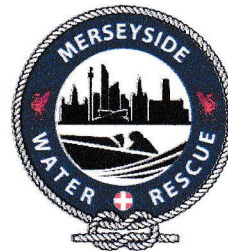


Trustees Annual Report for the period 01.08.20 – 31.07.21

Purpose

The purpose of the charity is to preserve life in and around water, specifically at the south Liverpool Docks.



Objectives & Activities

The main activities are the provision of Safety Boat Cover on Friday and Saturday evenings when the risks to the public have been identified as greatest. The Team also carry out foot patrols to offer safety advice to the public if they feel it is needed. We operate on the inland water of the south Liverpool Dock system. The dock system is separated from the River Mersey by lock gates & the sea wall. Rescue activities in the River Mersey are carried out by the RLNI, Marine Fire 1 (Merseyside Fire Rescue Service) and the Coastguard. They have the powerful boats and equipment able to cope with the tides and swell of this dangerous waterway. The time taken for a boat to pass through the lock gates into the dock system is too great to ensure a successful casualty recovery, which is why we are based in the dock system. We aim to be there in those vital few minutes between a person entering the water and the arrival of the emergency services when risk to life is greatest through cold water shock and drowning. We aim to help anyone in need without regard to gender, race, religion, age or any other characteristic.

The charity implements a rolling training program for its members covering first aid, boat handling, casualty recovery, search techniques and communications. We have members qualified as safety boat operators and all members undergo first aid training. We require all our volunteers to be over 18 years of age.

We have undertaken Risk Assessments for all our activities and developed safe systems of work and Standard Operating Procedures which we require all members to observe.

The Charity also provides Safety Boat cover during public events at the dock complex and other locations by arrangement with the organisers.

The Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on Public Benefit in the furtherance of these aims.

Achievements

The team have continued the week end duties throughout 2020 and 2021, including the cold, wet and dark winter's nights. In January 2021 we renewed our affiliation with Surf Life Saving GB, the leading water safety, training and awarding organisation in this country. Through our affiliation with SLSGB we have access to DEFRA level training, support with our activities and oversight of standards of equipment. We report incidents we have been involved with through SLSGB and add to the national picture of water safety.

The charity resumed the two nights per week cover as the effects of the lockdowns eased. During this year we have offered safety advice at least 46 times, assisted with medical help on four occasions, assisted other boats at the dock on four occasions and assisted members of the public on 19 occasions. We have been notified by Police of missing people, and alerted Dock Security and Police to incidents a total of 26 times.

In summer 21 the team assisted a young woman who had jumped into the dock in an attempt to take her own life. She was safely recovered and handed to NWAS.

Merseyside Water Rescue were first on scene at the widely publicised stabbing incident involving two boys in Summer 21. Our medical equipment was to hand and fortunately the volunteer had received 'Stop the Bleed' training and was able to control the bleeding before the ambulance arrived.

Safetyboat Cover

We ran Safety Boat cover for the 'Lightbulb Festival' in St. Helens in July 21. The event was successful with no incidents reported and the charity earned funding for the cover.

Training

The charity provided First Aid awareness and throwline training for the 'Pride of Sefton' and earned funding. We also resumed the training of our own volunteers as courses became available after lockdown and sent 8 of our team on First Aid Training, funded by the National Lottery.

Financial Review

Our Financial Report is attached. Our fundraising opportunities have been changed by the pandemic and the charity has responded accordingly. We have received funding from individuals and organisations; we have earned income through safety boat cover and donations and were successful once again with the 'Movement for Good' Awards from Ecclesiastical Insurance.

The trustees always ensure funding is kept in hand for essential costs such as Insurance and boat repairs.

Reserves

We began the year with large reserves as a result of grants from the National Lottery and Duchy of Lancaster, these funds have made a huge difference to our equipment and training. The reserves carried forward at the end of the year included £315 from Aviva Crowdfunding for Members' Training.

Future Liabilities

The Boat used by Merseyside Water Rescue is a 5.5 meter RIB powered by a 40 hp Tohatsu engine. The costs of both the boat and engine were met by the chief trustee, Ian Milburn. The charity retains the option to purchase the boat and engine from Ian Milburn, at fair value. Accordingly, the items do not yet appear in our statement of assets.

