MARINE IN THE COMMUNITY

England & Wales · Charity number 1183929

Details

Other names	MITC
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2019-06-17
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: 1. THE PROMOTION OF COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN HEALTHY RECREATION IN PARTICULAR BY THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR THE PLAYING OF FOOTBALL AND OTHER SPORTS.2. TO ACT AS A RESOURCE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE UP TO THE AGE OF 25 LIVING IN SOUTH SEFTON, AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS, BY PROVIDING ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE AND ORGANISING PROGRAMMES OF PHYSICAL, EDUCATIONAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES AS A MEANS OF:(A) ADVANCING IN LIFE AND HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE BY DEVELOPING THEIR SKILLS, CAPACITIES AND CAPABILITIES TO ENABLE THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN SOCIETY AS INDEPENDENT, MATURE AND RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUALS; (B) ADVANCING EDUCATION; (C) RELIEVING UNEMPLOYMENT; 3.PROVIDING RECREATIONAL AND LEISURE TIME ACTIVITY IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR PEOPLE LIVING IN THE AREA OF BENEFIT WHO HAVE NEED BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABILITY, POVERTY OR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES WITH A VIEW TO IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE OF SUCH PERSONS.

Activities: We tackle local issues e.g. loneliness, isolation, poverty, community safety, physical and mental health and well being identified through consultation with users/potential users, and local, regional and national statistics, e.g. we deliver projects tackling need through sport and social engagement.

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Lancashire
- Liverpool City
- Sefton

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£150,198	£134,060	-	-
2023-12-31	£144,760	£149,157	-	-
2022-12-31	£121,598	£158,256	-	-
2021-12-31	£135,965	£73,564	-	-
2020-12-31	£61,482	£58,422	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
James Leary	Chair	2019-06-17
David Fairclough		2023-11-01
David Henry Bellis		2023-07-24
Martin James Earl		2024-07-12
Paul Wilkinson		2023-11-01
Paul William Leary		2023-07-24
Rebecca Louise Eustace		2019-06-17

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Accounts

Charity registration number 1183929

Company registration number CE017865 (England and Wales)

MARINE IN THE COMMUNITY

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

MARINE IN THE COMMUNITY

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mr J R Leary	
	Mr P W Leary	
	Mr D Bellis	
	Mr P Wilkinson	(Appointed 1 January 2024)
	Mr D Fairclough	(Appointed 1 January 2024)
	Mr M Earl	(Appointed 1 July 2024)
Secretary	Mr C Mitchell	
Community director	Mr G Gardiner	
Charity number	1183929	
Company number	CE017865	
Registered office	Marine Travel Arena College Road Crosby Liverpool L23 3AS	
Reporting accountant	A P Bradshaw FFA FFTA 22 Coronation Road Crosby Liverpool L23 5RQ	
Bankers	NatWest, Great Crosby 1 Liverpool Road Crosby Liverpool L23 2TD	

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MARINE IN THE COMMUNITY

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Chairman statement

2024 was a very successful year for Marine in The Community and once again I am proud of the continued development and progress made by the organization.

In 2022 we reached a critical stage in our development as our growth was restricted due to the limited facilities. We spent 2023 planning a new community hub – a new building situated at the Marine Travel Arena – which would allow us to accelerate our community engagement and really drive forward our impact locally.

To fund the new community hub, in 2024 we carried out many fundraising activities and received support from many grant holders. The total sum generated has meant that we have raised the funds required to build the hub. Our thanks to;

(a) our Trustee David Fairclough who hosted a sporting dinner with over 100 guests with David as main speaker supported by comedian Stan Boardman
(b) Paul Sutherland who organized a sponsored marathon which started and finished at the Marine in the Community headquarters and over 100 runners took part
(c) The Clothworkers Foundation
(d) Sefton Council with a donation from the Sefton Council Transition Fund
(e) The National Lottery
(f) The Football Foundation

Now that we successfully raised the necessary funds in 2024, the off-site construction of the hub has commenced in January 2025 by Eagle Containers and the Community Hub is due for installation summer 2025.

In addition to the work on the Community Hub development, Marine in The Community, led by our Community Director, Graeme Gardiner, has continued to develop local links and support local people.

The Community Café still is the talk of Sefton, with many pensioners coming every week to share stories, enjoy company, play games and listen to music. The impact on the people who attend can not be understated.

Our many other varied activities, aimed towards the U16's or the over 50's as outlined by our Community Director demonstrate the breadth of activities we continue to build on.

2024 was a significant year where we;

(1) Raised the funding to build the Community Hub
(2) Generated the highest income to date which allowed us to increase the number of projects
(3) Continued our sustainable financial position

Once again, I thank all of our sponsors, Trustees, volunteers, staff and the local community in allowing us to help and support many people in our local community on an ever-increasing scale.

Community Director Statement

Marine in the Community (MITC) has continued to thrive despite the challenging circumstances of recent times, providing unwavering support to the people of Crosby and Sefton. This year has marked a significant period of growth, highlighted by the successful fundraising efforts to support the construction of a new community hub valued at over £100,000. This centre will be an invaluable asset to MITC, enabling the charity to expand its services and deliver a wider range of support through a modern, purpose-built and technologically equipped facility.

Construction of the hub is currently underway, with completion anticipated by June 2025. This development stands as a testament to the success and progress MITC has achieved in recent years. We extend our sincere thanks to our partner, Marine AFC, whose steadfast support has been instrumental in the realisation of this project. The contributions of the club, our sponsors, Sefton Council, and the wider community have made this exciting development possible.

