

THE MERSEA HARBOUR PROTECTION TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1159088

Details

Other names	SAVE MERSEA HARBOUR
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2014-11-06
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT IN THE AREA OF WEST MERSEA HARBOUR, ESSEX, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY:A) PROTECTING WEST MERSEA HARBOUR INCLUDING THE BAP EUROPEAN FLAT OYSTER BEDS FROM EXCESSIVE EROSION BY CLIMATE CHANGE STORM WAVES BUT STILL ALLOW NATURAL COASTAL PROCESS TO APPLY AND IMPACT;B) PROVIDING NEW AND MORE ROBUST NESTING SITES FOR THE BAP LITTLE TERN; ANDC) ENHANCING WHEREVER POSSIBLE WITHIN THE PROJECT, THE CONSERVATION DESIGNATION AND INTEGRITY OF PROTECTED SPECIES AND HABITATS.

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Animals, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Essex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-10-31	£8,280	£8,280	-	-
2023-10-31	£14,040	£14,040	-	-
2022-10-31	£19,329	£19,438	-	-
2021-10-31	£44,444	£44,854	-	-
2020-10-31	£50	£260	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ALAN CHARLES LESLIE MOGRIDGE		2014-09-29
DAVID ROBERT STOKER		2014-09-29
JON FRENCH		2014-09-29
MARK DIXON		2014-09-29
RICHARD TAYLOR		2014-09-29
SIMON PLATER		2015-12-03

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

Trustees Mark Dixon, Jonathan French, Richard Taylor
Alan Mogridge, Simon Plater, David Stoker

Charity Number 1159088

Secretary Jane Dixon
1 City Road
West Mersea CO5 8NE

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 October 2024

Objectives and Activities

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The Marine Management Organisation (MMO) granted a 10 year Marine Licence from March 2018.

The Trust made an agreement with Harwich Harbour Authority (HHA) and the Environment Agency for supply and delivery of the dredged materials to Mersea by contractors with a funding contribution from the Environment Agency.

Achievements and Performance

During the period:

The Trust carried out detailed monitoring of the potential effects of the Recharge and submitted reports to The Marine Management organisation.

Financial Review

Direct expenditure on activities involved in the recharge was £8280. Grants received from the Environment Agency were £8280.

There were no other costs.

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Structure, governance and management

The charity was established as a charitable incorporated organisation by a constitution dated 29 September 2014.

The trustees who served during the year were:

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The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

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Richard Taylor

THE MERSEA HARBOUR PROTECTION TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2023

	2023	2024
	£	£
<u>Income from :</u>		
Donations and legacies		
Grants received -Environment Agency	14,040	8,280
Total income	14,040	8,280
<u>Expenditure on :</u>		
Charitable activities - Recharge Monitoring	14,040	8,280
Governance and other costs		
Total expenditure for the year	14,040	8,280
Net movement in funds	0	0
Fund balances at 1 November 2023	4,276	4,026
Fund balances at 31 October 2024	4,276	4,026

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2024

	2023	2024
	£	£
Current Assets		
Debtors	0	0
Cash at bank	4025	4,025
Creditors	0	0
Net current assets	4,025	4,025
Unrestricted funds	4,025	4,025

Approved by Trustees

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Richard Taylor

Date

Mark Dixon

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Achievements and Performance

During the period:

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Financial Review

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	2023	2022
	£	£
<u>Income from :</u>		
Donations and legacies		50
Grants received -Environment Agency	14,040	15,248
Total income	14,040	15,298
<u>Expenditure on :</u>		
Charitable activities - Recharge Monitoring	14,040	14,998
Governance and other costs		300
Total expenditure for the year	14,040	15,298
Net movement in funds	0	0
Fund balances at 1 November 2021	4,276	4,276
Fund balances at 31 October 2022	4,276	4,276

BALANCE SHEET

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Current Assets		
Debtors	0	0
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Approved by Trustees

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Richard Taylor
Date

Mark Dixon

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Achievements and Performance

During the period:

Harwich Harbour Authority completed delivery of material by contractors Boskalis and Van Oord. This involved 96 round trips between Harwich Approaches and Mersea Quarters. The Trust supervised delivery and placement of the material on location.

The Environment Agency made a funding contribution of up to £294,000 direct to Harwich Harbour Authority towards the costs of the dredge. Balance of the costs of the dredge and delivery were funded by HHA (£1.25M)

The Environment Agency granted up to £80,550 to fund the Trust's costs of brushwood fencing and up to 5 years monitoring of results to the Marine Management Organisation.

RSPB agreed to carry out Bird surveys for ongoing Monitoring Reports for the Marine Management Organisation.

The Trust carried out detailed monitoring of the potential effects of the Recharge and submitted reports to The Marine Management organisation.

Financial Review

Direct expenditure on activities involved in the recharge was £14,998. Grants received from the Environment Agency were £15,248. Other income was a donation of £50, whilst other costs amounted to £300.

