

Charity Number: 1178539

Company number: CE014222

**BRIGHTLINGSEA LIDO**  
**TRUSTEES REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**  
**PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

## BRIGHTLINGSEA LIDO

### LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Independent examiners	Adrian Gibbons
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## **BRIGHTLINGSEA LIDO**

### **TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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#### **Introduction and priorities for 2023-24**

This report covers the sixth year of the operation of Brightlingsea Lido as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation following the community asset transfer from Tendring District Council to Brightlingsea Town Council in spring 2018.

#### **Objectives and activities**

The charitable objects of Brightlingsea Lido are 'to promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of Brightlingsea and the surrounding area the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the condition of life of the said inhabitants'

In developing and updating our plans and policies the trustees have continued to be mindful of the charitable objects, and of the guidance on public benefit provided by the Charity Commissioners. Hence, we have ensured that pricing structures, opening hours and other operating procedures take account of the charitable objectives and the desire to provide public benefit by ensuring where possible that:

- Prices remain affordable for families of limited means, including concessionary pricing.
- A range of sessions are offered including those suitable for families and for adults only.
- Our commitment to inclusive provision is promoted with plans to further improve accessibility.
- We provide volunteer and employment opportunities to benefit local people across a wide age range including encouraging cross-generational working relationships, supporting reduction of loneliness and enhancing employability to improve quality of life.
- We work with local charitable and voluntary organisations to support our joint objectives and ensure that our services are available to a wide range of user-groups.
- We promote the benefits of swimming and outdoor exercise to enhance physical and mental health.

#### **Access and inclusion**

A key objective during the year was to continue to improve the experience for younger children and their families. This was achieved by reducing the size of the paddling pool to increase the dry area alongside this pool. The area was landscaped with artificial grass and picnic benches with umbrellas providing shade, were provided for visitors to use, free of charge. Additional steps were created to provide more places and easier access when entering and exiting the pool. The smaller sized pool proved more inviting to younger children and enables adults to be in closer proximity, when supervising.

Social connections are an important component of wellbeing and we feel that the Lido can bring more people together. In Brightlingsea, 26.9% of our residents are older than 64 years of age compared with 16.4% nationally. We see volunteering and participation in local activity as a key to healthy environment and combatting loneliness, we are also keen to provide opportunities for the mental health benefits of swimming, including outdoor swimming, to be recognised and realised.

**Achievements, performance (and setbacks),**

The Lido opened in May 2023 until September. The weather played a significant part in the lower attendance figures, although the quiet lane and morning swims continued to be very popular.

**Volunteers, training and employment**

Our lido has continued to receive support from our local community through volunteering, fundraising and donations of time, money and professional expertise. We employed a seasonal pool manager, alongside the technical and plant room manager, and 12 lifeguards.

**Café Lido**

The café was operational throughout the year, with reduced opening during the winter. It continued to provide employment for a number of part time staff, with numbers fluctuating according to seasonal demands.

**Fundraising and grants**

The lido season contains a regular programme of community events. The volunteer fundraising team again raised several thousand pounds from local events, including a summer gig, quizzes, stalls at local festivals, boot sales and a murder mystery. A grant application was successful for financial support to provide energy saving measures.

**Customer and community support and feedback**

Communication continues to be shared via 'Lido in Brief' a - short bulletin circulated to volunteers and the local community via websites and social media. This updated volunteers and residents on the progress of development plans, current events and staffing.

In response to requests received via social media and in person a "Doggie Swim" was hosted on the final session of the season. The ticketed event quickly sold out and it was evident from social media commentary and verbal feedback that the community would like to see the event repeated. Customer feedback has also indicated they would welcome season tickets for general sessions, as well as those for Lane Swims.

**Financial review**

The accounts show a £ 5,464 loss in the year.

**Structure, governance and management**

Brightlingsea Lido is Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) governed by a constitution, based upon the model foundation constitution for a CIO, whose only voting members are its charitable Trustees.

### **Trustees**

A team of up to eight trustees oversee the running of the lido. The following served as Trustees during the reporting period

David Atkinson

Michael Barry

Jennifer Barry

Charles Heywood

Malcolm Morris

Neil Ballard

The lido continues to remain open to recruiting trustees from the local community with a focus on ensuring that skills and experience match the needs of the CIO at that time and that, where possible there is a balance of genders, ages and users' interests represented.