Our work within the community continues to evolve as we forge new partnerships and extend our reach to a broader demographic. Our health and well-being programmes—including Yoga, Zumba, Pilates, Chair-Based Exercises, Walking Groups, and Walking Football for both men and women—have become vital platforms for maintaining community cohesion and promoting healthier lifestyles.

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

MITC plays a crucial role as a consistent and trusted provider of essential services, demonstrating an unwavering commitment to community engagement. Our community café has grown into one of the most popular in Sefton, offering a welcoming environment and much-needed social connection. Similarly, our IT training sessions have empowered older residents to navigate the digital world confidently, improving their ability to communicate through social media and stay safe online.

We continue to support a network of primary schools, helping young children lead more active and healthy lives. Our work with secondary schools—delivering sports leadership programmes, free coaching, girls' football festivals, educational initiatives, work experience placements, and football tournaments—further reinforces our impact across age groups. MITC also nurtures valuable partnerships with disability groups and specialist schools, including Crosby High.

Our collaboration with leading football clubs—Everton FC, Liverpool FC, and Tranmere Rovers FC — alongside CrimeStoppers and Merseyside Police, has been particularly impactful. Together, we are tackling critical issues such as knife crime, county lines, and violence against women. This pioneering partnership has received recognition in the Houses of Parliament and stands as a model of unity and action in addressing some of society's most complex challenges.

I would like to extend my gratitude to our Chairman, James Leary, for his unwavering support and leadership, which have been instrumental in shaping the direction and success of Marine in the Community. I am equally grateful to our Trustees and volunteers, whose tireless commitment continues to create a lasting and positive difference in the lives of those we serve.

Finally, my heartfelt thanks go to all our sponsors and supporters. Your generosity and belief in our mission have been the driving force behind every achievement. Without your support, none of this would have been possible. Together, we remain united in our mission to support, uplift, and empower our community.

James Leary
Chairman

Date: 22 May 2025

Graeme Gardiner
Community Director

Date: 22 May 2025

MARINE IN THE COMMUNITY

TRUSTEES REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Report of the trustees for the period 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024
The trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the period ended 31st December 2024. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and 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 published (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

Objectives and activities
The purposes of the charity are:

1. The promotion of community participation in healthy recreation, in particular by the provision of facilities for the playing of football and other sports.
2. To act as a resource for young people up to the age of 25 living in South Sefton, and the surrounding areas, by providing advice and assistance and organising programmes of physical, educational and other activities as a means of:
    (a) advancing in life and helping young people by developing their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals.
    (b) advancing education.
    (c) relieving unemployment.
3. Providing recreational and leisure time activity in the interests of social welfare for people living in the area of benefit who have need by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, poverty or social and economic circumstances with a view to improving the conditions of life of such persons.

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives, in planning future activities, and setting the policies for the year.

The charity furthers its charitable purposes for the public benefit through undertaking community activities defined following consultation with users and local people e.g. through a community audit.

Achievements and performance

Welcome to the 2024 Annual Review of Marine in the Community (MITC). We were established as a charity on 17th June 2019 and have continued to grow and develop, laying solid foundations for our future work. During this period of time, we have worked hard upon the development of many new partnerships, brought about as a consequence of our endeavors to provide services and activities to meet local need and demand.

From the outset we strove to understand what local needs were and how we might meet those needs and explore opportunities to come together to create a strong and sustainable independent community hub. To this end we consulted with users and potential users, mostly local people, local junior teams, youth groups, local clubs, 8 local primary schools, 4 senior high schools, Special Schools, 3rd Sector and statutory organizations including the local authority, Sefton CVS, and faith groups through 1:1 interviews, forums, via our media channels and through a community questionnaire. Furthermore, we explored local, district, regional and national statistics.

Through ongoing consultation with beneficiaries, we have seen the charity respond in a way the trustees may not have envisaged from the outset but one that has seen the numbers of people accessing our programmed increase week by week. New ventures have created opportunities for many local people to take an active role as volunteers, as well as participants, some becoming peer mentors and educators. The review highlights and celebrates our achievements as a charity and looks to build on a strong start to achieve a sustainable future, one that supports the local community for many years to come.

In a position to make informed decisions surrounding the type of project the community would want MITC to deliver the trustees appointed a freelance Community Director to manage the day to day operations of services and activities. This move proved to have an immediate impact.

In a short space of time we have forged new partnerships with schools, both secondary and primary; Sefton Headway, Age Concern, Local Care providers and Sefton Alzheimer's organisations supporting the elderly, vulnerable and isolated, and in a year of most testing circumstances have stepped up to the plate delivering food, information, quizzes and friendly chat on a weekly basis to many people shielding. We have supported children and young people; and people with complex needs and anti-social behaviour. We have listened to partners and beneficiaries about engaging people in different ways and have reached out to a broad age range -from five years old to one hundred years of age – just about as broad as you can get! - and delivered projects and activities that compliment rather than compete with other local provision. Thus focussed and targeted effort has been effective and successful, manifesting itself through increasing numbers attending, positive feedback from beneficiaries, and other providers making referrals to us.

MITC has worked with these partners to establish joined up working to the benefit of local people.
A growing and effective partnership structure has enabled shared consultation that identifies need, common issues, and a skills and specialist knowledge resource bank from which the partnerships can benefits from the likes of:

- economies of scale
- shared learning
- staff resource sharing
- joint initiatives
- consistent and compatible monitoring & evaluation systems and processes
- impact measurement.

