attention due to hypothermia	OLB & Quads	Lives saved	1
12/12/20	Assisted Police in recovering to safety a despondent female in difficulty on Southport Beach	Quads	Stood down	
11/12/20	Tasked to search for a male last seen heading out towards the tide line at Weld Road, Southport.	Quads & ILB	Stood down	



	Local fisherman on scene advised that the person had since left the beach.			
18/09/20	Assisted Police in recovering to safety a despondent female in difficulty on Southport Beach	Quads	Assisted	1
08/09/20	Tasked to reports of quad bikes in difficulty off Weld Road, Southport. On arrival, found to be local fishermen and in no danger	Quads	Stood down	
30/08/20	Assisted lone jet-ski to ensure safe passage between Liverpool and Blackpool	OLB	Assisted	1
15&16/08/20	Multi agency 2 day search for two missing males last seen in the water off St Annes Beach. Sadly the following day the bodies of the two casualties were found north of St Annes.	OLB, Quads & UAS Team	Lives lost	2
13/08/20	Search for two missing children on Ainsdale Beach. Found by parents whilst en route.	OLB & Quads	Stood down	
12/08/20	Tasked to assist Police deal with an aggressive person causing a disturbance by the tideline on Southport beach.	Quads	Assisted	1
07/08/20	Search for missing child at Ainsdale Beach. Found by Police and reunited with parents.	Quads	Assisted	1
06/08/20	Search for missing vulnerable male in dunes near Ainsdale. Found by UAS team and brought to safety by Police	Quads & UAS Team	Assisted	1
01/08/20	Search for suspected casualty cut off by incoming tide at Southport Beach. Nothing found	ILB, Quads & UAS Team	Stood down	
31/07/20	Tasked to five separate incidents today between Southport and Ainsdale beaches.	ILB & Quads	Assisted	10
30/07/20	Assisted and recovered two teenagers cut off by the tide at Southport.	ILB & Quads	Lives saved	2
29/07/20	Search and recovery of a despondent male in the water off Southport Beach	ILB & Quads	Lives saved	1
30/06/20	Assisted the British Divers Marine Life Rescue for a porpoise in difficulty in shallow water off Southport.	ILB, Quads & Foot Team	Lives saved	1 porpoise
25/06/20	Search for two missing children off Lifeboat Road, Formby. Located by parents.	Quads	Stood down	
25/06/20	Reports of a person in difficulty in the water off Formby Point. Person came ashore by themselves.	OLB & Quads	Stood down	
08/06/20	Search for missing male between Ainsdale and Formby. Found safe and well by Police	ILB & Quads	Assisted	1
01/06/20	Assist numerous people who had been cut off by the incoming tide on Southport beach.	OLB & Quads	Assisted	12
31/05/20	Multi incidents including three separate children in difficulty in the water, a number of missing person searches, people getting cut off by the incoming tide and also removed a number of inflatables that had begun drifting out to sea.	ILB, Quads & Foot Team	Assisted	12
30/05/20	Assist approximately 40 people who had been cut off by the incoming tide flooding the Pier Channel on Southport beach.	ILB, Quads & Foot Team	Assisted	40

16/05/20	Search for missing people on Southport Beach	Quads	Stood down	
16/05/20	Search for casualty reported stuck in mud at Altcar	Quads	Stood down	
20/04/20	Multi-agency search for a casualty in need of urgent medical assistance in Birkdale dunes near to Royal Birkdale Golf Course. Casualty located but had sadly passed away.	Quads & Foot Team	Lives lost	1
16/03/20	Search for 2 casualties in difficulty on Southport Beach near Weld Rd. Both self-recovered and ran off into dunes. However, they required medical assistance which was provided by Quad team after a short search.	OLB & Quads	Assisted	2
08/03/20	Multi-agency search for missing male last reported at Formby Beach. Nothing found.	OLB & Quads	Stood down	
06/02/20	Search for a despondent male on Southport Beach. Found inland by Police.	Quads	Stood down	
12/01/20	Search for a vehicle with 1 POB that was reported driving into the tide at Ainsdale beach. Vehicle and occupant safe and well in no danger.	Quads	Stood down	
12/01/20	Search for a diabetic/asthmatic male who had not returned from a run with friends in Ainsdale sand dunes. Found and medical assistance provided.	Quads	Assisted	1
02/01/20	Search for 6 people in danger of getting cut-off by tide on Southport Beach off Weld Rd. Assisted ashore.	ILB & Quads	Assisted	6

Charity Shop

At the start of this reporting period our Charity Shop had to be closed as part of the Government's restrictions due to the Covid 19 pandemic. Throughout the period the shop was opened and closed on a number of occasions in line with Government guidance, as follows:

- Shut: 26/03/2020 to 14/06/2020
- Open: 15/06/2020 to 30/10/2020
- Shut: 31/10/2020 to 01/12/2020
- Open: 02/12/2020 to 05/01/2021
- Shut: 06/01/2021 to 12/04/2021

These closures have had a large effect on our yearly income level with an approximate drop of 40% from the previous year. The Board of Trustee Directors would like to take this opportunity to thank all our volunteer shop staff who have worked tirelessly in preparation for each opening and also during the open periods. This effort has resulted in a better than expected income albeit much lower than previous years.

The Trust currently has 4 leases at the Charity Shop complex, 69c, 71 and 69b (Units 1 & 3) Everton Road.

Southport Lifeboat Lottery

In line with Government restrictions, our lottery canvassing company were not able to maintain their normal door to door activities with signing up new players. However, the number of active players have remained steady and in turn we have seen little or no decrease in the monthly income provided. The Lottery has proven to be a very reliable source of income which allows the Trust to invest for the future in new equipment and premises.

Donations and Bequests

Due to the curtailment of the majority of fundraising activities both by ourselves and by our supporters, local organisations, clubs and societies; we have seen a sharp decline in donations. This is also the case with our collection tins, with very little collected in these in all the various shops and public houses in our area.

However, we have benefitted from a number of significant legacies which have been bequeathed to the Trust. Most namely the Margaret Robertson Charitable Trust, which was formed shortly after Mrs Robertson's death in April 2020 to help support three named charities, of which we were named as one. This trust will provide upon application, funds for specific projects on a year to year basis for at least the next five to ten years.

New Boathouse Project

Work started on the construction of the new Southport Lifeboat Station in July 2018.

Throughout the construction period we have suffered many delays. Initially due to a quality issue with the corrosion coating of the erected steel frame. Following the resolution of this issue, the steel frame and new coating was completed and work continued well until the start of the Covid 19 pandemic. Work was immediately halted at the construction site and remained closed until Government restrictions were eased and work recommenced under new guidelines. During the period there also had to be a change of Prime Contractor and the Trust are in negotiations with a new Prime Contractor to take the construction to a conclusion.

