

**YORK RESCUE BOAT**  
**UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**  
**5 APRIL 2021**

Charity number 1155849

## YORK RESCUE BOAT

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**YORK RESCUE BOAT**

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Charity name: York Rescue Boat

Charity number: 1155849

**REGISTERED ADDRESS**

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York ECO Business Centre  
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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

David Grabowski  
Joanne Lynch  
Alastair McCleary  
James Watt

## **YORK RESCUE BOAT**

### **ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021**

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

York Rescue boat is a charitable incorporated organisation registered at the Charity Commission.

It is governed by a foundation constitution registered 19 February 2014 amended on 11 July 2017.

#### **Objectives and activities**

The aim of the York Rescue Boat (YRB) is to save life. It will achieve this through the following activities:

1. Provision of the land and river based water safety patrolling within the York area.
2. Provision of flood rescue in York and as part of the national contingency framework.
3. Support to North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue.
4. Education to members of the public, in order to increase awareness of the risks associated with the rivers.
5. Fundraising and communication in order to support the activities identified.

As trustees, we are confident that we have complied with the duty under section 17(5) of the Charities Act and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

The volunteers undertake on a twice sometimes 3 weekly basis foot patrols along the Rivers Ouse and Foss. These patrols will react to any incident on the river that they observe or are made aware of including people falling into either river, jumping into the rivers, attempting to swim in the rivers, these are particularly prevalent in the summer months especially as the number of tourists increases.

The YRB has also seen an increase in the number of call outs from the Police and fire and Rescue Service to aid in search and body recovery. The YRB is also part of the national flood rescue effort. YRB also undertakes educational training on water safety in schools and organisations within York and the surrounding area this is often in conjunction with the Royal National Lifesaving Society (RLSS).

The charity does not make any grants and have made no financial investments since its inception.

The charity is entirely staffed by enthusiastic volunteers, who between them act operationally, manage and train themselves, fundraise and complete the myriad of tasks required to maintain the high quality and well-regarded service that they provide to the people of and the visitors to York.

#### **Achievements and performance**

The charity continued to provide a service not only for York and the surrounding area, but wider afield. Due to Covid 19, 2020 the YRB's activities were obviously curtailed during the national lockdowns and it had a wide-reaching effect on the charity and how it would normally operate, which has required it to adapt and develop. Within YRB, as a team, it has met those challenges and adjusted the way it works to ensure the safety of both the team and with members of the public. It has done this and has maintained a professional approach, this has been greatly appreciated by the supported emergency services.

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### ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021 (Continued)

#### Achievements and performance (continued)

##### Statistics

	2021	2020
Attended Callouts	52	49
Incidents on Shift	87 (inc 25 casualties in water)	78
Directly saved lives	2	2
Public assisted	38	68
Attended Incidents involving fatalities	2	6

Estimated that 33% of incidents when dealing with the public are mental health related.

And given:

Volunteer Hours on patrol	5,693	9,461
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##### Manning, Training and Recruiting

Manning – currently 29 operationally qualified volunteers and 20 volunteers under training or in support roles such as fundraising, HR or admin support.

Training - 1 x Member qualified as a National instructor in Swift water rescue and 1 qualified as a unit trainer. 12 volunteers under training when Covid 19 restrictions allow. A further 10 Volunteers will undergo training as Flood Rescue technicians thanks to a £10 000 grant from Aviva.

Recruiting – placed on hold until current trainees are qualified, expected to start again in Spring 21.

#### Additional governance issues

In accordance with the York Rescue Boat constitution a trustee is voted onto the board by a simple majority of existing trustees and approved by a majority during the AGM. The constitution allows for up to 7 trustees however since 2016 there has been a near 100% turnover of trustees with only the treasurer remaining from the originals. Currently there are 4 trustees. It is hoped to recruit at least 2 more for longevity.

The charity is independent but the work carried out by the volunteers on the operational side requires qualification certification by national bodies such as DEFRA. More recently the operational teams have been subjected to an increasing number of call outs on behalf of the emergency services, Police and the Fire and Rescue Service to aid in activities such as riverside and riverbed search and body recovery, this is in addition to core objective which is to preserve and save life by the provision and maintenance of an inshore/river rescue service along the River Ouse and River Foss of York and surrounding area. A swift water/flood rescue team and by promotion of all aspects of water safety.

The nature of some of the work undertaken by the volunteers is in itself risky and in some circumstances can be classed as a 'risk to life' activity. All volunteers are fully trained to national standards (DEFRA) prior to being employed on the operational side. All activities are risk assessed and as the operational activities expand the operational side will become increasingly subject to external licensing and audit, for example on the Flood Rescue and Swift Water capabilities.

Training and operational operating procedures are subject to periodic review and as the charity grows it is hoped to implement a more systemic process to identify lessons that can be learnt to improve both process's and procedure.

## **YORK RESCUE BOAT**

### **ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021 (Continued)**

#### **Financial review**

The charity made a net receipt of £17,399 (2020: net receipt of £55,852) thanks to all the donations and fundraising which took place in the year.

The free reserves at 5 April 2021 is £29,710 (2020: £28,635). Any reserves which have been generated in the year are carried forward to the next financial year and are used to provide additional training and equipment and used against operational costs – fuel, maintenance costs etc.

#### **Further financial review details**

YRB generates most of its running costs through self-generated fundraising. It applies for both government, business and individual grants to fund training and major equipment purchases.

All purchase orders over £100 require Trustee approval:

£100 - £499 – 1 Trustee

£500 - £999 – 2 Trustees

Over £1000 – all Trustees to approve.

Daily running costs involving sums less than £100 do not require trustee approval but are audited by the bookkeeper and treasurer on a regular basis and must be supported by receipts.