The partnerships have thrived as we continue to develop joint initiatives and partners gain the confidence and understanding in each other's ability and willingness to contribute; and Marine in the Community's growing capacity starts to reach further to explore different ways of meeting local need.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

During 2024 Marine in the Community were successful in several grant applications. We are extremely thankful for the support of the following organizations towards a number of objectives:

- John Moores Foundation
- Awards for All
- Liverpool City Region
- Merseyside Police
- Sefton CVS
- Versus Arthritis
- Rainford Trust
- Integral JLL
- Trident Foundation
- Radfield Homecare

The grants enable MITC to develop as a charity and engage with local people who are supporters of the football club, and the wider community. Grants were used to improve community engagement delivered mainly through our fantastic volunteer workforce. Funding secured in 2024 will support the appointment of sessional staff to support volunteering and deliver a broad range of experiences for local people to engage with.

PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

During the year of 2024 MITC has delivered the following projects:

1. Community Café

MITC continues to pursue its core objective: engaging with local older residents to support their mental and physical health, enhance mindfulness and well-being, and promote independent living free from loneliness and isolation. Our community engagement has grown significantly, with over 100 attendees each week supported by 10–15 volunteers. The introduction of live music, dancing, quizzes, and hearty lunches has significantly improved attendees' physical, mental, and social well-being. Participation continues to grow weekly, and interest from the wider community is increasing.

Volunteers have also set up WhatsApp groups and regularly contact lunch club members to check on their well-being and build new friendships. MITC has adapted to provide a service we can be proud of, continuing to serve the community during these challenging times.

2. ICT Training

MITC continues its ICT training programme in partnership with sixth form students from Merchant Taylors' Boys' School. These one-on-one sessions with senior citizens were a great success, enabling participants to use their devices confidently and connect with friends and family. This intergenerational initiative fostered mutual respect and support, laying a solid foundation for future development in digital literacy.

3. Walking Football

Walking football thrived in 2024, with increasing numbers of participants. Our women's team has become a well-established weekly group. Given the mental health challenges of recent years this activity has proven vital, offering a space for fitness, socialisation, and normalcy. It continues to meet growing demand for weekly exercise, teamwork, and social engagement.

4. Walking Heritage Group

The walking heritage group has remained active and adaptable. With over 30 members, the group has explored a wide variety of local walks and heritage sites across Merseyside. These activities have provided essential social interaction and exercise, especially for those who felt isolated. The group is supported by dedicated volunteer leaders and is always finished off in a friendly café to enjoy a chat and discuss the walks and history explored.

5. Girls Football

Our Girls' Football programme continues working with local secondary schools, and our coaches delivered sessions culminating in a football festival at Marine Travel Arena with over 130 participants. The programme promotes physical activity, teamwork, competition and skill development, while encouraging long-term engagement in sport.

6. Community Garden

Our well-established community garden has continued to thrive, supported by local residents, school pupils, and Sefton Headway volunteers. The space promotes environmental sustainability, supports biodiversity, and offers physical, mental, and social benefits. The garden is lovingly maintained by volunteers and is a testament to collective effort.

7. Free Coaching in local schools

Throughout the pandemic, MITC provided crucial support to local primary and secondary schools by offering free coaching sessions. MiTC continues to offer these same opportunities to promote children's health and well-being for children who may suffer from isolation and limited social interaction.

8. Sefton Alzheimer's and Dementia Society

We have established a monthly café and support hub in partnership with the Sefton Alzheimer's and Dementia Society, serving local individuals and families. With 20–30 attendees each month, the initiative has been well received and demand for further sessions is increasing.

9. Kit Aid

One of our most successful collaborations has been with KitAid and Marine FC. Club historian Barry Lenton reached his goal of collecting 20,000 items of kit by December 2023. Barry also authored a comprehensive book celebrating Marine FC's 125-year history and community engagement, culminating in the formation of MITC as a charitable incorporated organisation.

10. Yoga

Yoga sessions have grown in popularity, with 20–30 weekly attendees benefiting from improved mobility, well-being, and social interaction. Sessions are followed by tea and coffee, creating a warm and inclusive community space.

11. Zumba Dancing

Zumba has become one of our standout activities in 2024, with 24–30 adults attending weekly. These vibrant, two-hour sessions promote health, social connection, confidence, and joy, helping participants to form lasting friendships.

12. CrimeStoppers

MITC partnered with CrimeStoppers on the "4 Clubs, One Goal" initiative with Liverpool FC, Everton FC, and Tranmere Rovers. The project tackles knife and gun crime across Merseyside. A recent football festival at Marine FC involved 100 pupils and featured workshops, talks from Blood Doctors, and crime prevention sessions. This impactful event is the first of many in this vital partnership with Merseyside Police and local schools and communities.

13. Christmas Carol Concert

Our annual Christmas Carol Concert brought together over 100 attendees to celebrate the season. Supported by local singers, Merchant Taylors' Boys' School and our volunteers, the event provided a joyful, intergenerational experience and a welcome reprieve from the challenges of recent years.

14. Literacy Kicks

Our partnership with *Literacy Kicks* brought sports journalism to schools like St Luke's Halsall and Trinity St Peter's. Pupils learned to write match reports, blogs, and opinion pieces, gaining confidence and improving literacy. The programme, led by national journalist Gareth Walker and funded by the Trident Community Foundation, concluded with pupils attending a Marine FC game to apply their skills as sports journalists. Teachers praised the programme for its engagement, creativity, and impact on students.