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Richard Taylor

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	2022	2021
	£	£
<u>Income from :</u>		
Donations and legacies	50	50
Grants received -Environment Agency	15,248	44,854
Total income	15,298	44,444
<u>Expenditure on :</u>		
Charitable activities - Recharge Monitoring	14,998	44,394
Governance and other costs	300	460
Total expenditure for the year	15,298	44,854
Net movement in funds	0	-410
Fund balances at 1 November 2021	4,276	4,686
Fund balances at 31 October 2022	4,276	4,276

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AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Current Assets		
Debtors	0	3,981
Cash at bank	4,025	28,075
Creditors	0	27,780
Net current assets	4,025	4,276
Unrestricted funds	4,025	4,276

Approved by Trustees

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Richard Taylor

Date

Mark Dixon

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THE MERSEA HARBOUR PROTECTION TRUST

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 October 2021.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's constitution, the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", issued in March 2015.

Objectives and activities

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Before the Recharge could proceed consent to undertake the work was required from the Marine Management Organisation (MMO). A licence was granted on 26 March 2018.

We were then able to negotiate with Harwich Harbour Authority (HHA) for supply and delivery of the material from their dredge.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

THE MERSEA HARBOUR PROTECTION TRUST

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021

Achievements and performance

During the period:

- Completed agreement with Harwich Harbour Authority for the supply and delivery of up to 98,000 cubic meters of selected sand and gravel from a major capital dredge of the approaches to Harwich and Felixstowe.
- Negotiation of a Funding Agreement with the Environment Agency and Harwich Harbour Authority for funding of up to £3.00 per cubic meter (£294,000) direct to Harwich Harbour Authority towards the costs of the dredge.
- Negotiation of a Collaboration Agreement with the Environment Agency for up to £80,550 to fund the Trust's costs of installation of brushwood fencing and up to 5 years monitoring of results to the Marine Management Organisation.
- Agreement with RSPB to carry out Bird surveys for ongoing Monitoring Reports for the Marine Management Organisation.
- Employment of contractors Exo Environmental to install brushwood fencing to Packing Marsh and Cobmarsh.
- Preparation of delivery sites to receive dredged materials.
- Harwich Harbour Authority commenced delivery of material by dredgers operated by Joint Venture of Boskalis Westminster and Van Oord.

Completion of deliveries is expected by mid January 2022.

Financial review

Direct expenditure on activities involved in the recharge was £44,394. Grants received or due from the Environment Agency was £44,394. Other income was a donation of £50, whilst the administration costs for insurance of £460.

It is the policy of the Trust that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

THE MERSEA HARBOUR PROTECTION TRUST

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021

Structure, governance and management

The charity was established as a charitable incorporated organisation by a constitution dated 29 September 2014.

The trustees who served during the year were:

Alan Bird
Mark Dixon
Jonathan French
Richard Taylor
Alan Mogridge
Simon Plater

None of the trustees has beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

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Richard Taylor
Trustee
28 February 2022

THE MERSEA HARBOUR PROTECTION TRUST

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON THE UNAUDITED STATUTORY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE MERSEA HARBOUR PROTECTION TRUST FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Mersea Harbour Protection Trust for the year ended 31 October 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the trust 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 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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the 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.

Louisa Tippett ACA

28 February 2022

121 Colchester Road
West Bergholt
Colchester
CO6 3JX

THE MERSEA HARBOUR PROTECTION TRUST

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021

		2021	2020
	Notes	£	£
<u>Income from :</u>			
Donations and legacies	3	50	50
Grants received	4	44,854	-
Total income		<u>44,904</u>	<u>50</u>
<u>Expenditure on :</u>			
Charitable activities	5	44,394	-
Governance costs	6	460	260
Total expenditure for the year		<u>44,854</u>	<u>260</u>
Net movement in funds		-410	-210
Fund balances at 1 November 2020		4,686	4,896
Fund balances at 31 October 2021		<u>4,276</u>	<u>4,686</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure arises from continuing activities.

THE MERSEA HARBOUR PROTECTION TRUST

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2021

		2021		2020	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Current assets					
Debtors	10	3,981		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>28,075</u>		<u>4,686</u>	
		32,056		4,686	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>27,780</u>		<u>-</u>	
Net current assets			<u>4,276</u>	<u>4,686</u>	
Income funds					
Unrestricted funds			4,276	4,686	
			<u>4,276</u>	<u>4,686</u>	

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 28 February 2022

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Richard Taylor
Trustee

THE MERSEA HARBOUR PROTECTION TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021

1 Accounting policies

Charity Information

The Mersea Harbour Protection Trust is a Community Incorporated Organisation, registered with the Charity Commission on 6 November 2014.

1.1 Accounting convention

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with FRS "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (FRS 102), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102, the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015. The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The accounts are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount.

