

Ghost Fishing UK

An unincorporated charity

Charity No. 1174396

**Trustees' Report and Unaudited but Independently
Examined Accounts**

30 September 2021

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL
REPORT**

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity No. 1174396

Registered Office

Silverwell Farm
Lestraynes Lane
Penryn
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Directors and Trustees

The Directors of the charitable company are its Trustees for the purposes of charity law.
The following Directors and Trustees served during the year:

Alfred Nunn
Christine Grosart
Richard Walker

Accountants

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Bankers

HSBC Bank PLC
Frome Branch
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Ghost Fishing UK TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

The Trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the period ended 30 September 2021.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

To identify, survey and catalogue, then remove marine litter and abandoned, lost and discarded fishing gear (ALDFG). To include but not limited to nets, lines, creels, lobster pots and trawls from shipwrecks, reefs and other scuba diving sites around the UK, including England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland

Objectives for the year

GF-UK is the biggest and most active project in the UK dealing with the problem of ALDFG. We had multiple scheduled projects for 2020-21, and expected some ad-hoc projects as well. Our training activities are due to continue, further strengthening the team, and widening our reach.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic caused huge disruption to the whole of the world, and the effects on Ghost Fishing UK were also significant. Our team implemented control measures including reduced divers on boats, social distancing, regular lateral flow testing and safe diving practices whilst engaging in scuba diving activities. These protocols were based on Government regulations and advice from the national governing body for scuba diving in the UK.

Despite the lockdowns we were able to continue to function during the less restrictive phases of the pandemic and it is a credit to our team for following the procedures and continuing the work.

The Training Course

Since the inception of GF-UK, the importance of proper training for our diving members has been a central concern. We began with an ad-hoc approach, but as the team grew this developed into a more formal course. Christine Grosart, Secretary of GF-UK, has produced a comprehensive training program unmatched in this sphere. During the 2020-21 period, we conducted four training events to a total of 20 divers.

Online reporting system

The ability of GF-UK to survey and recover abandoned, lost or discarded fishing gear (ALDFG) is highly dependent on information about the loss, or sighting, of the gear. To assist the gathering of this intelligence, our IT team have developed an on-line reporting system for divers. Recreational divers are encouraged via our social media and other channels to report when they come across ALDFG. This system captured over 50 reports in 2020-21. This was lower than the previous year. This is almost certainly due to the reduced scuba diving activity during the COVID-19 measures.

Projects Conducted

We have conducted 13 survey dives and 25 recovery dives. Given the restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic, we are extremely pleased with this level of work.

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January Event

On the 9th January, 2021, GF-UK organized an on-line outreach event. The event gave divers the opportunity to get an introduction to the activities of the charity. The event was well attended, with several speakers providing superb perspective and a wider view of the problem of ALDFG, ocean plastics and recycling strategies.

Outreach

During 2020-21, GF-UK team members gave in the region of 20 online talks to various groups. These continue to help promote awareness of the problem of ALDFG, and educate divers and the public about the work that we do.

One aspect of outreach that continues to be difficult is the fishing community. GF-UK has not yet managed to develop a working relationship with the fishing industry. We will increase our efforts in this area with the aim of working alongside the fishing community to retrieve nets as soon as they are lost, and to exchange information about ALDFG in a non-judgmental and supportive way.

Split from Healthy Seas and Ghost Diving

In January of 2020, Ghost Fishing UK and Healthy Seas parted ways. This has cost us a significant element of our funding but, allows us to maintain our independence.

As of January 2021, we have formally separated from Healthy Seas (HS) and Ghost Diving (GD). Unfortunately the process did not end there. Despite huge efforts on our behalf to roll out new logos, untangle all the mention of HS and GD in any new presentations, web content or social media, they did not want to move on. We were in possession of a web domain and a trade mark relating to GD. GD had revoked all of our access to the ghostfishing.org google suite despite assertions that we would be able to use that in perpetuity. We received contact from their solicitor demanding that we release the trademark and the domains. We were forced to engage our own solicitors, Burges-Salmon who worked on a pro-bono basis.

We produced a proposal for a coexistence agreement that essentially involved all the intellectual property ending up in the correct hands. In other words, we would release the GD domains and trademarks and we would take the ghostfishing.org domain. This was flatly refused by GD and no counter offer was made. We concluded that there was no way to proceed without incurring significant expense and with no guaranteed outcome. The communications from the GD solicitor technically provided promises that GD will not interfere with our work in the future and our solicitors were confident that if they ever directly interfered with us these communications could be cited as a contract. We have released the domains and the trademark. Fortunately, we have not had any more communication with GD or HS although they continue to taunt us via social media in a subtle way.

In March 2021 we received an email from the GlobalGhost Gear Initiative (GGGI) informing us that our application for membership had been refused based on "some information that had been received". We were given no right of reply. We had been treated as a new applicant despite already having received an email confirming full membership. This all preceded the legal discussions outlined previously. So that action could not be seen as any interference. We took the view that if an organisation has no structure to deal with complaints or concerns then we were better off focussing our efforts on our own work. We received little benefit from our association with GGGI anyway, so there has been no significant loss.