15. Fundraising

MITC hosted several fundraising events including bucket collections, half-marathons, and our first Sporting Dinner. These efforts raised over £5,000, contributing to the construction of our new community hub, scheduled to open in early summer 2025.

16. Sports Leaders

In partnership with Merseyside Police's Operation Stonehaven, we launched a new Sports Leaders programme. This initiative targets students with behavioural challenges, offering them the chance to train as coaches, complete referee qualifications, and earn First Aid certificates. Many participants have gone on to volunteer or work in local football, including Marine FC events.

17. Houses of Parliament Recognition

MITC was invited to a recognition event at the Houses of Parliament, hosted by MPs and the sponsors of the Northern Premier League. Our projects on girls' football and the partnership with CrimeStoppers received national recognition and media coverage.

18. Free Lunch Deliveries

We continue to deliver free lunches during key times of the year such as Christmas and Easter. These are targeted at those who are isolated and unable to leave their homes, providing both nourishment and connection.

19. Winter Warm Centre & Warm Packs

MITC is a recognised Winter Warm Centre, in partnership with Sefton CVS. We provide tea, coffee, and biscuits weekly and distribute warm packs with essentials to help residents stay safe during the colder months.

20. Work Experience and Apprenticeships

We offer regular work experience opportunities for secondary students, sixth formers, and undergraduates. Many of these roles lead to sessional or permanent employment. This year, our apprentice Joel Stringer completed a community coaching course with distinction and went on to work for Manchester City FC before securing a senior role in Abu Dhabi—a testament to the opportunities MITC creates.

21. Volunteers

MITC is supported by over 30 regular volunteers, who help run the café, assist at events, transport attendees, and more. Their contributions are vital to our success, and we are deeply grateful for their ongoing dedication.

Reserves policy and going concern
The balance held in total reserves at 31st December 2024 was £51,611, comprising of a surplus of £15,882 in Restricted Funds and surplus of £35,729 in Unrestricted Funds, after allowing for funds tied up in tangible fixed assets.

The Charity's main source of income is grants and charitable donations. The Trustees consider that it is appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis and, consequently, the accounts do not include any adjustments that would be necessary if these sources of income should cease.

The trustees aim to establish and maintain free reserves in unrestricted funds at a level which equates to approximately three months of unrestricted charitable expenditure. The trustees consider that this level will provide sufficient funds to respond to applications for grants and ensure that support and governance costs are covered.

The trustees consider that the charity is a going concern. Any reliance on grant funding is managed through a flexible approach to activities and project delivery.

Structure, governance and management
Marine in the Community is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation governed by its constitution dated 1st November 2018 and registration as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (Foundation) number 1183929 with the Charity Commission on 17th June 2019.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr J R Leary	
Mr P W Leary	
Mr D Bellis	
Mr P Wilkinson	(Appointed 1 January 2024)
Mr D Fairclough	(Appointed 1 January 2024)
Mr M Earl	(Appointed 1 July 2024)

Appointment of trustees
As set out in the constitution trustees are elected annually by the members of the charitable organisation attending the Annual General meeting. Trustees are appointed for a period of three years and shall retire from office by rotation based on their length of service and may offer themselves for re-election.

Organisation
The trustees administer the charity and meet formally on a quarterly basis. A freelance Community Director has been appointed by the trustees to manage the day-to-day operations of the charity and he is supported by volunteers and sessional workers.

Trustee induction and training
Trustees are given information about their role and responsibilities on first being appointed. They are also given a copy of the constitution, information about staffing and the charity management, and they are also shown copies of policy documents.

Related parties and co-operation with other organisations
None of our trustees receive remuneration or other benefit from their work with the charity. Any connection between a trustee or senior manager with any service providers must be disclosed to the full board of trustees in the same way as any other contractual relationship with a related party. Trustees must declare any conflict of interest as a standard agenda item at each meeting.

Statement of trustees responsibilities

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure for that period.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees will be required to:

- Select suitable accounting principles and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures that must be disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is appropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with legal requirements. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Mr J R Leary
Trustee
Dated: 11 July 2025

MARINE IN THE COMMUNITY

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES ON THE PREPARATION OF THE UNAUDITED STATUTORY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF MARINE IN THE COMMUNITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity (" the Trust") for the year ended to 31st December 2024.

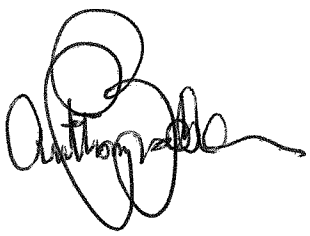
As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirement of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect :

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirement concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as 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.



A P Bradshaw FFA FFTA

Independent Examiner

11 July 2025

22 Coronation Road
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MARINE IN THE COMMUNITY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	2	59,569	25,580	85,149	75,025	42,665	117,690
Charitable activities	3	65,049	-	65,049	27,070	-	27,070
Total income		124,618	25,580	150,198	102,095	42,665	144,760
Charitable activities	4	114,163	19,897	134,060	111,555	37,602	149,157
Net income/(expenditure) and movement in funds		10,455	5,683	16,138	(9,460)	5,063	(4,397)
Reconciliation of funds:							
Fund balances at 1 January 2024		25,274	10,199	35,473	34,734	5,136	39,870
Fund balances at 31 December 2024		35,729	15,882	51,611	25,274	10,199	35,473

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

MARINE IN THE COMMUNITY

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	**8**		2,365		3,419
Current assets					
Debtors	**9**	3,059		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		84,225		46,948	
		87,284		46,948	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**10**	(31,534)		(4,348)	
Net current assets			55,750		42,600
Total assets less current liabilities			58,115		46,019
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	**11**		(6,504)		(10,546)
Net assets			51,611		35,473
Income funds					
Restricted funds			15,882		10,199
Unrestricted funds			35,729		25,274
			51,611		35,473

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The director acknowledges his responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 11 July 2025

Mr J R Leary
Trustee

Company Registration No. CE017865

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Marine In The Community is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Marine Travel Arena, College Road, Crosby, Liverpool, L23 3AS.

