

GOODWIN SANDS CONSERVATION TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1179289

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2018-07-23

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT OF THE GOODWIN SANDS BY:(1) EDUCATING THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE GOODWIN SANDS(2) ENSURING THE CONTINUED PROVISION BY THE GOODWIN SANDS AS A NATURAL SEA DEFENCE FOR THE EAST KENTFORESHORE AND THE CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF THE SAFE AND ANCIENT ANCHORAGE KNOWN AS THE DOWNS(3) RAISING AWARENESS OF THE HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE GOODWIN SANDS

Activities: The Trust intends to raise public awareness of the cultural, environmental and historical significance of the Goodwin Sands by creating displays in local maritime museums, providing an information board on the Deal and Walmer seafront, holding pop-up displays at community events and giving presentations and workshops to schools and interested groups.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-01-31	£5,244	£4,177	-	-
2024-01-31	£5,491	£2,870	-	-
2023-01-31	£8,400	£5,700	-	-
2022-01-31	£3,625	£2,438	-	-
2021-01-31	£3,252	£570	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
DAVID STEED		2018-07-23
FIONA PUNTER		2018-07-23
JOANNA THOMSON		2018-07-23
KEITH BRYAN WALDEGRAVE		2020-06-16

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ACCOUNT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR TO 31 JANUARY 2025

RECEIPTS	2025	2024
Donations received	1,144	2976
Grants received	-	400
Gift Aid received	-	753
Merchandise Sales	681	1,162
Talks	200	200
Total Receipts	2,025	5,491
 PAYMENTS		
Admin	174	203
Displays	-	231
Postage, Printing, Stationery	261	147
Projects	2,045	1,524
Subs to Others	25	45
Sundry (gazebo)	531	12
Training	--	-
Travel Expenses	322	336
Cost of Merchandise	819	372
Total Expenditure	4,177	2,870
Net of Receipts/(Payments)	(2,145)	2,621
Adjustment c/f from 2023		6
Cash in hand at year end	3,142	5,244

Signed *JBF*

Date *31.7.25* Position *Hon Treasurer*

Independent Examiner's Report on the Receipts and Payments Account for the year to 31.1.25
I have no concerns and have not come across any matters in connection with my examination to which attention should be drawn in order to understand the accounts properly.

Signed *C. PUNTER*

Date *25/7/25*

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Report for Charity Commission, November 2024

PRIMARY SCHOOL ACTIVITY SHEETS

We sent out three samples each of our nine primary school activity sheets to 39 schools in the surrounding district. We have received only one feedback from a Special Needs school in Deal but this was very positive. It was suggested we email the Head of each school we sent the sheets to, asking for feedback.

The activity sheets will be uploaded onto Times Educational Supplement where they can be sold for a small fee.

ORAL HISTORY PROJECT / PODCASTS

We have recorded 11 interviews of which eight have so far been partly edited. All the interviewees have stories to tell about their experiences with, on or around the Goodwin Sands.

We need to get podcasts out and about – suggestions were: Ramsgate Radio, Deal Radio, hospital radios, our website, We will ask the Maritime Archaeology Trust and Nautical Archaeology Society for suggestions. Other ideas are museums, our newsletter, Shepherd Neame pubs and live streaming on social media.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

We have given Powerpoint presentations to Ashford Rotary (2x), Ladies Unlimited, Deal Rotary, St Peters WI, Preston Tuesday Club and also talks to the Old Chums Club, Thanet Ladies Rotary and Sandwich Rotary. They have all been well received and the over riding feedback is that most people know very little about the Goodwins and are pleased to learn about them.

BATHYMETRIC MODELLING RESEARCH REPORT

This research report on the bathymetric modelling of the Goodwin Sands by Dover Harbour Board for their 2016 dredging licence application was peer reviewed by Professor Gerd Masselink of the University of Plymouth. The cost was £2,520. Thanks to a generous contribution from one supporter we raised £2,702 which also covered the printing and postage costs. Reports were sent out to about 50 contacts by post as it was felt more notice would be taken than if receiving them by email.

Acknowledgements were received from The Crown Estate (TCE), Historic England and the Environment Agency.

We have been given an ISBN number we can associate with the report. We will register the report and lodge it with the Legal Books Depository.

GOODWIN SANDS MARINE CONSERVATION ZONE (MCZ) MANAGEMENT PLAN

Kent & Essex Inshore Fisheries & Conservation Authority (KEIFCA) has permission to apply for a new byelaw to prohibit bottom towed trawl gear on the inside section of the

MCZ – up to the six nautical mile limit. This is to protect the numerous *Sabellaria Spinosa* reefs. The process involves a public consultation and will probably take a year to get formalised.

