

MERSEA COMMUNITY SUPPORT

England & Wales · Charity number 1163377

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2015-09-02

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: 1. TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF MERSEA ISLAND AND THE SURROUNDING AREA THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABLEMENT, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES OR FOR THE PUBLIC AT LARGE IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITION OF LIFE OF THE SAID INHABITANTS.2. TO PROMOTE SOCIAL INCLUSION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY PREVENTING PEOPLE FROM BECOMING SOCIALLY EXCLUDED, RELIEVING THE NEEDS OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE SOCIALLY EXCLUDED AND ASSISTING THEM TO INTEGRATE INTO SOCIETY.FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS CLAUSE 'SOCIALLY EXCLUDED' MEANS BEING EXCLUDED FROM SOCIETY, OR PARTS OF SOCIETY, AS A RESULT OF ONE OF MORE OF THE FOLLOWING FACTORS: UNEMPLOYMENT; FINANCIAL HARDSHIP; YOUTH OR OLD AGE; ILL HEALTH (PHYSICAL OR MENTAL); SUBSTANCE ABUSE OR DEPENDENCY INCLUDING ALCOHOL AND DRUGS; DISCRIMINATION ON THE GROUNDS OF SEX, RACE, DISABILITY, ETHNIC ORIGIN, RELIGION, BELIEF, CREED, SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER RE-ASSIGNMENT; POOR EDUCATIONAL OR SKILLS ATTAINMENT; RELATIONSHIP AND FAMILY BREAKDOWN; POOR HOUSING (THAT IS HOUSING THAT DOES NOT MEET BASIC HABITABLE STANDARDS; CRIME (EITHER AS A VICTIM OF CRIME OR AS AN OFFENDER REHABILITATING INTO SOCIETY).

Activities: A Monday Afternoon Social and Tuesday and Friday Lunch Clubs for residents who are elderly, lonely or feel isolated.Saturday Coffee Morning for the community to get together, chat and meet new friends.Loan of personal mobility equipment such as wheelchairs, commodes and walking frames.Grants to individuals or groups to improve the condition of life for residents of Mersea Island.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Disability
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities

Geography

- Essex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£37,395	£26,473	-	-
2024-03-31	£34,623	£29,076	-	-
2023-03-31	£30,568	£20,974	-	-
2022-03-31	£22,752	£13,633	-	-
2021-03-31	£19,490	£13,979	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
JUDITH MARGARET WINGAR	Chair	2015-05-26
ALAN ERIC WAREING		2015-05-26
ALAN JAMES TUCKER		2015-05-26
Christine Allan		2021-07-12
IAN GORDON WINGAR		2015-05-26
JANICE VANESSA TUCKER		2015-05-26
Roy Edward Fitch		2025-09-29
Stephen Hutt		2024-02-12

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1 JULY 2025

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Happy Birthday! As I reported last year, 2nd September 2015 was the date Mersea Community Support became a registered charity and this is my tenth Annual Report.

Mersea Community Support started with an initial group of 8 volunteers back in 2013 showing an interest in continuing the mobility loan service (originally called Medical Comforts) which had been run both locally and nationally by St John Ambulance for several decades. St John nationally decided to cease the service and the stock of equipment was handed over to the group who started organising coffee mornings every Saturday to pay the rent for the building and to fund the loan service. The division on St. John Ambulance folded and eventually the volunteers were offered the lease of the building on the understanding that we became a registered charity and the rest is history. It may be of interest to note that 5 of the original volunteers are still with us as Trustees of the charity.

As you have seen from the accounts we have had another successful year financially and you will hear from the section reports coming up that we have also had a successful year supporting the community of Mersea Island with the various events few run in the Community Support hall and the main reason for our , the original activity, the Mobility Equipment Loan Service.

Now these event and activities do not just happen! Each activity has a leader and a team of dedicated volunteers who give up their time week in, week out. We cannot run the organisation with you, our volunteers and I don't think we can ever say "Thank You" enough times, so again Thank You to each and everyone of you.

Mention has been made about the large funds we hold at present and your Trustees work hard notifying other organisations that we have funds which can be distributed for the benefit of the community. This is where we need your help in spreading the word to friends and organisations that you belong to. We gave out just over £2,000 this last year and we also agreed grants to be paid out this coming year to two of our Mersea Scouts, who will be travelling to Zanzibar in 2026 to help improve school facilities and provide teaching support. Both of the young ladies concerned have agreed to come and talk about their experiences on their return.

We are here to support the Community of Mersea Island in various aspects, whether individuals or organisations and welcome further applications for funding. Please help us to spread the word.

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ACCOUNTS for the period 01/04/2024 to 31/03/2025

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
Saturday Coffee Club	5124	Supplies for Coffee Club	1220
Tuesday Lunch Club	8689	Supplies for Lunch Club	3855
Friday Fish and Chips	7074	Supplies for Fish and Chips	7854
Rent from Hire of Hall	4907	Grants (see notes)	2018
Bric a Brac	4488	Hall Expenses/Maintenance	5805
Xmas Craft Fair	386	Sundry Expenses	409
Coffee Craft Club	233	Cleaning	453
Car Boot Parking	226	Insurances	688
Public Donations (see notes)	2524	Utilities	3970
Mobility Equipment Donations	2740	Mobility Equip Expenses	41
Community Open Day	161	Community Open Day	160
Monday Social	79	Excess Income	10922
Interest	632		
Misc	132		
<u>Total</u>	<u>£37395</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>£37395</u>

I have examined the accounts of Mersea Community Support and from the records seen confirm these to be a true record.