1.1 Accounting convention

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the period ended 31st December 2024. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and 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 published (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

1.2 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

1.3 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Plant and equipment	25% Reducing Balance Method
Computers	33.33% Reducing Balance Method

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.4 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2024	**2024**	**2024**	2023	2023	2023
	£	**£**	**£**	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	7,762	10,580	18,342	75,025	14,066	89,091
Grant income	51,807	15,000	66,807	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	28,599	28,599
	59,569	25,580	85,149	75,025	42,665	117,690

3 Charitable income

	2024	**2023**
	£	**£**
Pitch hire income	65,049	27,070

4 Charitable expenditure

	2024	2023
	£	£
Staff costs	63,247	72,741
Depreciation and impairment	1,053	1,535
Bank charges	646	278
Sessional staff costs	23,744	24,222
General expenses	13,173	15,855
Rent	14,300	22,205
Reporting accountant	1,380	1,200
Small equipments	649	1,392
Advertising	-	563
Bookkeeping and payroll fees	2,928	1,728
Computer software costs	551	470
Loan interest paid	218	317
Community donations	731	315
Community food purchases	4,312	-
Legal and Professional fees	7,128	6,336
	134,060	149,157
	134,060	149,157
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	114,163	111,555
Restricted funds	19,897	37,602
	134,060	149,157

5 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

6 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

2024	2023
Number	Number
2	6

6 Employees (Continued)

Employment costs	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	61,861	71,235
Other pension costs	1,386	1,506
	63,247	72,741

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

7 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

8 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and equipment	Computers	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 January 2024	1,855	5,783	7,638
At 31 December 2024	1,855	5,783	7,638
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 January 2024	812	3,408	4,220
Depreciation charged in the year	261	792	1,053
At 31 December 2024	1,073	4,200	5,273
Carrying amount			
At 31 December 2024	782	1,583	2,365
At 31 December 2023	1,043	2,376	3,419

9 Debtors

Amounts falling due within one year:	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade debtors	2,915	-
Prepayments and accrued income	144	-
	3,059	-

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	3,352	1,336
Trade creditors	2,068	781
Other creditors	1,114	1,331
Accruals and deferred income	25,000	900
	31,534	4,348

11 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	Notes	2024	2023
		£	£
Bank loans		6,504	10,546

12 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2024	2024	2024	2023	2023	2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 December 2024 are represented by:						
Tangible assets	2,365	-	2,365	3,419	-	3,419
Current assets/(liabilities)	39,868	15,882	55,750	32,401	10,199	42,600
Long term liabilities	(6,504)	-	(6,504)	(10,546)	-	(10,546)
	35,729	15,882	51,611	25,274	10,199	35,473

MARINE IN THE COMMUNITY

England & Wales - Charity number 1183929

Accounts

Charity registration number 1183929

Company registration number CE017865 (England and Wales)

MARINE IN THE COMMUNITY

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

MARINE IN THE COMMUNITY

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mr J R Leary	
	Mr P W Leary	
	Mr M Earl	(Appointed 1 July 2024)
	Mr P Wilkinson	(Appointed 1 January 2024)
	Mr D Fairclough	(Appointed 1 January 2024)
Secretary	Mr C Mitchell	
Community director	Mr G Gardiner	
Charity number	1183929	
Company number	CE017865	
Registered office	Marine Travel Arena College Road Crosby Liverpool L23 3AS	
Reporting accountant	A P Bradshaw FFA FFTA 22 Coronation Road Crosby Liverpool L23 5RQ	
Bankers	NatWest, Great Crosby 1 Liverpool Road Crosby Liverpool L23 2TD	

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MARINE IN THE COMMUNITY

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Chairman statement

2023 was a testing year for much of our local community and Marine In The Community continued to try and make an ever-increasing contribution as we continued to develop and improved our social impact in the local area.

For the U16's we expanded our activities substantially;

- Working with Crimestoppers to reduce crime - four-clubs-one-goal working with Everton, Liverpool and Tranmere Rovers
- Working with disability groups
- Working with more primary schools and high schools than ever before
- Offering work experience opportunities to a number of locals
- Many tournaments held at the stadium

For the Over 50's we also expanded our activities including;

- IT classes to help elderly people "get online"
- Weekly walking football for woman in addition to the mens team
- Weekly community café continued to attract c. 100 pensioners every week
- Weekly heritage walking group expanded the number of people
- Regular Zumba, Yoga and Pilates classes

The major challenge we once again faced was the lack of space. We therefore progressed our efforts to build a new community hub and stepped up our fundraising efforts with a view to installing this in the summer of 2024. This will solve major problems and will allow us to scale up our activities even further going forward from 2024 onwards.

