

Annual report for 2024-2025 to Charity Commission

Name: Friends of Castle Cove Beach Charity

Address: 9 Old Castle Road, Weymouth DT4 8QB

Charity Number: 1168204

Our main reason for existence is the operation and maintenance of the steps giving public access to Castle Cove Beach. We estimate that 80,000 people a year take advantage of this free opportunity to relax in the peaceful harmony that is Castle Cove Beach. We continue to maintain the steps and insure them against public liability.

Our secondary reason for existence is to foster the bonds that bind our community together. We do this by arranging social events and providing local amenities.

The period April 2024 to April 2025 was a busy time for our charity. It was five years since we raised money for, and built the steps to, the beach. So, April 2024 was a significant date for us.

In April, two of our trustees organised a celebration of seaweed, the Seaweed Shenanigans, with stalls on the beach about environmental protection, an art competition for local schools, and a Love Local Raffle in which local businesses donated prizes. There was a drumming workshop, a samba band, eco mooring displays and many other activities.

The event was an outstanding success, with up to 1,000 people attending, and a number of local schools taking part. The raffle raised £1,300 after the costs of the event were deducted, and we donated £600 to local charity Clean Jurassic Coast. Three of our trustees attended the Dorset Coastal Forum.

On 9th June 2024 we organised a 'tea by the sea' event with Transition Towns and ran a seaweed survey. This attracted between 30 and 40 people, with a large number of children taking part.

In February 2025 we organised a quiz at a local pub - very successfully, with 60 people attending.

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Other activities: we half-funded the installation of a defibrillator on a local cafe, arranged first aid training for all our trustees who didn't have a certificate, and continued a programme of sea water testing to ensure that the waters of the Cove were safe enough for our visitors to use. We had a very successful day cleaning the beach and steps on August 2nd and started a bi-annual programme of seaweed monitoring. We have maintained healthy finances and continue to build up a maintenance fund for emergency repairs.

We were sad that three of our trustees left after serving long terms as trustees but were invigorated by the recruitment process in line with our policy with the appointment of three new trustees. In the future, we plan to continue our main function of providing access to this popular beach, supported by outreach work to continue building a community around our cove,

As part of our financial plan, we have a savings account to ensure that should we need to repair or replace the steps to the beach we would be able to do so. We have also invested in insuring the steps for damage.

The trustees in making decisions throughout the 2024-25 financial year have had due regard to the commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant. We feel that the report reflects that.

Trustee list

Steve Elsworth	chair
Dee Bird	vice chair
Mary Phillips	appointed June 2024
Katie Janota	
(Louise Capaldi	appointed Nov 2025)
(Hannah Leach	appointed Nov 2025)
Jim Goodey	
Valerie Graves	Treasurer
Keith Tranter	

Alexa Beasley	resigned June 2024
Lyndsey Diment	resigned June 2024
Lisa Cross	resigned August 2024

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Friends of Castle Cove Beach Charity

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/04/2024


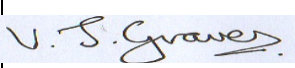
To

31/03/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Fund raising	2 447	-	-	2 447	2 296
Donations	2 735	-	-	2 735	2 647
Grant	800	-	-	800	-
interest	372	-	-	372	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	6 354	-	-	6 354	4 943
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	6 354	-	-	6 354	4 943
A3 Payments					
legal fees	45	-	-	45	52
professional	500	-	-	500	-
insurance	458	-	-	458	364
fund raising expenses	1 522	-	-	1 522	1 113
repairs&renewals	1 630	-	-	1 630	95
subscriptions	165	-	-	165	45
print	12	-	-	12	100
donation	660	-	-	660	750
hospitality	140	-	-	140	-
savings	450	-	-	450	24
Sub total	5 582	-	-	5 582	2 543
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	5 582	-	-	5 582	2 543
Net of receipts/(payments)	772	-	-	772	2 400
A5 Transfers between funds	450	-	-	450	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	14 250	-	-	14 250	11 850
Cash funds this year end	15 472	-	-	15 472	14 250

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	current	8 022	-	-
	savings	7 450	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	15 472	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			Steve Elsworth	07/01/2026
			Valerie Graves	07/01/2026