

Charity Registration No. 1175124

Company Registration No. 10763532

PILGRIM HERITAGE SAILING FOUNDATION
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

PILGRIM HERITAGE SAILING FOUNDATION

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Trustees' Report (including Directors' Report) For the year ended 31st December 2024

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 6th March 2018, the Companies Act 2006 and "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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016).

Objectives and Activities

The Charity's objects are:

For the public benefit:

1. to advance education through the preservation, operation, maintenance and protection of the sailing trawler Pilgrim of Brixham, registered mark BM45, which is of historic and maritime importance and;
2. to safeguard the associated boatbuilding, sailing and fishing heritage, working practices and their social context for the information, education and enjoyment of residents and visitors in the port of Brixham, the public in general and,
3. in particular, but not exclusively, by sailing the vessel in a traditional manner to other fishing and seafaring communities whenever possible.

Main activities during the year:

The Charity's activities in the year included a full sailing season from March to October for our heritage sailing vessel Pilgrim of Brixham. Members of the public from home and abroad participated in heritage sailings in Torbay, along the coasts of Devon and Cornwall and also to the Isles of Scilly, the Channel Islands and to maritime festivals in Brest and Douarnenez in France. These sailings provided an opportunity to curate our heritage asset to those on board and to local maritime communities in places visited. Pilgrim also participated in heritage regattas in Brixham, Dartmouth and Falmouth.

In February 2024, Pilgrim was beached in Cornwall for several weeks of refit work. This included removing and replacing several substantial timbers. She was re-certificated and returned to sailing activities as scheduled at Easter. During that refit, professional shipwrights identified further work which needed to be tackled when the vessel was out of the water. As a result, Pilgrim sailed to Southampton in October 2024 and was lifted ashore for several more weeks of work on structural timbers and hull planks. This work was guided by specialist surveyors and on completion Pilgrim secured her 5 year certification with the UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency.

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Activities for the public benefit undertaken during the year:

The Trustees have paid due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Charity should undertake.

Volunteer Recruitment – the Charity continues to use a pool of more than 40 member volunteers to ensure activities are sustainable. Our volunteers are crucial in providing for the operation of the Charity and the conservation of the vessel. In 2024, they were supported by our employed Professional Skipper, an employed seasonal crew member and several youth trainees.

Preservation and Maintenance - Pilgrim is the oldest surviving sailing trawler built and rigged in the port of Brixham and the Trustees believe the historical and social context is best illustrated by operating the vessel in the way that was prevalent when she was launched in 1895. However, in view of issues identified during the extensive works undertaken in 2024 and after twelve years of intensive sailing, the Trustees have reluctantly decided to suspend public sailing operations in 2025 to accommodate further investigation, fundraising and necessary refit and repair works.

Public Engagement and Education – public open days and school visits continued through the year and these took place in our home port of Brixham and during other port visits. In addition, four further groups of students from Dartmouth Academy were able to undertake passages to sea as part of our legacy programme for the Dartmouth Mayflower 400 programme. The Charity also worked in partnership with the University of Plymouth to accommodate two student work placements focused on marine biology and Victorian industrial supply chains for boat building.

Sailing Traditions – Pilgrim's home port of Brixham was renowned as 'the mother of trawling' during the middle and late Victorian period and sailing trawlers from the port ventured far and wide. They were crewed by some 1,500 local seafarers who lived a hard and dangerous life. During 2024 our volunteers have formed a shanty band to capture some of the spirit of the times and share that with the public through performances onboard the vessel and at local events in the harbour.

Corporate Responsibility - As ever, the priority of the Trustees is to conserve, maintain and safeguard the heritage asset for both our local community and the nation. Through our public benefit activities, Pilgrim is shared with visitors from near and far. Our staff, charity members and volunteers are custodians of the vessel and they worked tirelessly to ensure she sailed safely in the traditional manner sharing her heritage with maritime communities along the way.