The Trustees in post in January 2025 when this report was approved for publication were.

David Atkinson, Jennifer Barry, Neil Ballard, Gill Clegg, Celia Jones, Brian Lambert, Steve Watts,

### **Manager**

Sarah Cook was the lifeguard manager throughout the open 2023 season until she resigned in September of that year.

### **Brightlingsea Town Council (BTC)**

Continuing thanks are due to BTC without whom the successful operation of the CIO would not be possible. The Town Council are our key partner who have contributed to capital improvements and other support. They are also our landlord, with whom we have a sub-lease. We are required to act independently of the council and there is a council link on our trustee board (Michael Barry).

### **Future priorities**

The chief purpose of our project is to preserve a cherished asset and provide a recreational facility for the community and visitors. Our broader plans have always included extending health-enhancing activities over a longer season and improving accessibility for vulnerable populations.

The main driving force for trustees as we moved into 2023 was improving the visitor experience for families and in particular those with younger children. Building on the success of previous years systems and with an enthusiastic and energetic team the lido was able to consolidate operations and strengthen its position within the community as an inclusive and affordable venue.

Following the 2023 season the five-year plan established in 2018 is under review.

There is a programme of continuous development designed to continually improve the visitor experience. Areas that are being considered in the next plan period include heat retention

and energy generation via renewable sources, further flood resilience measures; extending the site. A balanced approach to developing the site will be taken, so the charm of the outdoor experience is enhanced and new and regular visitors return. With careful planning and ongoing professional and volunteer support the facility is in a good position to pursue improvement measures

It is hoped that outdoor activities will continue to be popular and safe and the Lido will continue to play a major part in promoting the health and wellbeing of Brightlingsea residents and visitors alike.

#### **Reference and administration**

This forms the Brightlingsea Lido Trustees Annual Report for the period to 31 March 2023 for Brightlingsea Lido, Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) as required by the Charity Commission.

Our registered/ principal address is:

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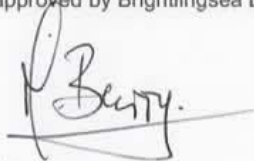
Website [www.brightlingsealido.org.uk](http://www.brightlingsealido.org.uk)

We are also on social media, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter @brightlido and have reviews on Google maps and Trip Advisor.

Brightlingsea Lido does not hold funds as a Custodian Trustee.

Report approved by Brightlingsea Lido Trustees

Signed



Chair of trustees

Dated 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025



**BRIGHTLINGSEA LIDO**

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Brightlingsea Lido (the trust) for the period ended 31 March 2024

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charities trustees, you are responsible for the preparation for 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 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 in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1) accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- 2) the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3) the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirements that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered part of an independent examination.

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



Name **Adrian Gibbons**

Address **FLAT 4 THE SHIPYARD, WATERSIDE, BRIGHTLINGSEA**

Date **15/01/2025**

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**BRIGHTLINGSEA LIDO**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31 MARCH 2024**

	31 March 2024	31 March 2023
<b><u>Current Assets</u></b>		
Cash at bank and in hand	10,966	137,505
Petty cash	88	
Restricted funds	0	(5,024)
	<u>11,054</u>	<u>132,481</u>
<b><u>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</u></b>		
Café balance owed	4,814	3,264
Accruals	0	(70)
Credit card & HSBC	(1,433)	
Brightlingsea Town Council Loan	0	(5,000)
Payroll balances	426	(360)
	<u>3,807</u>	<u>(2,166)</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>	<u>14,861</u>	<u>130,315</u>
<b>Net assets</b>	<u>14,861</u>	<u>57,569</u>
<b><u>Funds</u></b>		
Unrestricted Funds	14,861	135,339
Restricted Funds	0	(5,024)
<b>Total Funds</b>	<u>14,861</u>	<u>130,315</u>

The accounts were approved by the Board of Trustees on 31 January 2023.

