

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	January	2024		31	December	2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name OVERWATER WHEELYBOAT SERVICES

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1179021

Charity's principal address

THE LONG HOUSE

KINSEY HEATH

AUDLEM, CHESHIRE

Postcode

CW3 0DR

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	JOHN HUMPHRIES	CHAIRMAN		
2	MICHAEL COOKSON	TREASURER		
3	MICHAEL HARTHERN			
4	MICHAEL VLASTO			
5	ANGUS MAUGHAN			
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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
BANK	NATWEST	42 CHESHIRE STREET
		MARKET DRAYTON
		SHROPSHIRE TF9 1PG

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)	MEMBERS OR TRUSTEES MAY APPOINT A NEW TRUSTEE

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.

THE CHARITY HAS IN PLACE A CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS SAFEGUARDING POLICY.
THE PURPOSE OF THIS POLICY IS:-
TO ENSURE THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS WHO COME INTO CONTACT WITH THE CHARITY.
TO PROVIDE ALL TRUSTEES, STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS THE OVERARCHING PRINCIPLES THAT GUIDE OUR APPROACH TO SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

THE PROMOTION OF SOCIAL INCLUSION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT AMONG PEOPLE WITH LIMITED MOBILITY, SPECIAL NEEDS AND ELDERLY PEOPLE WHO ARE EXCLUDED FROM SOCIETY BECAUSE THEY HAVE LIMITED ACCESS TO TRANSPORT AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

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 CHARITY HAS PROVIDED COMMUNITY TRANSPORT FACILITIES VIA A BOAT AND A MINIBUS SERVICE. BOTH THE BOAT AND MINIBUS ARE CAPABLE OF PROVIDING WHEELCHAIR ACCESS.

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 CHARITY MANAGED TO INCREASE, OVER 2023, THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE CARRIED OON THE CANAL AND MINIBUS TO 885 THIS YEAR AS AGAINST 684 PREVIOUSLY.

WE HAVE BEEN FORTUNATE IN BEING ABLE TO RECRUIT NEW VOLUNTEERS, INCLUDING DRIVERS, TO WHOM APPROPRIATE TRAINING IS GIVEN.

WE CONTINUE TO IMPROVE THE I.T. MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS WHICH INCLUDES A BOOKING SYSTEM FOR THE TRIPS.

ONCE AGAIN WE MUST THANK OUR VOLUNTEERS AND MEMBERS FOR ALL THE WORK THEY PUT IN TO ENSURE THE CHARITY RUNS SMOOTHLY.

WITHOUT THE CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE OVERWATER MARINA THE CHARITY WOULD STRUGGLE TO OPERATE SUCCESSFULLY AND WE ARE GRATEFUL TO ALL AT THE MARINA.

WE SOLELY SURVIVE ON DONATIONS, GRANTS AND FUND RAISING EVENTS. OUR THANKS GO TO ALL, ESPECIALLY THE AUDLEM CHARITY SHOP FOR THEIR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION. OUR FUNRAISING THIS YEAR AMOUNTED TO NEARLY £12,000. WE HAVE APPLIED FOR SEVERAL GRANTS BUT HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL MAINLY DUE TO THE LACK OF AVAILABLE FUNDS AS MORE ORGANISATIONS ARE LOOKING AMONGST FEWER SOURCES. WE WILL CONTINUE TO APPLY FOR SUITABLE FUNDS.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

THE CHARITY AIMS TO HOLD SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE AND REPLACE ITS ASSETS.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

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 MAIN SOURCE OF INCOME HAS BEEN GRANTS AND DONATIONS AND IT IS OUR AIM TO CONTINUALLY SEEK FURTHER FUNDING IN THIS WAY.

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)	Michael Cookson	
Full name(s)	Michael Dean Cookson	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	
Date	10 th February 2025	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

OVERWATER WHEELYBOAT SERVICES

No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

1/1/2024

To

12/31/2024

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 AND GRANTS	10,407	-	-	10,407	11,168
FUND RAISING EVENTS	1,890	-	-	1,890	2,679
INTEREST	-	236	-	236	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	12,297	236	-	12,533	13,847
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	12,297	236	-	12,533	13,847
A3 Payments					
INSURANCES & LICENCES	2,709	-	-	2,709	1,237
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	1,805	-	-	1,805	1,012
FUEL	885	-	-	885	873
CLOTHING	343	-	-	343	299
DRIVER TRAINING & MEDICALS	250	-	-	250	1,542
I.T.SYSTEM	308	-	-	308	1,612
STATIONERY,POSTAGE & SUNDRIES	180	-	-	180	224
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	6,480	-	-	6,480	6,799
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	6,480	-	-	6,480	6,799
Net of receipts/(payments)	5,817	236	-	6,053	7,048
A5 Transfers between funds	- 6,000	6,000	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	5,297	14,000	-	5,297	12,249
Cash funds this year end	5,114	20,236	-	25,350	19,297

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(NAT WEST)	5,114	20,236	-

	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Total cash funds	5,114	20,236	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

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

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			
BUS	UNRESTRICTED	33,842	15,000
BOAT	UNRESTRICTED	10,000	1,500
SPARE ENGINE	UNRESTRICTED	2,141	500
RAILER	UNRESTRICTED	600	300
HEATER	UNRESTRICTED	1,782	1,000
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		-	-
		-	-
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	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	MICHAEL COOKSON	MICHAEL COOKSON	1/28/2025