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Achievements and Performance

1. The financial performance in 2024 reflects a successful operating season but also illustrates the costs of maintaining a traditional wooden heritage trawler. Vessels like Pilgrim require extensive refit works from time to time and this is reflected in the result for the year to 31st December 2024. Our reported costs for our 'Charitable Activities' include significant sailing vessel maintenance costs which are in addition to those already incurred in 2023. Further material refit and repair costs for additional works are anticipated in the immediate years ahead. This is part of the Charity's conservation responsibilities and follows intensive public benefit activities over many years.
2. The Charity has to protect and conserve our heritage asset in line with our obligations to the National Heritage Memorial Fund. The vessel was maintained and fully operational throughout the 2024 sailing season despite the refit work-in-progress. Credit for that goes to our Trustees, staff, trainees and member volunteers who have worked tirelessly to meet the daily demands of an intensive operating schedule.
3. The Charity continued its close collaboration with National Historic Ships (part of the UK Government's Department of Culture, Media and Sport) throughout the year and Foundation representatives participated in their events. These provide opportunities to exchange best practice, improve skills and training and to engage with other conservation organisations facing similar challenges.
4. The Trustees were able to continue our youth training programme through the 2024 season thanks to support from benefactors. The programme provides for young people to live aboard and benefit from training in sailing and traditional marine crafts while pursuing practical and theory courses to gain qualifications that will support future opportunities and employment.
5. Over recent years, the Charity has managed to keep its reserves intact. Those reserves have now become a vital resource that will enable the Trustees to manage the heritage conservation challenges the charity is now facing. Fundraising is also generating a welcome increase in donations and grants which are also essential for meeting the costs of the refit work required.
6. Plans for future development have necessarily been put in abeyance temporarily while the Board and our volunteer team focus on public engagement, fundraising and resourcing the refit work onboard. A major cost cutting exercise has been undertaken at the end of the year which has materially reduced our outgoings and created a lower risk posture for 2025. It is regrettable that we have been unable to continue the employment of our professional skipper who has been a valued and respected member of our team for some years. However, he has become a subscribing member of the Charity and we very much appreciate his ongoing volunteer support when he is available.

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Financial review

In the year to 31st December 2024 the Charity had an operating deficit of £16,645.

Structure, Governance and Administration

Pilgrim Heritage Sailing Foundation (the 'Foundation') is a private company limited by guarantee with no share capital incorporated in England and Wales (No. 10763532) in May 2017. It is registered as a charity (No. 1175124) with the Charity Commission for England and Wales. It is governed in accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association. Under the provisions of Section 60 of the Companies Act 2006, the Company is entitled to omit limited from its name.

As set out in the Articles of Association, Trustees are appointed by the members of the Charity in general meeting or by the other Trustees. Where the Trustees make an appointment, any newly appointed Trustee must resign and be re-elected by the members at the next general meeting. In addition, one third of the Trustees must retire by rotation at the annual general meeting, those being the longest serving. Trustee vacancies are advertised both to members and the general public and applicants are required to be 16 years of age and over, not disqualified from holding office under Article 39 of the charity's Articles of Association and must be members of the Charity at the time of their appointment and during their period of office. Applicant Trustees receive pre-appointment briefings, guidance and interviews and on appointment undergo an induction process.

The Board of Trustees meet at least six times a year and additional management meetings take place as required. The Trustees are not remunerated nor are any personal expenses paid. The Foundation employed a professional skipper of the heritage sailing vessel Pilgrim of Brixham which is owned and operated by the Charity. All of the management and administration of the Charity is undertaken by Trustees and member volunteers.

Challenges for the Future

The Trustees recognise the priorities for the future are as follows:

1. To ensure the conservation of the heritage asset for the public benefit
2. To ensure the continuing solvency of the Charity.
3. To recruit and train volunteers to meet our conservation and compliance obligations.
4. To ensure all necessary steps are taken to preserve and protect the vessel in the long term and where possible to continue traditional sailing which will ensure continued public benefit for generations to come.

