

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 updatd 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.



GOODWIN SANDS CONSERVATION TRUST CHARITY NO. 1179289
ACCOUNT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR TO 31 JANUARY 2024

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 JB

Date 23-7-24 Position Chairman

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

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 [Signature]

Date 23-7-24