..... Hon Auditor Date

Alan Irwin

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31 March 2025

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Cash in Hand	668
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Grants Given

Freedom Boat Adventures	£ 250.00
Mersea Lions	£ 268.12
Native Angels	£ 500.00
Mersea Scouts	£1000.00
Total	£2018.12

Bill - Major Expenditure

Garage Doors	£ 180.00
Roof Repairs	£2480.00
Painting and Decorating	£ 943.00
New Blinds	£ 293.00
Storage Units	£ 475.00

Public Donations

David Rogers Trust	£2000.00
The Lord Family	£ 100.00

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 18 JUNE 2024

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

I am proud and pleased to report that this has been another successful year for our Charity. This is my ninth Annual Report, and next year, 2025, we will be celebrating 10 years since becoming a registered charity.

At the end of March 2015 our annual turnover was just over £8,000 and at the end of March this year you will have heard that the turnover was well over £34,000. Grants given out 9 years ago totalled £600, and during this last financial year we were able to help no less than 9 local organisations by handing over £5,210. The Grants we awarded included 10 new kits for Proud of Mersea, training for Beach Lifeguards, lifejackets for the Rowing Club, autumn planting for Refresh Mersea, repairs to City Hall Church and St Peter & Paul Church, two replacement benches at the Monkey Steps, a grant to cover the cost of testing the disability equipment at Camp Jojo and a substantial donation to the Porch Pantry. Some of the money we raised has been spent on maintenance and during the last year we replaced the ramp to the main entrance, replaced the old wooden doors on the Bric a Brac garage with a roller door and installed a wall extractor in the kitchen.

Of course we are not here just to raise money for other charities and organisations, we are here to support the community of Mersea Island in whatever way we can and this includes the various events that we organise here in our Community Hall. Our regular teams of volunteers turn up week in week out to run the Lunch Club on a Tuesday, the Fish and Chip Lunch on a Friday and the weekly Coffee and Bric a Brac Sale on Saturdays. Our Coffee Craft group continues twice a month and the Monday Afternoon Social, our latest venture, is proving to be a great success with local residents enjoying tea and cake alongside a game of cards or a jigsaw puzzle. Unfortunately the monthly volunteer meeting with a speaker was no longer viable and we are replacing it with the occasional social evening. Our Mobility Equipment Loan Service is as demanding as ever. We have a new organiser, Jan Grass and we are grateful to her for taking over this daunting task. We now have a dedicated mobile phone for residents to ring if they require equipment and this can of course be transferred to another volunteer when Jan is on holiday, providing a continuous service. The service continues to be widely used and is much appreciated by the Community.

As well as our 8 Trustees, we now have over 40 volunteers but there is room for more, not necessarily to come in each week but to cover holidays and illness. There have been occasions just recently where we have been "short staffed" and it would be a shame if we had to cancel some of our activities. I know retired people are really busy nowadays as there are so many leisure pursuits available BUT if you know of anyone with a few hours to spare who might be willing to come along to help please point them in our direction.

Judith Wingar

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Friday Fish and Chips	7854	Supplies for Fish and Chips	8905
Monthly Meetings	45	Monthly Meeting Expenses	75
Bric a Brac	4021	Bric a Brac Expenses	518
Xmas Craft Fair	364	Grants (see notes)	5210
Coffee Craft Club	227	Coffee Craft Club Expenses	5
Car Boot Parking	140	Sundry Expenses	854
Public Donations (see notes)	1148	Cleaning	451
Mobility Equipment Donations	2259	Insurances	562
Rent from Hire of Hall	5618	Hall Equipment (see notes)	4364
Community Open Day	164	Mobility Equip Expenses	442
Monday Social	190	Community Open Day	160
Interest	126	Supplies for Warm Space	11
Misc	110	Utilities	1855
		Hall Rental Sundry Expenses	17
		Hall Maintenance	845
		Excess Income	5547
<u>Total</u>	<u>£34623</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>£34623</u>

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Mrs Vivienne Smith

Hon Auditor

16/6/2024 Date

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31 March 2024

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Balance at Building Society	34873	Balance at Building Society	40830
Balance at Barclays Bank	4010	Balance at Barclays Bank	4040
Cash in Hand	1098	Cash in Hand	638
Cash Floats	220	Cash Floats	240
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TOTAL	£ 45748	TOTAL	£ 45748

Notes to be read in conjunction with the above accounts

Grants Paid Out

Proud of Mersea	£ 350
Refresh Mersea	£ 100
Mersea Rowing Club	£ 560
Lifeguards	£ 500
W Mersea Re Benches	£1200
Old City Hall	£1000
Camp Jo Jo	£ 500
Moses Basket	£ 500
W Mersea Parish Church	£ 500
Total	<u>£5210</u>