The boat was purchased second hand, with a trailer, for the sum of £1,370

The Engine was purchased new in December 2018 for the sum of £5,212

Structure Governance & Management

The charity is a CIO and is governed by a Constitution. The Charity was registered in May 2018

The Trustees are appointed by existing Trustees if the number of Trustees should fall below the required minimum of three, or at any time either as a replacement or an additional trustee.

At every Annual General Meeting, one third of the charity trustees retire from office. The charity trustees are required to retire by rotation. The vacancies arising may be filled by the decision of the members at the Annual General Meeting.

Members wishing to become trustees are well aware of the work undertaken and organisational structure. New trustees are made fully aware of their responsibilities and given copies of the Charity Commission's guidance.

Trustees are required to declare any direct or indirect financial interest in any transaction.

Related Parties

The charity works closely with the Canal and River Trust, North West Ambulance Service (NWAS), Merseyside Police, Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service (MFRS) and Liverpool City Council.

Merseyside Water Rescue is affiliated with Surf Life Saving GB, the leading water safety training and national oversight charity in the UK. SLSCB membership gives us the opportunity to work to become a National Flood Asset and assist the Emergency Services at times of local and National flooding.

The Charity sits on the Merseyside Water Safety Forum, which brings together representatives from Merseyside Police, MFRS, NWAS, Coastguard, RLSS and other voluntary organisations connected with water safety.

Volunteers

The Trustees extend their grateful thanks to all the Members who give their time, energy and resources to the work of the Charity. The work of Merseyside Water Rescue would not be possible without the continued commitment of the volunteers.

Administrative Information

Charity Name – Merseyside Water Rescue

Charity Number – 1178185

Charity's Principal Address – 34 The Marian Way, Netherton, Merseyside L30 3TG

Names of Trustees

Ian Robert Milburn (Chair)

Sarah Mansfield

Peter Kenny (from 30.01.2021)

Officers

Secretary - Gary McFarlane

Treasurer - Ruth Milburn

Operations Manager – Gary McFarlane

Operational Support – Steve Alcock


Operational Support – Keiran Sinnott

Health and Safety Director – Simon Mansfield

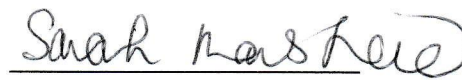
Health and Safety Manager – Lewis Bridson

Social Media Manager – Alexandra Galvin


Approved by the Trustees on 13th April 2022



Ian Milburn



Sarah Mansfield



Peter Kenny



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Merseyside Water Rescue

Charity No
1178185

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period
from

01.08.2020

To

31.07.2021

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 £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	3,225	-	-	3,225	2,804
Safetyboat & Training	960	-	-	960	245
Ecclesiastical Insurance	-	1,000	-	1,000	1,000
Canal & River Trust	-	500	-	500	-
Aviva Insurance	-	316	-	316	-
Paypal	-	388	-	388	-
Other	-	-	-	-	16,365
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	4,185	2,204	-	6,389	20,414
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	4,185	2,204	-	6,389	20,414
A3 Payments					
Boat	-	-	-	-	4,750
Boat Maintenance & Fuel	1,574	2,462	-	4,036	917
Equipment	601	6,807	-	7,408	2,743
Medical Equipment	16	1,197	-	1,213	165
Insurance	206	858	-	1,064	1,008
Training	75	800	-	875	480
Subscriptions	114	50	-	164	150
Stationery	29	-	-	29	130
Sundry	209	50	-	259	83
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	2,824	12,224	-	15,048	10,426
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	2,824	12,224	-	15,048	10,426
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,361	- 10,020	-	- 8,659	9,988
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	365	11,480	-	11,845	1,857
Cash funds this year end	1,726	1,460	-	3,186	11,845

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	Bank Account	1,284	1,460	-
	Paypal Account	442	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	1,726	1,460	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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 liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

Sarah Mansfield
Ian McBurn

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