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Independent Examiners Report

To the Trustees of the Pilgrim Heritage Sailing Foundation

I report to the Charity's trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Charity's trustees of the Company (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 Company 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

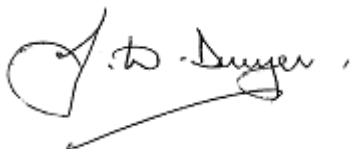
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of 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
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (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.

Signed:

Date: 8 September 2025



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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT For the year ended 31st December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2024 £	TOTAL 2023 £
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>	2				
Donations and Legacies		30,879	-	30,879	7,387
Charitable Activities		125,318	-	125,318	106,421
Other trading activities		967	-	967	1,572
Investments		2,358	-	2,358	1,523
Other income		706	-	706	1,213
Total Income		160,228	-	160,228	118,116
<u>Expenditure on:</u>	3				
Raising funds		-	-	-	-
Charitable activities		176,278	-	176,278	157,504
Cost of goods sold		595	-	595	904
Other expenditure		-	-	-	-
Total resources expended		176,873	-	176,873	158,408
Net income/(expenditure) for the year		(16,645)	-	(16,645)	(40,292)
Net movement in funds		(16,645)	-	(16,645)	(40,292)
Total funds brought forward		163,905		163,905	204,197
Total funds carried forward		147,260	-	147,260	163,905

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The Statement of Financial Activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

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BALANCE SHEET

As at 31st December 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
<u>Fixed Assets</u>					
Heritage assets	4		115,973		115,973
Total Fixed Assets			<u>115,973</u>		<u>115,973</u>
<u>Current Assets</u>					
Stocks		786		728	
Debtors and Prepayments	7	10,071		45,969	
Cash at bank and in hand		32,577		97,113	
		<u>43,434</u>		<u>143,810</u>	
<u>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</u>	8	(12,147)		(95,878)	
Net Current Assets (liabilities)			31,287		47,932
<u>Total Assets less Current Liabilities</u>			<u>147,260</u>		<u>163,905</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year			-		-
Net Assets			<u>147,260</u>		<u>163,905</u>
Capital and Reserves					
General Reserves			116,250		132,905
Designated Reserves			31,000		31,000
Share Capital	10		<u>147,260</u>		<u>163,905</u>

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As at 31st December 2024

The Company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 December 2024. No member of the Company has deposited a notice, pursuant to section 476, requiring an audit of these accounts.

The Trustees' acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the Charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the Company.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 8 September 2025.

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Honorary Treasurer

Company Registration No. 10763532

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31st December 2024

1. Accounting policies

Pilgrim Heritage Sailing Foundation (the 'Foundation') was registered as a company and as a charity in 2017

1.1 Accounting convention

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102"), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS102, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015. The disclosure requirements of section 1A of FRS 102 have been applied other than where additional disclosure is necessary to show a true and fair view. The Charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows. The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Charity. The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes. Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are normally set out in the notes to the accounts.

1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the Charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received. Income from donations and grants, is included in incoming resources when these are receivable. Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the Charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset. Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents amounts receivable for goods and services provided in the normal course of business, net of discounts, VAT and other sales related taxes. Interest receivable is included in investment income when it is receivable by the charitable company.

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1.5 Resources expended

Resources expended are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis as the liability is incurred.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses. Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the Charity reviews the carrying amounts of any tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Where stocks are donated and the net realisable value cannot be readily ascertained they are not valued.

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts, if any, are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.10 Financial instruments

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. These are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

1.11 Leases

Rentals payable under operating leases, including any lease incentives received, are charged to income on a straight line basis over the term of the relevant lease.

1.12 Heritage assets

Heritage assets consist of the 129 year old historic wooden sailing trawler Pilgrim of Brixham included in fixed assets and stated at deemed cost based on the carrying cost in the previous owners.

Access to the vessel is unrestricted for those electing to volunteer or sail on the vessel. Access for others is facilitated through public and private open days, which number at least ten each year, and through an education programme.