From a financial point of view, following a year in 2022 when we lost just over £30k in "investing to grow", we returned close to break-even in 2023. We achieved an increase in income from £122k in 2022 to £145k in 2023. This was thanks to our many supporters, sponsors, and grant holders who have allowed us to run many programmes for the benefit of people locally. We expect to continue to break-even every year going forward.

I would like to thank Graeme Gardiner, MITC Community Director, our Trustees, staff, volunteers, sponsors including Radfield Homecare, and the thousands of people getting involved in MITC throughout the year.

Community Director Statement

In the eventful year of 2023, Marine in the Community (MITC) has risen to the occasion, providing unwavering support to the people of Crosby and Sefton. This year marked a period of rebuilding and returning to normal duties. Our work in the community continues to grow as we forge new partnerships and expand our offerings to a broader range of people. Our health and wellbeing programmes, including Yoga, Zumba, Pilates, Chair Exercises, Walking Groups, and Walking Football for men and women, are essential platforms for maintaining community connections and promoting healthier lives.

MITC has played a crucial role as a vital link, continuously delivering these much-needed services and remaining steadfast in our commitment. Our community café has become one of the most popular in Sefton, and our IT training classes have been highly successful in helping older community members better understand and connect through social media and online security.

We continue to support a cluster of primary schools, helping young children become more active and healthier, while our work with local secondary schools—offering free girls' football, education programmes, and football tournaments—continues to support our community. MITC also fosters partnerships with disability groups and schools such as Crosby High.

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Our collaborations with esteemed football clubs, including Everton FC, Liverpool FC, and Tranmere FC, alongside CrimeStoppers and Merseyside Police, have been significant in combating knife crime, county lines, and violence against women. Moreover, we have enhanced opportunities for teenage girls by offering free talks from the Royal Court and theatre productions around domestic abuse and coercion in local schools and a show at Marine Travel Arena.

In expressing my gratitude, I extend my thanks to our Chairman, James Leary, for his unwavering dedication and visionary leadership, which have shaped the path of Marine in the Community. Additionally, we are deeply grateful for the fantastic support from our Trustees and volunteers, who continue to make such a positive difference in our community.

Lastly, a resounding appreciation goes out to all our sponsors and benefactors, whose unwavering generosity has been the driving force behind the positive impact we have made on our local community. Without their support, none of this would have been possible. Together, we have stood strong, united in our mission to support and uplift the community we serve.

J Leary

James Leary
Chairman

Date: 24 July 2024

Graeme Gardiner

Graeme Gardiner
Community Director

Date: 24 July 2024

MARINE IN THE COMMUNITY

TRUSTEES REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Report of the trustees for the period 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023
The trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the period ended 31st December 2023. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and 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 published (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

Objectives and activities
The purposes of the charity are:

1. The promotion of community participation in healthy recreation, in particular by the provision of facilities for the playing of football and other sports.
2. To act as a resource for young people up to the age of 25 living in South Sefton, and the surrounding areas, by providing advice and assistance and organising programmes of physical, educational and other activities as a means of:
    (a) advancing in life and helping young people by developing their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals.
    (b) advancing education.
    (c) relieving unemployment.
3. Providing recreational and leisure time activity in the interests of social welfare for people living in the area of benefit who have need by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, poverty or social and economic circumstances with a view to improving the conditions of life of such persons.

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives, in planning future activities, and setting the policies for the year.

The charity furthers its charitable purposes for the public benefit through undertaking community activities defined following consultation with users and local people e.g. through a community audit.

Achievements and performance

Welcome to the 2023 Annual Review of Marine in the Community (MITC). We were established as a charity on 17th June 2019 and have continued to grow and develop, laying solid foundations for our future work. During this period of time, we have worked hard upon the development of many new partnerships, brought about as a consequence of our endeavors to provide services and activities to meet local need and demand.

From the outset we strove to understand what local needs were and how we might meet those needs and explore opportunities to come together to create a strong and sustainable independent community hub. To this end we consulted with users and potential users, mostly local people, local junior teams, youth groups, local clubs, 8 local primary schools, 4 senior high schools, Special Schools, 3rd Sector and statutory organizations including the local authority, Sefton CVS, and faith groups through 1:1 interviews, forums, via our media channels and through a community questionnaire. Furthermore, we explored local, district, regional and national statistics.

Through ongoing consultation with beneficiaries, we have seen the charity respond in a way the trustees may not have envisaged from the outset but one that has seen the numbers of people accessing our programmed increase week by week. New ventures have created opportunities for many local people to take an active role as volunteers, as well as participants, some becoming peer mentors and educators. The review highlights and celebrates our achievements as a charity and looks to build on a strong start to achieve a sustainable future, one that supports the local community for many years to come.

In a position to make informed decisions surrounding the type of project the community would want MITC to deliver the trustees appointed a freelance Community Director to manage the day to day operations of services and activities. This move proved to have an immediate impact.

In a short space of time we have forged new partnerships with schools, both secondary and primary; Sefton Headway, Age Concern, Local Care providers and Sefton Alzheimer's organisations supporting the elderly, vulnerable and isolated, and in a year of most testing circumstances have stepped up to the plate delivering food, information, quizzes and friendly chat on a weekly basis to many people shielding. We have supported children and young people; and people with complex needs and anti-social behaviour. We have listened to partners and beneficiaries about engaging people in different ways and have reached out to a broad age range -from five years old to one hundred years of age – just about as broad as you can get! - and delivered projects and activities that compliment rather than compete with other local provision. Thus focussed and targeted effort has been effective and successful, manifesting itself through increasing numbers attending, positive feedback from beneficiaries, and other providers making referrals to us.