THE MERSEA HARBOUR PROTECTION TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2021

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

3 Donations and legacies

	2021	2020
	£	£
Donations and gifts	50	50
	<u>50</u>	<u>50</u>

4 Grants received

	2021	2020
	£	£
Environment Agency received	40,413	-
claimed	3,981	-
	<u>44,394</u>	<u>-</u>

5 Charitable activities

	2021	2020
	£	£
Recharge activities	44,394	-
Insurance	460	260
	<u>44,854</u>	<u>260</u>

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6 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Recharge activities	44,394	-	44,394	-
Insurance	-	460	460	-
Analysed as				
Charitable activities	<u>44,439</u>	<u>460</u>	<u>44,854</u>	<u>260</u>

7 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration.

8 Employees

There were no employees during the year.

9 Creditors

	2021	2020
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Creditors	27,780	-

10 Debtors

	2021	2020
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Grants claimed	3,981	-

11 Related party transactions

There are no related party transactions to be disclosed for the year (2020 - none).

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020

Achievements and performance

The Application for consent from the Marine Management Organisation was granted, with conditions, in March 2018, valid for 10 years.

During the current year we have been working with the Environment Agency to confirm the £350,000 which they have committed to the Trust for the anticipated charge from Harwich Harbour Authority for supply and delivery of the recharge material and other costs.

We have been maintaining contact with Harwich Harbour Authority in anticipation of their decision to commence their dredge operation which will supply the material for the Mersea Recharge. We have also been communicating with the Environment Agency around the financial arrangements by which HHA will invoice them directly for the supply and delivery of the material. Meanwhile we are working with RSPB who are generously carrying out bird surveys required by the MMO licence.

We have also been formulating the procedures and activities involved in the actual Recharge and subsequent monitoring as required by the MMO licence.

Financial review

Expenditure during the year was £260 which brings total expenditure since April 2014 to £84,413. During the year we received donations of £50, bringing the total funds raised since April 2014 to £88,787 (see the Financial Statements).

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

THE MERSEA HARBOUR PROTECTION TRUST

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020

Structure, governance and management

The charity was established as a charitable incorporated organisation by a constitution dated 29 September 2014.

The trustees who served during the year were:

Alan Bird

Mark Dixon

Jonathan French

Richard Taylor

Alan Mogridge

Simon Plater

David Stoker

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

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Richard Taylor

Trustee

24 April 2021

THE MERSEA HARBOUR PROTECTION TRUST

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON THE
UNAUDITED STATUTORY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE MERSEA
HARBOUR PROTECTION TRUST FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Mersea Harbour Protection Trust for the year ended 31 October 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the trust 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 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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the 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.

Louisa Tippett ACA

24 April 2021

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THE MERSEA HARBOUR PROTECTION TRUST

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020

		2020	2019
	Notes	£	£
<u>Income from :</u>			
Donations and legacies	3	50	1,050
Grants received	4	-	-
Total income		<u>50</u>	<u>1,050</u>
<u>Expenditure on :</u>			
Charitable activities	5	260	1,206
Governance costs		-	-
Total expenditure for the year		<u>260</u>	<u>1,206</u>
Net movement in funds		-210	-156
Fund balances at 1 November 2019		4,896	5,052
Fund balances at 31 October 2020		<u>4,686</u>	<u>4,896</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure arises from continuing activities.

THE MERSEA HARBOUR PROTECTION TRUST

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2020

		2020		2019	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Current assets					
Debtors	10	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>4,686</u>		<u>4,896</u>	
		4,686		4,896	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year					
		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	
Net current assets			<u>4,686</u>		<u>4,896</u>
Income funds					
Unrestricted funds			4,686		4,896
			<u>4,686</u>		<u>4,896</u>

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 24 April 2021

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Richard Taylor

Trustee

THE MERSEA HARBOUR PROTECTION TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Mersea Harbour Protection Trust is a Community Incorporated Organisation, registered with the Charity Commission on 6 November 2014.

1.1 Accounting convention

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with FRS "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (FRS 102), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102, the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015. The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The accounts are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount.

THE MERSEA HARBOUR PROTECTION TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

3 Donations and legacies

	2020	2019
	£	£
Donations and gifts	50	1,050
Grants received for core activities	-	-
	<u>50</u>	<u>1,050</u>

4 Grants received

	2020	2019
	£	£
Save Mersea Harbour	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

5 Charitable activities

	2020	2019
	£	£
Share of support costs (see note 6)	260	1,206
	<u>260</u>	<u>1,206</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2020

6 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2020	2019	Basis of allocation
	£	£	£	£	
Accountancy	-	-	-	-	Governance
Analysed between Charitable activities	-	260	260	1,206	

7 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration.

8 Employees

There were no employees during the year.

9 Creditors

	2020	2019
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Accruals	-	-

10 Debtors

	2020	2019
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Prepayments and accrued income	-	-

11 Related party transactions

There are no related party transactions to be disclosed for the year (2019 - none).