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2. Income

- The income for 2024 was entirely unrestricted funds.
- There were no gains on disposals of fixed assets or from programme related investments.
- There were no royalties from the exploitation of intellectual property rights.
- There was no income in foreign currencies that was material.

	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations & Legacies		
Donations, gifts and membership subscriptions	27,085	5,742
Gift Aid	3,794	1,145
Legacies	-	-
General grants provided by government/other charities	-	500
Donated goods, facilities and services	-	-
Other	-	-
Total	30,879	7,387
Charitable Activities		
Sailing income	125,318	106,421
Other	706	1,213
Total	126,024	107,634
Other Trading Activity		
Merchandise	967	1,572
Other	-	-
Total	967	1,572
Investments		
Interest income	2,358	1,523
Dividend income	-	-
Rental and leasing income	-	-
Other	-	-
Total	2,358	1,523
TOTAL INCOME	160,228	118,116

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3. Expenditure

- The expenditure for the year was entirely from unrestricted funds
- There was no expenditure in foreign currencies that was material
- There was no expenditure on fundraising. All expenditure was related to the delivery of charitable activities

		2024	2023
Charitable Activities	Notes	£	£
Sailing vessel operating and maintenance		96,371	74,393
Staff	6	58,294	64,371
Cost of goods sold		595	904
Office		7,482	8,705
Professional		14,131	10,035
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		176,873	158,408

4. Fixed Assets

4.1 Tangible and Intangible Assets

Other than the Heritage Assets, the Charity did not have any Tangible or Intangible Assets during the year with a value in excess of the £1000 capitalisation threshold which the Trustees have adopted and which were to be utilised beyond the current year.

4.2 Heritage Assets

At 31st December 2024

£115,973

The heritage assets are the 1895 historic wooden sailing trawler Pilgrim of Brixham and her associated fixtures and fittings. Pilgrim is a registered member of the UK National Historic Fleet and is judged to be of pre-eminent regional and national significance in the type of vessel, the sailing trawler, which changed the nature of deep-sea fishing in the nineteenth century. Pilgrim was fully restored between 2009 and 2013 with the support of grants from the National Heritage Memorial Fund. The fund has a charge over the vessel until 2032.

The Trustees are of the view that no impairment charge is required given:

- a. the completion of a full restoration to the satisfaction of the National Heritage Memorial Fund in 2013;

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- b. the subsequent extensive preservation and maintenance undertaken by the Pilgrim Preservation Project Ltd between 2013 and 2017;
- c. the continuing preservation and maintenance work undertaken by the charity in between 2018 and 2024; and
- d. the successfully interim inspection undertaken in March 2024 by surveyors for the continuation of the vessel's UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency Small Commercial Sailing Vessel category 2 coding.

5. Employees

The number of paid employees during the year ended 31st December 2024 whose total employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs fell between £10,000 and £60,000 was as follows:

£10,000 to £20,000	1
£20,000 to £30,000	0
£30,000 to £40,000	1
£40,000 to £50,000	0
£50,000 to £60,000	0

No paid employees received total employee benefits in excess of £60,000. The average number of paid employees during the year was 2. There is no prior year comparative.

6. Trustees

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the Charity during the year. There is no prior year comparative.

7. Debtors and Prepayments

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade debtors	20	38,946
Prepayments and accrued income	6,257	5,878
Other debtors	3,794	1,145
TOTAL	10,071	45,969

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8. Creditors and accruals

	2024	2023
		£
Trade creditors	40	87
Accruals and deferred income	22,358	96,563
Taxation and social security	(10,251)	(772)
TOTAL	12,147	95,878

Deferred income represents amounts paid in one period where the service to be provided is in a subsequent period and where there is an obligation to refund amounts paid if the service is not delivered. This applies to amounts received for sailing in a period prior to the sailing taking place.

9. Related Party Transactions

There have been no related party transactions in the year.

10. Share Capital

The Company was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital.