

TEESMOUTH FIELD CENTRE

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

REGISTERED CHARITY: 1161087

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

The Trustees of Teesmouth Field Centre present its annual report and the accounts for the year to 31st March 2025.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Name:	Teesmouth Field Centre
Charity registration number:	1161087
Principal Office:	Hartlepool Power Station Visitor Centre Tees Road Hartlepool TS25 2BZ
Board of Trustees:	David George Lister Pauline Ann Oxley Alan Dixon Julie Clare Mason Jennifer Clare Watt
Independent Examiner:	Gresham & Gale 14 Fountain Street Guisborough TS14 6PP
Bankers	Barclays Bank plc 19-23 Wellington Square Stockton-on-Tees TS18 1NA

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Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

Teesmouth Field Centre is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation governed by its constitution.

Recruitment and appointment of the Board of Trustees

The trustees are appointed to serve for three years. Initially trustees were appointed for a different period of time, so all do not retire at the same time. The board of trustees may co-opt new trustees whose appointment must be ratified by existing trustees.

Trustee induction and training

New trustees are briefed on their legal obligations under charity law. They are provided with a copy of the constitution and the most recent accounts, as well as up to date management information.

Risk management

The trustees monitor progress against budget and objectives and review their strategic objectives at their regular meetings. They also review the risks faced by the charity and implement strategies to mitigate those risks.

Organisational structure

The trustees are responsible for administering the charity and for its strategic direction.

Related parties

The charity does not have any related parties other than trustees and their immediate families.

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Objectives, activities, achievement and performance

Another successful year for Teesmouth Field Centre, located in the Visitor Centre of EDF Energy Hartlepool Power Station. The outside of the building has been refurbished to look clean and bright with new logos decorating the outside, ready to welcome visitors of all ages. Situated on the north bank of the River Tees estuary, the surrounding area is noted for the mix of open green spaces of the Teesmouth National Nature Reserve next to industrial sites being used to break up a North Sea oil rig, alongside the construction of parts for North Sea wind turbines. The contrasts are great, with a diversity of wildlife too.

The aim of Teesmouth Field Centre is to provide opportunities for groups to explore this area that is local to the Teesside population living in Hartlepool, Stockton and Middlesbrough. Bookings are made for full day or half day visits. The programme offers Primary School groups a choice of study options based on 'The River Tees-source to mouth', or 'Exploring and learning how to protect our seashore habitats' or 'Rock science'. All are popular and valued by teachers. Each day is structured to make good use of the time, with indoor presentations and outdoor fieldwork activities developed by the two Field Centre staff. Worksheets are provided to record observations, so information can be used for follow-up work back in school.

In the year from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025, Teesmouth Field Centre had a total of 3,244 visitors in 103 group bookings, mostly Primary School classes. A-level Biology students from two Colleges completed transect work/population studies and a group of 23 Undergraduates from Teesside University carried out one day of fieldwork related to sand dune succession. There were joint visits too, involving a half-day tour of Hartlepool Power Station, together with a half day activity led by Field Centre staff. One group came from Horizon Community College in Barnsley and were very positive about their session looking at the Teesmouth sea defences.

Public benefit

The main target of Teesmouth Field Centre is to stimulate the youngsters of today to make their own observations of some current features of the ever-changing area around the Tees estuary. Measures to combat sea level rise with new flood defences, and habitat creation to ensure biodiversity are happening now. In their lifetime, climate change may result in even greater challenges to these habitats. In their time as adults, some will find this background knowledge useful. It is always necessary to draw attention to what is happening on the ground now to build up an interest and care about an area. The hope is that every visitor to Teesmouth Field Centre gains from their day out. Regular groups of adults returned for their annual visits, including 9 members of Northallerton U3A in June 2024 and 35 members of Leeds RSPB in January 2025. A group of 19 local Guides, plus accompanying parents and leaders completed a very useful litter pick at the North Gare beach on 4th June 2024.