We feel this is good news as if bottom towed gear is banned it would be difficult to accept aggregate extraction as being appropriate. We supported KIEFCA in part of this project by providing information on the shipwrecks located in the MCZ from which they have created an interactive map of wreck locations.

POP UP DISPLAYS

We were unable to get our two charity slots at Deal Market this year but provided a stall at Walmer Brocante in August. We were going to hold one in the Captains Garden at Deal Castle on Heritage weekend but the weather forestalled this.

We have found a story teller for Walmer Council's Childrens Festival in July 2025 as the one we had planned for this year pulled out.

We have sourced new items of merchandise and continue to look at new opportunities.

We invested in a new stronger gazebo that will withstand wet and windy coastal weather and so far it has proved very good.

HMS NORTHUMBERLAND DIVE DAY

Dan Pascoe invited Joanna Thomson (Chairman) to join him and the MSDS team on the dive boat *Predator* in July. The weather was incredibly calm and they had had a week of good diving. Dan Snow had visited and dived with them the day before.

Visibility was excellent and Hefin Meara of Historic England was part of the dive team. They found ropes and cannons in good states of preservation which Dan hoped would prove the wreck is worth further investigation / excavation.

Dan Pascoe confirmed that they have submitted a bid to Heritage Lottery Fund for further funding to do more excavating of the site. He will keep us updated on progress.

DEAL CASTLE DISPLAY

We are still trying to persuade English Heritage that the Goodwins are linked to Deal Castle and that a display in the castle would be appropriate. Hefin Meara of Historic England has offered to help facilitate discussions. To be continued.

GROUPS MEMBERSHIP

We were invited (and accepted) to join the Joint Nautical Archaeology Policy group (JNAPC) and also the newly formed Deal History Alliance.



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RECEIPTS	2024	2023
Donations received	2976	878
Grants received	400	1,300
Gift Aid received	753	
Merchandise Sales	1,162	1,742
Talks	200	-
-		
Total Receipts	5,491	3,920
 PAYMENTS		
Admin	203	6
Displays	231	1,738
Postage, Printing, Stationery	147	371
Projects	1,524	3,192
Subs to Others	45	-
Sundry	12	184
Training	-	-
Travel Expenses	336	200
Cost of Merchandise	372	-
Total Expenditure	2,870	5,691
Net of Receipts/(Payments)	2,621	(1,771)
Adjustment c/f from 2023	6	
Cash in hand at year end	5,244	2,617

Signed JBF

Date 23-7-24 Position Chairman

Independent Examiner's Report on the Receipts and Payments Account for the year to 31.1.24

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Signed [Signature]

Date 23-7-24

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Annual Report for the Charity Commission for the year to 31 January 2023

In October 2022 Dover Harbour Board announced they were abandoning their plans to dredge the Goodwin Sands for marine aggregate. However, in January 2023 The Crown Estate (who own the UK seabed out to the 12nm limit) confirmed they still intend to put the Sands out to tender sometime in the future. Thus our work continues.

It also means that our research on the quality of bathymetric modelling required for an Environmental Impact Assessment remains very valid. We approached the Coastal Marine Applied Research group at the University of Plymouth who confirmed they would be happy to peer review our research report for a fee of £2,500.

The Ramsgate Society invited us to join a working group to oversee the regeneration of Ramsgate Maritime Museum. Funds have been raised through the Government's Levelling Up programme but further money is required. The new museum intends to have a Goodwins Gallery – hence our involvement in the project.

We continued working with the Kent and Essex Inshore Fisheries & Conservation Authority to draw up an effective management plan for the Goodwin Sands Marine Conservation Zone.

We took part in a number of speaking engagements and pop up displays around the Deal area. We took part in the Deal Music & Arts Childrens Festival by providing a giant colouring canvas for children (and adults) to colour in. The result is spectacular and we are still looking for a home to hang the completed canvas.

In November 2022 we held a very successful exhibition at the Taylor-Jones gallery in Deal entitled *Dark and Stormy*. The display included story boards and artefacts from wrecks on the Goodwins. It was then transferred to Dover Museum for three months. We raised £1,000 from a Preview Night which will go towards the cost of editing our podcast series (see below).