MITC has worked with these partners to establish joined up working to the benefit of local people.
A growing and effective partnership structure has enabled shared consultation that identifies need, common issues, and a skills and specialist knowledge resource bank from which the partnerships can benefits from the likes of:

- economies of scale
- shared learning
- staff resource sharing
- joint initiatives
- consistent and compatible monitoring & evaluation systems and processes
- impact measurement.

The partnerships have thrived as we continue to develop joint initiatives and partners gain the confidence and understanding in each other's ability and willingness to contribute; and Marine in the Community's growing capacity starts to reach further to explore different ways of meeting local need.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

During 2023 Marine in the Community were successful in several grant applications. We are extremely thankful for the support of the following organizations towards a number of objectives:

- John Moores Foundation
- Awards for All
- Liverpool City Region
- Merseyside Police
- Sefton CVS
- Versus Arthritis
- Rainford Trust
- Integral JLL
- Trident Foundation
- Radfield Homecare

The grants enable MITC to develop as a charity and engage with local people who are supporters of the football club, and the wider community. Grants were used to improve community engagement delivered mainly through our fantastic volunteer workforce. Funding secured in 2023 will support the appointment of sessional staff to support volunteering and deliver a broad range of experiences for local people to engage with.

PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

During the year of 2023 MITC has delivered the following projects:

1. Community Café

We have continued to pursue our primary objective at MITC: engaging with local older people to support their mental and physical health, increase mindfulness and well-being, and help them live longer, independently, and free from loneliness and isolation. Our community engagement has grown significantly, with over 100 people attending each week and between 10 and 15 volunteers assisting. The introduction of live music, dancing, quizzes, and substantial lunches has greatly benefited attendees' health and well-being—physically, mentally, and socially. Each week, participation increases, and interest from the area continues to grow.

Additionally, our volunteers have created WhatsApp groups and regularly called members of the lunch club to check on their well-being and foster new friendships. MITC has adapted and evolved to provide a service we can be proud of, continuing to serve the community during this unprecedented time.

2. ICT Training

MITC introduced a pilot ICT training program at the club, collaborating with sixth form students from Merchant Taylors' Boys School. In this program, the students delivered one-on-one sessions to our senior members, which proved to be a great success. Many participants gained the confidence to use their IT equipment and phones, allowing them to connect with others both locally and far away. This intergenerational initiative not only bridged the gap between young and old but also created a supportive environment for all. It has established a strong foundation for future development in this area.

3. Walking Football

Walking football continued to thrive in 2023, with growing participation numbers. The women's walking football team, now well-established, has seen strong attendance and has become a regular weekly group. Given the challenges of 2023, improving mental health and well-being was more important than ever. Walking football emerged as a key initiative, providing a space for people to socialize, keep fit, and regain a sense of normality. This activity highlighted the increasing demand for regular weekly exercise, social interaction, personal challenges, and teamwork.

4. Walking Heritage Group

Amidst the challenges imposed by the pandemic, the walking group has remained resilient and adaptive, operating in accordance with government controls. The group has experienced a significant surge in demand, as many individuals found themselves isolated and inactive during these trying times. The walks have proven to be a much-needed source of relief and camaraderie, allowing participants to explore various local walks and heritage sites across Merseyside. With over 30 members, the group relies heavily on the dedication of our volunteer leaders and the generous support of Marine FC facilities.

5. Girls Football

The Girls Football programme has been a huge success this year, with MITC taking a leading role in the community by providing free coaching for teenage girls across the region. Our coaches have worked closely with local secondary schools, offering weekly free coaching sessions for their female students. This initiative culminated in a girls' football festival at Litherland Sports Centre, which brought together over 130 secondary school girls for an end-of-year celebration of the sport. Our goal is to continue providing opportunities for young girls to engage in football, fostering their passion for the sport and promoting physical activity, teamwork, and skill development.

6. Community Garden

Our community garden is now well established, and throughout the summer, local residents, school pupils, and Sefton Headway volunteers have come together to support a space that enriches the environment, supports local habitat and wildlife, and positively impacts mental, physical, and social well-being. The garden continues to be lovingly maintained by volunteers, and its growth stands as a testament to the power of collective efforts.

7. Free Coaching in local schools

Throughout the pandemic, MITC provided invaluable support to numerous local primary and secondary schools by offering free coaching opportunities whenever possible. These coaching sessions allowed children to engage with others, promoting health and well-being during a challenging time of isolation and confinement.

8. Sefton Alzheimer's and Dementia Society

In addition to our Community Café, we have established links with the Sefton Alzheimer's and Dementia Society, providing a monthly hub and café for local individuals and families affected by Alzheimer's and dementia. The support and advice offered in this hub have been well-received, with an average of 20 to 30 attendees each month. Moreover, the society's events and programs have garnered increased interest, leading to a demand for further activities.

9. Kit Aid

One of our most closely collaborated projects is Kit Aid, undertaken in partnership with the Northern Premier League club, Marine FC. Volunteer Barry Lenton has achieved a remarkable personal goal of collecting 20,000 items of kit by the end of December 2023. Barry has also devoted time to creating an extraordinary book chronicling the 125-year history of Marine FC, highlighting the club's expansive community engagement work that led to the establishment of Marine in the Community as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

10. Yoga

Among the activities offered by MITC, Yoga has gained significant popularity, attracting around 20 to 30 participants each week. This practice has proven to be highly beneficial for participants, promoting improved health, mobility, and overall well-being, while fostering new friendships. After each Yoga session, participants have the opportunity to enjoy tea and coffee, creating a welcoming social environment.