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Governance

The Trustees met formally in July, September and December 2024 and in February 2025, with discussions and decisions recorded in the Minutes. David Lister was re-appointed as a Trustee in July 2024, Ann Oxley continued as Chair of the Trustees. The change of accountants last year to Gresham & Gale has continued, and they have provided payroll services and the preparation/examination of the TFC Annual Accounts for submission to the Charity Commission. The notice that the satellite broadband service to the Field Centre would cease on 28th February 2025, came from a new supplier offering to take over the service provision. No warning had been given from the existing supplier used for over ten years. Payment had already been made for the 2025 full year, as in previous years, but only two months service in 2025 was provided. As broadband internet and email service is essential, the offer from the new supplier was accepted, and is being paid for monthly. The usual matters regarding bookings, visitor numbers, staff salaries and policy reviews have continued at meetings during the year.

Funding

The Trustees are grateful for all donations, grants and sponsorship. The main sponsor of the Field Centre is EDF Nuclear Generation Ltd which provides TFC accommodation, services and some financial support towards salaries. Two funding bids were successful in the 2024-2025 financial year. The Cleveland Scientific Institution awarded a grant of £2,500 for the 'Rock Science 2024' project and DEFRA/Environment Agency made a grant of £4,350 for a new project 'Protecting Our Seashore Habitats'. Two other bids were unsuccessful. It was decided to maintain the charges for educational bookings at the same level as in the past three years. The DEFRA grant will cover the TFC admission charges for eight Primary School groups to visit Teesmouth, each one for a full day.

Reserves Policy

At the 31st March 2025 the Charity held designated funds of £10,000 to cover potential statutory redundancy costs. There were restricted reserves of £4,350 associated with one project that had not begun by the end of this reporting year. There were uncommitted reserves (free reserves) of £37,015. Free reserves are those unrestricted reserves which are not designated or tied up in fixed assets. The Financial Reserves policy has been updated by the Trustees to cover increasing costs over time, including statutory redundancy payments and maintain a balance sufficient to ensure that the Field Centre can continue to operate for the following year.

The Coming Year

Annual staff contracts are in place and signed for 2025-26. There have been no changes in staffing. The Field Centre is totally reliant on Clare Gubbins and Clare Shakespeare-Watts to deliver the programme of study options and administer all the bookings, invoices and reports as required. They will continue to work three days a week in term-time, with six additional days, all flexible to suit bookings and subject to the availability of the Field Centre premises.

Ann Oxley, Chair TFC Trustees, March 2025.

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

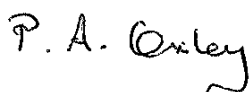
Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the regulations made under the Charities Acts. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

By order of the trustees:

Mrs P A Oxley
Chair



Date: 23rd June 2025

TEESMOUTH FIELD CENTRE
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Teesmouth Field Centre

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025 which are set out in pages 8 to 13.

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 the 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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity 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 accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than the 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.

Gresham & Gale
Date: 23rd June 2025



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TEESMOUTH FIELD CENTRE
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

INCOME	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Income from Donations and Legacies	2	969	-	969	710
Income from Charitable activities	2	28,528	4,350	32,878	28,187
Bank interest		393	-	393	315
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		<u>29,890</u>	<u>4,350</u>	<u>34,240</u>	<u>29,212</u>
EXPENDITURE					
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities</i>					
Costs of main activity		28,204	3,670	31,874	30,435
Other Costs		1,045	-	1,045	1,078
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	3	<u>29,249</u>	<u>3,670</u>	<u>32,919</u>	<u>31,513</u>
Net income/(deficit)		641	680	1,321	(2,301)
Transfer between funds	6	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		641	680	1,321	(2,301)
Balances brought forward		<u>46,374</u>	<u>3,670</u>	<u>50,044</u>	<u>52,345</u>
Balances carried forward		<u>47,015</u>	<u>4,350</u>	<u>51,365</u>	<u>50,044</u>

The charity has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year set out above.
All of the activities of the charity are classed as continuing.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31ST MARCH 2025

	NOTE	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS					
Prepayments	7	319		552	
Accrued income		774		870	
Cash at bank and in hand		51,174		49,559	

Approved by the Trustees on 23rd June 2025 and signed on their behalf
by

Mr D G Lister
Trustee

D G Lister

TEESMOUTH FIELD CENTRE
NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland, the Charities Act 2011 and follow the recommendations in Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts with FRS 102.