Despite Covid 19 having an impact on direct fundraising from the public YRB was able to generate some significant grants including £10 000 from Aviva for training and approx £30,000 to date from the Sunshine Campaign (a fundraising initiative by the family of Sonny Ferry who drowned in the Ouse in Apr 2019). This money will go toward the purchase of a new patrol boat, details will be confirmed in summer 2021.

Signed on behalf of the trustees

J Watt

J Lynch

17 March 2022

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF**

### **YORK RESCUE BOAT**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 5 April 2021 which comprises of the receipts and payments accounts, the assets and liabilities statement and the notes to the accounts.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the 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.

N Clemit ACA, FCCA  
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Chartered Accountants  
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York  
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21 March 2022

**YORK RESCUE BOAT**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted 2021 £	Restricted 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Grants		-	33,665	33,665	55,690
Donations		12,117	8,511	20,628	28,107
Fundraising		2,119	-	2,119	11,319
Charitable activities income		1,446	-	1,446	1,284
Other income		-	-	-	189
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<b>Total receipts</b>		15,682	42,176	57,858	96,589
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Fundraising costs		189	-	189	2,481
Charitable activities	2	14,376	17,011	31,387	22,783
Assets purchased	3	-	8,883	8,883	15,473
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<b>Total payments</b>		14,565	25,894	40,459	40,737
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<b>Net receipts/(payments)</b>		<b>1,117</b>	<b>16,282</b>	<b>17,399</b>	<b>55,852</b>
Transfers between funds		(42)	42	-	-
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<b>Net movement in the year</b>		1,075	16,324	17,399	55,852
Cash at bank at 5 April 2020		28,635	43,015	71,650	15,798
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<b>Cash at bank at 5 April 2021</b>	4	29,710	59,339	89,049	71,650
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES – 5 APRIL 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
<b>ASSETS HELD FOR CHARITY'S USE</b>		
Vehicles	1,992	8,362
Equipment	12,532	14,016
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	14,524	22,378
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<b>CASH AT BANK</b>		
Current account	88,080	61,817
PayPal account	969	9,833
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	89,049	71,650
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Approved on behalf of the trustees on 17 March 2022

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J Watt - Trustee

# YORK RESCUE BOAT

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS – 5 APRIL 2021

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, on a receipts and payments basis, in accordance with Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and following the guidance for accounting for smaller charities issued by the Charity Commissioners.

### 2. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 £
Boat cost	467	1,393	1,860
Equipment	1,835	15,046	16,881
Motor cost	3,367	572	3,939
Insurance	2,672	-	2,672
Phone	87	-	87
IT costs and postage	511	-	511
Website	225	-	225
Subscriptions	970	-	970
Storage	4,170	-	4,170
Sundry	72	-	72
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	14,376	17,011	31,387
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	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2020 £
Boat cost	4,194	-	4,194
Equipment	2,531	356	2,887
Motor cost	4,621	878	5,499
Insurance	2,398	-	2,398
Phone	72	-	72
IT costs and postage	1,438	-	1,438
Website	368	-	368
Subscriptions	336	-	336
Training	1,503	-	1,503
Storage	3,802	-	3,802
Sundry	266	20	286
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	21,529	1,254	22,783
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### 3. ASSETS PURCHASED

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 £	Restricted 2020 £
Vehicles	-	-	-	3,984
Equipment	-	8,883	8,883	11,489
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	-	8,883	8,883	15,473
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**4. FUNDS**

	Opening balance £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer between funds £	Closing balance £
<b>Unrestricted</b>	28,635	15,682	14,565	(42)	29,710
<b>Restricted</b>					
Provisional ground Mark Lodge	278	-	-	-	278
D A Platt Scrappy Fund	80	-	-	-	80
Pontoon	6,500	-	-	-	6,500
North Yorkshire Police	1,006	-	35	-	971
Sunshine Campaign	24,151	8,511	-	-	32,662
York Butchers Company Charitable Trust	1,000	-	786	-	214
George A Moore Foundation	2,500	-	2,000	-	500
Ed De Nunzio Charitable Trust	2,500	-	1,553	-	947
Charles and Elsie Sykes Trust	5,000	-	122	-	4,878
BGC Main Grants	-	9,919	8,535	-	1,384
Sylvia and Colin Shepherd Charitable Trust	-	2,000	2,042	42	-
Tesco Bags of Help COVID-19 Communities Fund	-	700	608	-	92
Aviva Fund	-	10,674	10,213	-	461
Operation Van Fund	-	10,372	-	-	10,372
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	43,015	42,176	25,894	42	59,339
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	71,650	57,858	40,459	-	89,049
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Provisional ground Mark Lodge fund represents monies towards Cardiac AED and training.

D A Platt Scrappy fund represents monies towards kayaks and drysuits.

Pontoon fund represents monies received from Masonic Relief Chest Fund, Minster Lions and Freemasons Charity towards a pontoon.

North Yorkshire Policy fund represents monies towards kayaks and drysuits.

Sunshine Campaign fund represents monies towards the new boat.

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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS – 5 APRIL 2021**

**4. FUNDS (continued)**

York Butchers Company Charitable Trust represents monies towards the maintenance of the boat.

George A Moore Foundation represents monies towards radios and vehicles.

Ed De Nunzio Charitable Trust represents monies towards education.

Charles and Elsie Sykes Trust represents monies towards repairs and renewal of equipment.

BGC Main Grants represents monies towards equipment.

Sylvia and Colin Shepherd Charitable Trust represents monies towards equipment.

Tesco Bags of Help COVID-19 Communities Fund represents monies towards fuel.

Aviva Fund represents monies towards Level 2 kit.

Operation Van Fund represents monies towards a new operation van.

Transfer is to remove the overspend on the fund.