

**YORK RESCUE BOAT  
UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
5 APRIL 2025**

**Charity Number 1155849**

**Fortus**

## YORK RESCUE BOAT

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**YORK RESCUE BOAT**

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Charity name: York Rescue Boat

Charity number: 1155849

**REGISTERED ADDRESS**

York Rescue Boat  
York ECO Business Centre  
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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

David Grabowski (Chair)  
Alistair McCleary  
Robert Newport  
Andrew Hart

## **YORK RESCUE BOAT**

### **ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025**

#### **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 provide water safety education, preventions and rescue with the aim of saving lives. It will achieve this through the following activities:

1. Provision of 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. There are Memorandums of Understanding in place with North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue and North Yorkshire Police, who are able to call upon York Rescue Boat to assist with rescues, missing person searches and any other incidents where our expertise and equipment can be used on a 24/7 call out system.
4. As well as the high-profile prevention and rescue side of the charity, York Rescue Boat team members help with a program of education, going into schools, Scout groups, colleges, universities and other interested groups, educating them on the dangers of open water and how to stay safe around it.
5. Fundraising and communication 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 work centres, primarily, around the Rivers Ouse and Foss in York. Uniquely we work to make the City's rivers safer by carrying out combined patrols by boat and on foot every weekend and high-risk times throughout the year along with call outs by the emergency services, as opposed to just responding to emergency calls. We also cover other times as requested by North Yorkshire Police or other agencies. This approach brings team members into contact with many people along the rivers. Many of people we deal with during incidents are classed as vulnerable or with Mental Health issues and who are drawn to the river.

YRB has also seen an increase in the number of call outs from the Police and Fire and Rescue Service to assist in searches, securing of vessels and body recovery. YRB is also registered on the National Flood Asset Register and team members can be deployed nationally to assist with major flooding incidents.

YRB also provides educational inputs on water safety in schools and organisations within York and the surrounding area, on some occasions in conjunction with North Yorkshire Police and North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue.

The charity does not make any grants and has not made any financial investments since its inception.

The charity is entirely staffed by enthusiastic, motivated volunteers who receive no payment for their voluntary work. This is continued from senior management and trustees through to all operational crew and fundraisers. Between them they run operational duties, manage and undertake comprehensive in-house training and assessments, fundraise and complete the myriad of tasks required to maintain the high quality, skilled and well-regarded services that they provide to the people of and the visitors to York and the emergency services.

#### **Achievements and performance**

The volunteers of York Rescue Boat have faced their busiest year since the charity was formed, attending call outs at the request of the blue light services, as well as encountering incidents during routine shifts. In addition, they have delivered numerous fundraising events and educational workshops for a wide audience.

## YORK RESCUE BOAT

### ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025 (Continued)

#### Achievements and performance (continued)

In total 10,995 volunteer hours equated to £134,248.95 of economic value at the national minimum wage (£12.21/hr) (2024: 6,654 hours).

#### Breakdown of incidents and callouts compared to (2023/2024)

- Call Outs 79 (47)
- Incidents on shift 27 (33)
- Concerns for Safety 45 (23)
- Casualties in water 39 (27)
- Missing from Home 12 (16)
- Mental Health Related 42% (48.78%)
- Assistance to other Vessels 3 (9)

The actions of the volunteers of York Rescue Boat led to the saving of five lives. This brings the total number of lives saved since the charity was formed to 45.

#### Staffing, Training and Recruiting

Staffing – currently there are 29 operationally qualified volunteers, and 12 Fundraisers.

#### Financial review

The charity made a net receipt of £6,769 (2024: net receipt of £6,899) thanks to all the donations and fundraising which took place in the year.

The free reserves on 5 April 2025 are £49,267 (2024: £50,072). 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 £1,000 – all Trustees to approve.

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

Signed on behalf of the trustees.

*David Grabowski*

*Andrew Hart*

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20 February 2026

**YORK RESCUE BOAT**  
**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 2025 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 to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*Jackie Senior*