- b) Donations and legacies are received by way of donations and gifts and are included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.
- c) Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are receivable.
- d) Expenditure is recognised in the period in which it is incurred. Expenditure includes attributable VAT which cannot be recovered and is allocated to the particular activity to which it relates.
- e) Unrestricted funds are donated and other incoming resources receivable or generated for the objects of the charity and are available as general funds or designated funds;
 - General funds represent unrestricted funds available for general work of the charity at the discretion of the trustees.
 - Designated funds represent unrestricted funds which have been designated by the charity for a specific purpose. The designated funds in these accounts are set aside for any future potential redundancy costs.
- f) Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is charged to the fund, with a fair allocation of management and support costs.

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2.	INCOME	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
	<i>Donations</i>				
	Other donations	969	-	969	710
		969	-	969	710
		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
	<i>Income from Charitable activities</i>				
	EDF Energy	16,937	-	16,937	16,669
	Venator Materials UK Ltd	-	-	-	-
	Cleveland Scientific Institution	2,500	-	2,500	-
	DEFRA/Environment Agency	-	4,350	4,350	-
	Nineveh Charitable Trust	-	-	-	3,670
	Groundwork Community Fund	-	-	-	250
	Entry fees to Centre	9,091	-	9,091	7,598
		28,528	4,350	32,878	28,187
3.	EXPENDITURE	Charitable services	Other costs	2025 Total	2024 Total
	Costs directly allocated to activities	£	£	£	£
	Gross wages	27,756	-	27,756	26,659
	Pension contributions	458	-	458	426
	Travel and sundry expenses	85	-	85	49
	Subscriptions	80	-	80	80
	Insurance	1,940	-	1,940	1,847
	Printing and stationery	95	-	95	147
	Broadband	1,376	-	1,376	771
	Computer running costs	84	-	84	-
	Staff training courses	-	-	-	456
	Accountancy	-	1,045	1,045	1,078
		31,874	1,045	32,919	31,513

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4. NET (OUTGOING)/INCOMING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR

This is stated after charging:	2025	2024
	£	£
Trustees' emoluments and expenses	Nil	Nil
Independent Examiner's Fee	720	720
Other Accounting Services (including Auto Enrolment)	<u>325</u>	<u>358</u>

5. STAFF COSTS & NUMBERS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and Salaries	<u>27,756</u>	<u>26,659</u>

There were no employees whose emoluments as defined for taxation purposes amounted to over £60,000. The average number of employees during the year was 2.

6. TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS

These relate to transfers which account for management and other charges from unrestricted to restricted funds.

7. DEBTORS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accrued income	774	870
Prepayments	<u>319</u>	<u>552</u>
	<u>1,093</u>	<u>1,422</u>

8. CREDITORS: Amount falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accruals	720	720
Social security costs	182	134
Other creditors	<u>-</u>	<u>83</u>
	<u>902</u>	<u>937</u>

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9. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS
2025

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Net Current Assets	47,015	4,350	51,365
	<u>47,015</u>	<u>4,350</u>	<u>51,365</u>

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS
2024

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Net Current Assets	46,374	3,670	50,044
	<u>46,374</u>	<u>3,670</u>	<u>50,044</u>

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1st April 2024 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	At 31st March 2025 £
Unrestricted Funds					
General	37,574	29,890	29,249	(1,200)	37,015
Designated	8,800	-	-	1,200	10,000
Restricted Funds					
DEFRA / Environment Agency	-	4,350	-	-	4,350
Nineveh Charitable Trust	3,670	-	3,670	-	-
Total Funds	<u>50,044</u>	<u>34,240</u>	<u>32,919</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,365</u>

Purpose of Restricted Funds

Nineveh Charitable Trust - To support the funding of school visits to the Teesmouth area.

DEFRA / Environment Agency - To support the funding of school visits to the Teesmouth area.