Public Donations

In Memory of Alan Bird	£100
In Memory of Graham Thurgood	£200
In Memory of Eric Kidman	£ 50
Kevin & Andrew Lily	£400
Beach Hut Association	£250
Mersea Events	£150
Sundry Donations	£ 38
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Hall Equipment – Major Spending

Concrete Ramp	£ 730
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**MERSEA COMMUNITY SUPPORT
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 20 JUNE 2023**

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

It gives me great pleasure to report on another successful year for our organisation. You have heard the financial report from our Treasurer and how our income has exceeded our expenditure BUT of course we are not about making money, even though we seem to be quite good at it, our reason for existing is to support the community of Mersea Island.

More and more of the Island community are using the facilities we provide with the Saturday Coffee Morning & Bric a Brac, Tuesday Lunch Club, Friday Fish and Chips, the Coffee Craft group, the Mobility Equipment Loan service and of course our latest venture the Monday Social Afternoon. Our dedicated group of volunteers turn up week in week out organising and helping out with each of these activities, we would not have a successful charity without them, BUT you can never have too many volunteers, remember the saying "Many Hands Make Light Work"? Well that is true, the more volunteers we have the less work it is for each of us. At the present time we have 34 volunteers helping out regularly and another half dozen that we can call on in an emergency as well as myself and the other 6 Trustees. Sixteen of these volunteers are also now qualified in Food Safety and Hygiene to Level 2 and I am grateful to them for giving up even more of their time to complete the course. Unfortunately our volunteers will age the same as anyone else and we will need "new blood". If you know of anyone who is looking to help within the community, maybe someone that's just retired then please point them in our direction.

Many of you here tonight regularly attend our meetings for volunteers on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, this gives you the opportunity to mix with other volunteers and chat over tea and biscuits as well as listening to a speaker. This last year we have heard about Refresh Mersea, Alpacas, Cat Rescue, Dog grooming, History of Mersea Island as well as other interesting topics and of course we now have our own projector and screen which makes for an easier and more interesting presentation. We are grateful to Val Wareing for organising the speakers. If you do not already come to these meetings please do try this coming year, we have a good social evening and it is free!

During the 12 months to the end of March this year we have given out grants to Refresh Mersea for summer plants, the local Methodist Church to help with the expense of Warm Space, the upcoming Beach Club to help with craft materials and the purchase of tee shirts, the Porch Pantry, helping with restocking and also Christmas Hampers and also M.I. Lions and M.I. Scouts. We complemented the Jubilee Celebrations by offering free Afternoon Teas, spearheaded another Community Open Day at the MICA, ran our own "Warm Space" which has now become a regular weekly Social Afternoon on Mondays and our Craft Group organised a fundraising Craft Fayre.

At the heart of a well run charity is the management team and I need to put on record my thanks for the amount of time and hard work put in by your Trustees who regularly meet and make decisions on the future of the charity as well as being "hands on" Trustees with their various jobs within the organisation.

Long may this commitment by our Trustees and Volunteers continue.

Judith Wingar
Chairman

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Saturday Coffee Club	4002	Supplies for Coffee Club	1151
Tuesday Lunch Club	6741	Supplies for Lunch Club	2855
Friday Fish and Chips	6444	Supplies for Fish and Chips	6345
Monthly Meetings	146	Monthly Meeting Expenses	257
Bric a Brac	4407	Grants (see notes)	2800
Coffee Craft Club	193	Coffee Craft Club Expenses	12
Car Boot Parking	171	Sundry Expenses	294
Xmas Craft Fair	376	Cleaning	337
Public Donations (see notes)	839	Insurances	852
Jubilee Tea Donations	103	Hall Equipment (see notes)	3388
Mobility Equipment Donations	1690	Mobility Equip Expenses	164
Community Open Day	156	Community Open Day	150
Warm Space Donations	119	Supplies for Warm Space	30
Interest	51	Utilities	1512
Rent from Hire of Hall	5130	Hall Rental Sundry Expenses	10
		Hall Maintenance	817
		Excess Income	9594
Total	£ 30568	Total	£ 30568

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Balance at Building Society	28102	Balance at Building Society	34873
Balance at Barclays Bank	1894	Balance at Barclays Bank	4010
Cash in Hand	431	Cash in Hand	1098
Cash Floats	180	Cash Floats	220
Excess Income	9594		
TOTAL	£ 40201	TOTAL	£ 40201

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Grants Paid Out

Mersea Refresh	£500
Mersea Lions	£100
Porch Pantry	£1000
Mersea Methodist Church	£100
Mersea Beach Club	£500
Mersea Island Scout Grp	£600
Total	<u>£2800</u>

Public Donations

In Memory of Paul Godfrey	£134
In Memory of Sue Hempstead	£125
Richard & Heather Haward	£50
Lions	£500
Sundries	£30
Total	<u>£839</u>

Hall Equipment – Major Spending

Fitting Dado Rail/Hinges	£255
Electric Screen & Projector	£2015
New Storage Units	£825