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REPORT**

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charity's income for 2020-21 amounted to £46,903 (2019-20 £43,745) from various sources and its expenditure was £36,405 (2019-20 £38,950) giving a surplus of £10,498 (2019-20 £4,795). Current assets amount to £20,205 (2019-20 £9,707)

Risk management

The trustees regularly review the risks to the Charity from both external factors and its operations. The trustees consider that they have taken appropriate steps to reduce such risks. Risk assessments are made for each individual dive.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

On 25th August, 2017, Ghost Fishing UK (GF-UK) was awarded UK charity status. This allows us to apply for a wider range of funding, and also provides a legal structure under which we can operate.

Governing document

GF-UK is governed by a constitution that was last reviewed on 18th August 2017. The charity's Mission Statement is available on our website and was last updated in 2018.

Recruitment and induction of trustees

Trustees are recruited from amongst its volunteers. Training is a mix of mentoring, advice from the Charity Commission website and support from Cornwall Community Accountancy Service

Organisation

The charity has three trustees who are also the Chair, Secretary and Operations Officer respectively. There is also a team of "core" members who make up the committee. These members are qualified scuba divers who have been invited to free training courses. There are a number of unpaid officers including a Sales Officer, membership secretary and training officer.

TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The above report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime as set out in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

Signed on behalf of the board

Richard Walker
Trustee
29 July 2022



**Ghost Fishing UK
INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS
REPORT**

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Ghost Fishing UK

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Ghost Fishing UK for the period ended 30 September 2021 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Summary Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I can confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the 2006 Act ; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements under section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

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.



Debbie Risborough
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29 July 2022

**Ghost Fishing UK
STATEMENT OF
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

for the period ended 30 September 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	4	34,739	34,739	14,478
Charitable activities	5	12,164	12,164	29,266
Investments	6	-	-	1
Total		46,903	46,903	43,745
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	7	36,405	36,405	38,950
Total		36,405	36,405	38,950
Net gains on investments		-	-	-
Net income	8	10,498	10,498	4,795
Net income before other gains/(losses)		10,498	10,498	4,795
Other gains and losses:				
Net movement in funds		10,498	10,498	4,795
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		9,707	9,707	4,912
Total funds carried forward		20,205	20,205	9,707

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

Ghost Fishing UK BALANCE SHEET

at **30 September 2021**

Company No.	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	10	1,080	-
		<u>1,080</u>	<u>-</u>
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		20,436	10,784
		<u>20,436</u>	<u>10,784</u>
Creditors: Amount falling due within one year	11	(1,311)	(1,077)
Net current assets		19,125	9,707
Total assets less current liabilities		20,205	9,707
Net assets excluding pension asset or liability		<u>20,205</u>	<u>9,707</u>
Total net assets		<u>20,205</u>	<u>9,707</u>
The funds of the charity			
Restricted funds	12		
Unrestricted funds	12		
General funds		20,205	9,707
		<u>20,205</u>	<u>9,707</u>
Reserves	12		
Total funds		<u>20,205</u>	<u>9,707</u>

Approved by the board on 29 July 2022

And signed on its behalf by:



Richard Walker

Trustee

29 July 2022

Ghost Fishing UK
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

for the period ended 30 September 2021

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

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

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

Change in basis of accounting or to previous accounts

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and method of accounting) since last year and no changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds	These are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the charity.
Designated funds	These are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.
Revaluation funds	These are unrestricted funds which include a revaluation reserve representing the restatement of investment assets at their market values.
Restricted funds	These are available for use subject to restrictions imposed by the donor or through terms of an appeal.

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Income

Recognition of income	Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to, and virtually certain to receive, the income and the amount of the income can be measured with sufficient reliability.
Income with related expenditure	Where income has related expenditure the income and related expenditure is reported gross in the SoFA.
Donations and legacies	Voluntary income received by way of grants, donations and gifts is included in the the SoFA when receivable and only when the Charity has unconditional entitlement to the income.
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Income from tax reclaims is included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift/donation to which it relates.
Donated services and facilities	These are only included in income (with an equivalent amount in expenditure) where the benefit to the Charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material.
Volunteer help	The value of any volunteer help received is not included in the accounts.
Investment income	This is included in the accounts when receivable.
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	This includes any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.
Gains/(losses) on investment assets	This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments.

Expenditure

Recognition of expenditure	Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.
Expenditure on raising funds	These comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income, fundraising trading costs and investment management costs.
Expenditure on charitable activities	These comprise the costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services in the furtherance of its objects, including the making of grants and governance costs.
Grants payable	All grant expenditure is accounted for on an actual paid basis plus an accrual for grants that have been approved by the trustees at the end of the year but not yet paid.
Governance costs	These include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity, including any audit/independent examination fees, costs linked to the strategic management of the Charity, together with a share of other administration costs.
Other expenditure	These are support costs not allocated to a particular activity.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

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Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

Plant & Machinery 25% % Straight line

Stocks

Stock is included at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Donated items of stock are recognised at fair value which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay for the items on the open market.