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23 February 2026

**YORK RESCUE BOAT**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted 2025 £	Restricted 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Grants		6,039	6,300	12,339	35,429
Donations		19,930	-	19,930	19,844
Fundraising		4,136	9,035	13,171	16,398
Charitable activities income		1,888	292	2,180	368
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<b>Income</b>		31,993	15,627	47,620	72,039
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Sale of assets		706	-	706	-
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<b>Total receipts</b>		32,699	15,627	48,326	72,039
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Fundraising costs		1,381	1,149	2,530	4,990
Charitable activities	2	31,433	604	32,037	37,050
Assets purchased	3	-	6,990	6,990	23,100
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<b>Total payments</b>		32,814	8,743	41,557	65,140
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<b>Net receipts/(payments) for the year</b>		<b>(115)</b>	<b>6,884</b>	<b>6,769</b>	<b>6,899</b>
Transfers between funds		(690)	690	-	-
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<b>Net movement in the year</b>		<b>(805)</b>	<b>7,574</b>	<b>6,769</b>	<b>6,899</b>
Cash at bank at 5 April 2024		50,072	44,163	94,235	87,336
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<b>Cash at bank at 5 April 2025</b>	4	49,267	51,737	101,004	94,235
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES – 5 APRIL 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>ASSETS HELD FOR CHARITY'S USE</b>		
Vehicles	21,120	49,903
Equipment	11,557	20,020
Office equipment	1,796	2,694
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	34,473	72,617
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<b>DEBTORS</b>		
Trade debtors	1,301	-
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	1,301	-
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<b>CASH AT BANK</b>		
Current account	100,704	93,354
PayPal account	-	681
Petty Cash	300	200
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	101,004	94,235
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<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Trade creditors	7,686	-
Independent examination fee accrual	1,526	1,440
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	9,212	1,440
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Approved on behalf of the trustees on 20 February 2026

*David Grabowski*

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D Grabowski – Trustee

*Andrew Hart*

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A Hart - Trustee



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## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS – 5 APRIL 2025

### 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 £	2025 £
Boat cost	10,181	195	10,376
Equipment	89	46	135
Motor cost	2,646	-	2,646
Insurance	1,706	-	1,706
Phone	462	-	462
IT costs and postage	259	-	259
Website	78	-	78
Subscriptions	1,903	-	1,903
Training	27	-	27
Storage	11,825	-	11,825
Independent examination	2,160	-	2,160
Sundry	97	363	460
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	31,433	604	32,037
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	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 £
Boat cost	3,673	1,099	4,772
Equipment	1,987	2,318	4,305
Motor cost	5,501	1,836	7,337
Insurance	4,256	-	4,256
Phone	54	-	54
IT costs and postage	326	-	326
Website	233	-	233
Subscriptions	2,687	-	2,687
Training	-	-	-
Storage	11,689	-	11,689
Independent examination	1,092	-	1,092
Sundry	299	-	299
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	31,797	5,253	37,050
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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS – 5 APRIL 2025**

**3. ASSETS PURCHASED**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total and Restricted 2024 £
Vehicles	-	6,990	6,990	-
Equipment	-	-	-	19,507
Office Equipment	-	-	-	3,593
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	-	6,990	6,990	23,100
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**4. FUNDS**

	Opening balance £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer between funds £	Closing balance £
<b>Unrestricted</b>	50,072	32,699	(32,814)	(690)	49,267
<b>Restricted</b>					
Provisional ground Mark Lodge	278	-	-	-	278
D A Platt Scrappy Fund	80	-	-	-	80
Pontoon	7,594	-	(363)	-	7,231
North Yorkshire Police	675	-	-	-	675
Ed De Nunzio Charitable Trust	2,858	-	-	-	2,858
Charles and Elsie Sykes Trust	2,015	-	-	-	2,015
BGC Main Grants	1,974	-	-	-	1,974
Fundraising/Educational Van	4,778	-	-	-	4,778
Tesco Bags of Help COVID- 19 Communities Fund	14,197	-	-	-	14,197
Crowdfunder ltd	7,329	-	-	-	7,329
Donations defibrillator & Kit bag	306	-	-	-	306
Nestle	5	-	-	-	5
Clothing	1,142	-	-	-	1,142
Equipment	932	-	-	-	932
Dinner Dance	-	9,035	(1,149)	-	7,886
Education	-	48	(195)	-	(147)
Flood Trailer	-	6,300	(6,990)	690	-
Replacement Uniforms	-	244	(46)	-	198
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Total restricted funds	44,163	15,627	(8,743)	690	51,737
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Total funds	94,235	48,326	(41,557)	-	101,004
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**4. FUNDS (continued)**

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 Police represents monies towards resuscitation kits and search and rescue equipment.

Ed De Nunzio Charitable Trust monies towards repairs & renewals.

The Charles & Elsie Sykes Trust monies towards boat repairs & new equipment.

BGC Main Grants represents monies towards equipment.

Fundraising/Educational Van monies towards a new vehicle.

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

Crowdfunder Ltd represents monies towards kayaks.

Donations defibrillator & kit bag represents monies towards new equipment.

Nestle represents monies towards reach & search poles.

Clothing represents monies towards clothing and kit.

Equipment represents monies towards equipment.

Dinner Dance is money received in advance of the 10 year anniversary event in May 2025.

Education is money received to support the education activities.

Flood Trailer is money received for the purchase of a new flood trailer.

Replacement Uniforms is money received for new uniforms.