



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	05	04	2024		04	04	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

The Secchi Disk Foundation

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) **1169399**

Charity's principal address

Kiln Cottage

Gnaton

Yealmpton

Postcode

PL8 2HU

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Paul Hart	Chair		
2	Anthony Wates			
3	Paul Housego			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Trustees are to be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO. New trustees are given a copy of the current version of constitution together with a copy of the CIO's latest Trustees' Annual Report and statement of accounts.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To promote the conservation of the marine environment worldwide for the public benefit by engaging the public in scientific study and to facilitate research of marine plankton and the food chain in order to advance collective knowledge and understanding of the marine ecosystem and to maintain biodiversity for the public good.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The focus of our activity is upon enabling the public in the scientific study of the marine plankton and the food web it supports for the public good. To that end, The Secchi Disk Foundation promotes scientific study by the general public and creates and distributes to the public free online tools and educational materials, and maintains websites and databases accessible freely by the public.

The trustees declare that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the commission in exercising their powers or duties.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Secchi Disk Foundation continued to expand the global reach of the Secchi Disk study this year including carrying out important updates to the Secchi App and a new version of the mobile iOS app stores. Particular focus was on expansion into high latitudes with increasing engagement of the public on tourist Expedition Cruises. Social media influencers were also recruited to participate in the study to raise the public profile. As a result of its activities, the Foundation continues to engage the public through citizen science to provide a greater understanding of the marine ecosystem for the public good.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Secchi Disk Foundation's Trustees aim to maintain a financial reserve to mitigate any one of the following:

- i) The risk of an unforeseen need for funds, e.g., an unexpected need to maintain services that the Foundation provides such as mobile apps, databases etc due to circumstances outside the Foundations control. This includes funds to cover unforeseen day-to-day operational costs.
- ii) Funds to enable the Secchi Disk Foundation to carry out work that cannot be met by future income alone, e.g., to promote the work of the Foundation or for a project that requires the Secchi Disk Foundation to provide 'matched funding'.
- iii) To fund short-term deficits in a cash budget, e.g., money may need to be spent before a funding grant is received.
- iv) To provide secure funding for long-term resources provided by third parties that the Secchi Disk Foundation relies upon such as internet services, and other similar longer-term costs as the Trustees' see fit.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not Applicable

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Our only sources of funds this year have been grant income, donations and bank interest. A proportion of the income is held as unrestricted funds both as designated funds for on-going project development costs and as reserves to be spent as the trustees see fit.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Paul Hart	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
18	18th July 2025	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
The Secchi Disk Foundation

On accounts for the year
ended

04/04/2025

Charity no
(if any)

1169399

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 04/04/2025.

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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

R. R. Pipe

Date:

02-08-2025

Name:

Dr Richard Pipe

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Address:

Berry Farm

Bethany

Saltash, Cornwall PL12 5DE

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 05/04/24	To	Period end date 04/04/25
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £
A1 Receipts				
Donations	73	151	-	224
		-	-	-
Bank Interest	132	-	-	132
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	205	151	-	356
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	205	151	-	356
A3 Payments				
Software Development	2,233	151	-	2,384
Bank Charges	1	-	-	1
Software licences	-	-	-	-
Secchi Disks	352	-	-	352
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	2,586	151	-	2,737
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total payments	2,586	151	-	2,737
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 2,381	-	-	- 2,381
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	27,849	-	-	27,849
Cash funds this year end	25,337	-	-	25,337

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Depository Account	25,337	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total cash funds	25,337	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details		
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
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			-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
			-
			-
			-
			-
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name
		Paul Hart

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Last year
to the nearest £

3,000
-
131
-
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3,131

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3,131

2,195
1
60
654
-
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2,910

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-

2,910

221
-
27,849



**Endowment
funds
to nearest £**

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OK

**Endowment
funds
to nearest £**

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**Current value
(optional)**

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**Current value
(optional)**

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**When due
(optional)**

Date of approval

18/07/25