In December 2022 we started recording a series of podcasts. Our interviewees are all people with various different and interesting experiences of the Goodwin Sands. One was a wonderful old fisherman who helped discover the wreck of the *Stirling Castle* and who sadly died a couple of months after making the recording. The podcasts will be edited and broadcast as a series. Ramsgate Radio has indicated an interest in doing this.



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RECEIPTS	2023	2022
Donations received	878	948
Grants received	1,300	1,000
Gift Aid received	-	158
Merchandise Sales	1,742	1,518
Total Receipts	3,920	3,625
PAYMENTS		
Admin	6	29
Displays	1,738	1,995
Postage, Printing, Stationery	371	181
Projects	3,192	-
Subs to Others	-	15
Sundry	184	-
Training	-	210
Travel Expenses	200	16
Total Expenditure	5,691	2,438
Net of Receipts/(Payments)	(1,771)	1,187
Cash in hand at year end	2,667	4,438

Signed JBS

Date 12/7/23

Position Chairman

Independent Examiner's Report on the Receipts and Payments Account for the year to 31.1.23

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Signed [Signature]

Date 11/7/23

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27th September 2022

ANNUAL TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE CHARITIES COMMISSION

We have had a busy year with many of our ongoing projects finally coming to fruition.

The Historic Information Panel that was 2 ½ years in the making, partly due to Covid, was finally installed on Walmer Seafront in May 2022 and has been much admired. This was a collaborative project with Walmer Parish Council and Dover District Council with funding also being received from Deal Town Council, the Sir Roger de Haan Charitable Foundation and Kent County Council.

We received a grant of £1,000 from Dover District Council which we used to create and publish our childrens' leaflets and colouring sheets depicting fabulous cartoons drawn by a local artist. They have been exceedingly well received and are distributed FOC at local events and venues.

We hosted two speakers at the annual Deal & Arts Music Festival to a full house at The Astor theatre in Deal. The talks were a bit more intense and lengthier than we had envisaged – an issue that will need to be addressed for the next time.

We worked with The Ramsgate Society and the National Museum of the Royal Navy to catalogue and remove all the artefacts from The Stirling Castle room at Ramsgate Maritime Museum for conservation and safekeeping at the Royal Historic Dockyard in Portsmouth. The fabric of the museum building is in serious disrepair and the artefacts were at high risk from the damp. A Dutch cannon had to be left in the museum as it was too heavy to move. It is intended the artefacts will be displayed in Kent when another suitable venue is found – hopefully the refurbished Ramsgate Maritime Museum.

We continue to work with the Kent & Essex Inshore Fisheries Conservation Authority to draw up an effective management plan for the Goodwin Sands Marine Conservation Zone.

We undertook considerable research on the historic bathymetric surveys conducted on the Goodwin Sands by Dover Harbour Board for their dredging licence application. Our results showed a cause for concern about the accuracy and reliability of these surveys. We discussed these with our MP Mrs Natalie Elphicke who offered to hold a Parliamentary Round Table meeting to discuss our findings. The meeting has yet to be arranged.

We continued to stage Pop Up Displays including at Deal Market, Walmer Brocante and a couple of Christmas Fairs. Funds raised from these all go towards are annual running costs.



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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR TO 31ST JANUARY 2022

RECEIPTS	2022	2021
Donations received	948	402
Grants received	1,000	2,850
Gift Aid received	158	-
Merchandise sales	1,518	-
Total Receipts	3,625	3,252
PAYMENTS		
Admin	29	121
Postage	35	57
Pop Up Displays	1,995	-
Printing & stationery	146	206
Subscriptions to others	15	-
Sundry	-	186
Training	210	-
Travel expenses	16	-
Total expenditure	2,438	570
Net of receipts / (payments)	1,187	2,682
Cash in hand at year end	4,438	3,230

Signed *JBT*
Date 25.7.22 Position Chairman

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Signed *[Signature]*
Date 5/7/22

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR TO 31st JANUARY 2021

RECEIPTS	2021	2020
Donations received	402	10,537
Grants received	2,850	-
Gift aid received	-	2,930
TOTAL RECEIPTS	3,252	13,467
PAYMENTS		
Admin	121	
Donation to GWS SOS		19,100
Postage	57	-
Printing & Stationery	206	34
Sundry Admin		35
Sundry	186	-
TOTAL PAYMENTS	570	19,169
Net of receipts / (payments)	2,682	(5,702)
Cash fund last year end		548
Cash fund this year end	3,230	

Signed *JBF*
Date *21.5.21* Position *Chair*

Independent Examiner's Report on the Receipts and Payments Account for the year to 31.1.2021

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Signed *[Signature]*
Date *21/5/21*