Trade and other debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and on hand, demand deposits with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts. In the statement of financial position, bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings or current liabilities. In the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents are shown net of bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the company's cash management.

Trade and other creditors

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Leased assets

Where the charity enters into a lease which entails taking substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of an asset, the lease is treated as a finance lease.

Leases which do not transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to charity are classified as operating leases.

Assets held under finance leases are initially recognised as assets of the charity at their fair value at the inception of the lease or, if lower, at the present value of the minimum lease payments. The corresponding liability to the lessor is included in the balance sheet date as a finance lease obligation. Lease payments are apportioned between finance expenses and reduction of the lease obligation so as to achieve a constant rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability. Finance expenses are recognised immediately, unless they are directly attributable to qualifying assets, in which case they are capitalised in accordance with the charity's policy on borrowing costs.

Assets held under finance leases are depreciated in the same way as owned assets.

Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

In the event that lease incentives are received to enter into operating leases, such incentives are recognised as a liability. The aggregate benefit of incentives is recognised as a reduction of rental expense on a straight-line basis.

Statement of cash flows

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The charity is exempt from preparing a statement of cash flows on the grounds that it is a small charity

2 Company status

The organisation is an unincorporated charity and consequently does not have share capital.

3 Statement of Financial Activities - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	14,478	-	14,478
Charitable activities	12,981	16,285	29,266
Investments	1	-	1
Total	<u>27,460</u>	<u>16,285</u>	<u>43,745</u>
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	24,701	14,249	38,950
Total	<u>24,701</u>	<u>14,249</u>	<u>38,950</u>
Net income	<u>2,759</u>	<u>2,036</u>	<u>4,795</u>
Transfers between funds	2,501	(2,501)	
Net income before other gains/(losses)	<u>5,260</u>	<u>(465)</u>	<u>4,795</u>
Other gains and losses:			
Net movement in funds	<u>5,260</u>	<u>(465)</u>	<u>4,795</u>
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward	4,447	465	4,912
Total funds carried forward	<u><u>9,707</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>9,707</u></u>

4 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Appeals and donations	33,461	33,461	11,844
Gift Aid tax reclaimed	1,278	1,278	2,634
	<u><u>34,739</u></u>	<u><u>34,739</u></u>	<u><u>14,478</u></u>

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5 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£
<i>Grant Income</i>			
Healthy Seas	-	-	13,017
Sea Life Trust Ltd	-	-	3,268
	-	-	2,200
<i>Primary Purpose Trading</i>			
Diver Contributions	154	154	1,915
Merchandise Sales	11,304	11,304	6,077
Fund Raising	706	706	2,729
Other Income	-	-	60
	<u>12,164</u>	<u>12,164</u>	<u>29,266</u>

6 Income from investments

	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£
Interest on deposits	-	1
	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>

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7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Total	Total
	2021	2021	2020
	£	£	£
<i>Direct expenditure on charitable activities</i>			
Boat Charter	13,767	13,767	14,893
Diving Gas	-	-	3,121
Materials	1,693	1,693	2,642
Merchandise Purchases	3,481	3,481	4,314
<i>Support Costs</i>			
Staff welfare	-	-	2,703
Travel and subsistence	688	688	314
Insurance	-	-	274
IT expenses	554	554	111
Printing, postage and stationary	4,610	4,610	309
Subscriptions	275	275	-
sundry expenses	502	502	-
Marketing and promotion	9,052	9,052	9,213
Legal and professional fees	440	440	349
Bank charges	155	155	114
Depreciation	360	360	-
<i>Governance costs</i>			
Accountancy fees	-	-	108
Independent examination of the charity's accounts	828	828	485
	36,405	36,405	38,950

8 Net income before transfers

	2021	2020
	£	£
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	360	-

9 Staff costs

The charity does not have any employees. All persons working for the charity are volunteers and give their time freely. They are not reimbursed for the costs they incur in so doing.

Trustees received no remuneration or benefits in kind during the current or previous year. Expenses incurred in respect of attendance at board meetings for the current and prior year totalled £nil.

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10 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant & Machinery	Total
	£	£
Cost or revaluation		
Additions	1,440	1,440
At 30 September 2021	<u>1,440</u>	<u>1,440</u>
Depreciation and impairment		
Depreciation charge for the year	360	360
At 30 September 2021	<u>360</u>	<u>360</u>
Net book values		
At 30 September 2021	<u>1,080</u>	<u>1,080</u>

11 Creditors:

amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	1,311	1,077
	<u>1,311</u>	<u>1,077</u>

12 Movement in funds

	At 1 April 2020	Incoming resources (including other gains/losses)	Resources expended	At 30 September 2021
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds:				
General funds	9,707	46,903	(36,405)	20,205
Total funds	<u>9,707</u>	<u>46,903</u>	<u>(36,405)</u>	<u>20,205</u>

13 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Total
	£	£
Fixed assets	1,080	1,080
Net current assets	19,125	19,125
	<u>20,205</u>	<u>20,205</u>

14 Related party disclosures

Controlling party

The charity is controlled by the trustees; thus no single party controls the company.