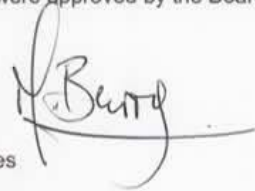
Signed

M Barry

Chair of trustees

Dated 20 January 2024

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## BRIGHTLINGSEA LIDO

### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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**1. Accounting Policies**

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of financial statements are as follows:

**1.1. Basis of Accounting**

The accounts 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)) and the Charities Act 2011.

**1.2. Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis**

The accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis, which the trustees consider to be appropriate for the following reasons.

Consequently, the trustees are confident that the charity will have sufficient funds to continue to meet its liabilities as they fall due for at least 12 months from the date of approval of the accounts and therefore have prepared the accounts on a going concern basis.

**1.3. Income**

Grants and donations are credited to the SoFA when the charity becomes entitled to the income, the income can be measured reliably and it becomes possible that the income will be received. Whereby a grant is subject to donor imposed conditions, (i.e. they are performance related or the donor specifies the time period in which the funds must be spent), the income is recognised in line with such donor imposed conditions. Other trading income is recognized on an accruals basis at point of sale.

**1.4. Expenditure**

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis with the irrecoverable element of VAT included with the item of expense to which it relates. Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. Governance costs (included within support costs) include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include examination fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity. These are included within support costs. All costs are allocated between expenditure categories of the SOFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned based on estimated usage as a proportion of directly attributable expenditure.

**1.5. Cash Flow Statement**

In accordance with Section 7 of FRS 102 the charity is claiming exemption from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement on account of its size.

**1.6. Taxation**

As a charity, Brightlingsea Lido is exempt from tax on income and gains to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

**1.7. Fund Accounting**

Funds held by the charity are either: Unrestricted general funds - these are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees and which have not been designated for other purposes. Restricted funds - these are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the accounts.

**1.8. Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due.

**1.9. Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and in hand includes bank accounts, cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposits or similar account.

**1.10. Creditors and provisions**

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.

**1.11. Critical accounting estimates and judgements**

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates. The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised. The trustees do not consider that there are any critical estimates or areas of judgement that need to be brought to the attention of the readers of the financial statements.

**2. Trustees remuneration and benefits**

There was no trustee remuneration or other benefits for the period ended 31 March 2023.

3. **Restricted Funds**

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Balance at 31 March 2023	Movements in Funds		Balance at 31 March 2024
		Income	Expenditure	
	£	£	£	£
Balance	5,024			
Essex Community Grant			(5,024)	0
	5,024	0	(5,024)	0

4. **Analysis of net assets between funds**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	31 March 2024 Total	31 March 2023 Total
	£	£	£	£
Fund Balances at 31 March 2023 are represented by:				77,878
Current Assets	11,054	0	11,054	73,289
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(3,807)	0	(3,807)	(2,166)
	7,247	0	7,247	130,315

5. **Related party transactions**

There were no related party transactions during the year to 31 March 2023.

6. **Control**

The charity is under the control of the Trustees.

7. **Charity information**

Brightlingsea Lido is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered in England and Wales. The charity's registered number and registered office address can be found on the legal and administrative information page.

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total period to 31 March 2023	Total period to 31 March 2024
<b>Income from:</b>	<b>Notes</b>				
Grants		0	0	10,000	0
Donations		4,240		4,418	4,240
Pool Income		95,630		80,338	95,630
Fundraising events		4,105		5,905	4,105
Café sales		72,984		82,277	72,984
Rental income				0	0
Insurance claims receivable				0	0
		176,959	0	182,938	176,959
<b>Expenditure from:</b>					
Cost of sales		(38,036)		(43,082)	(38,036)
Employee and Volunteer Costs		(86,590)		(80,491)	(86,590)
Equipment and Premises Costs		(37,003)		(44,901)	(35,833)
Administration costs		(3,830)		(765)	(3,830)
Fees, subscriptions and Insurance		(12,180)		(11,007)	(12,180)
Building and development projects		(5,954)	0	0	(5,954)
		(183,593)	0	(180,246)	(182,423)
Net income/expenditure		(6,634)	0	2,692	(5,464)
Pool development 2024					(109,990)
Fund Balance at 31 March 2023		130,315	5,024	135,339	130,315
Fund Balances at 31 March 2024		14,861	0	14,861	14,861

All activities are classed as continuing. There are no recognised gains or losses other than those reported on the Statement of Financial Activities.