11. Zumba Dancing

An absolute standout activity in 2023 has been Zumba dancing, drawing over 24 to 30 adults, both men and women, to each weekly session. Running for over two hours, the sessions include a coffee break and offer numerous health benefits, fostering physical, social, and emotional well-being among the local community. The activity has become a platform for building self-confidence and forming meaningful friendships.

12. CrimeStoppers

MITC has established a significant partnership with CrimeStoppers, making a substantial contribution to supporting the local community by sharing information and helping in reducing crime. The program, known as 4 Clubs, One Goal, has now expanded to include Liverpool FC, Everton FC, and Tranmere FC. Through this initiative, we aim to address the severe impact of knife and gun crime in Merseyside, uniting our communities and promoting safety while reducing violence and antisocial behaviour on our streets. Marine FC hosted a fantastic event bringing together 100 pupils from across Merseyside in a festival of football. Each area was represented by one of the four main clubs of Merseyside. The target audience was to young boys and girls who might be in more danger of the impact of knife crime. The festival was punctuated with workshops from CrimeStopper, Blood Doctors, and Guest Speakers about the dangers and consequences of knife crime. The day was a huge success and will be a forerunner of more to come in this unique partnership across Merseyside.

13. Sports Traider

This marks the second year of our partnership with the national charity Sports Traider. The new sports shop at MITC now offers sports clothing and equipment to residents at significantly reduced costs, making sports participation more affordable for everyone. This initiative was supported by Merseyside Police, aiming to provide more opportunities for vulnerable individuals, volunteers, and others seeking employment and work experience. Profits generated by the shop are reinvested into local community activities and charities, providing substantial benefits to the community at large. This collaboration not only supports access to sports goods but also contributes to the social and economic well-being of the region.

14. Christmas Carol Concert

The enchanting Christmas Carol Concert, a culmination of collective efforts, united over 100 individuals in the joyous spirit of the season. Supported by the Sing Me Mersey Choir, Merchant Taylors' Boys School, Valewood Primary, and our dedicated volunteers, the event brought together people of all ages in celebration of Christmas and the profound spirit of giving. This year, the concert held particular significance, offering a much-needed respite from the darkness and isolation that the pandemic brought to many lives.

15. Royal Court

This year we welcomed the Royal Court Theatre Company to Marine Travel Arena. The company produced a wonderful show to over 150 students from Sacred Heart High School. The show highlighted the issues of gangs and coercion. It focused the dangers of drugs, county lines and peer pressure. The show was followed with a series of lessons to both Litherland and Sacred Heart High School, regards Violence to Women/ Domestic Abuse. These talks were a great success and the partnership between Marine in the Community and the Royal Court Theatre Company allowed more young people gain support and guidance with regards such important issues that face young people growing up.

Reserves policy and going concern
The balance held in total reserves at 31st December 2023 was £35,473, comprising of a surplus of £10,199 in Restricted Funds and surplus of £25,274 in Unrestricted Funds, after allowing for funds tied up in tangible fixed assets.

The Charity's main source of income is grants and charitable donations. The Trustees consider that it is appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis and, consequently, the accounts do not include any adjustments that would be necessary if these sources of income should cease.

The trustees aim to establish and maintain free reserves in unrestricted funds at a level which equates to approximately three months of unrestricted charitable expenditure. The trustees consider that this level will provide sufficient funds to respond to applications for grants and ensure that support and governance costs are covered.

The trustees consider that the charity is a going concern. Any reliance on grant funding is managed through a flexible approach to activities and project delivery.

Structure, governance and management
Marine in the Community is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation governed by its constitution dated 1st November 2018 and registration as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (Foundation) number 1183929 with the Charity Commission on 17th June 2019.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr J R Leary	
Mr P P Horan	(Resigned 31 December 2023)
Mr P W Leary	
Ms R L Eustace	(Resigned 31 December 2023)
Mr M Earl	(Appointed 1 July 2024)
Mr P Wilkinson	(Appointed 1 January 2024)
Mr D Fairclough	(Appointed 1 January 2024)

Appointment of trustees
As set out in the constitution trustees are elected annually by the members of the charitable organisation attending the Annual General meeting. Trustees are appointed for a period of three years and shall retire from office by rotation based on their length of service and may offer themselves for re-election.

Organisation
The trustees administer the charity and meet formally on a quarterly basis. A freelance Community Director has been appointed by the trustees to manage the day-to-day operations of the charity and he is supported by volunteers and sessional workers.

Trustee induction and training
Trustees are given information about their role and responsibilities on first being appointed. They are also given a copy of the constitution, information about staffing and the charity management, and they are also shown copies of policy documents.

Related parties and co-operation with other organisations
None of our trustees receive remuneration or other benefit from their work with the charity. Any connection between a trustee or senior manager with any service providers must be disclosed to the full board of trustees in the same way as any other contractual relationship with a related party. Trustees must declare any conflict of interest as a standard agenda item at each meeting.

Statement of trustees responsibilities

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure for that period.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees will be required to:

- Select suitable accounting principles and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures that must be disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is appropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with legal requirements. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

J Leary

Mr J R Leary
Trustee
Dated: 24 July 2024

MARINE IN THE COMMUNITY

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES ON THE PREPARATION OF THE UNAUDITED STATUTORY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF MARINE IN THE COMMUNITY FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity (" the Trust") for the year ended to 31st December 2023.

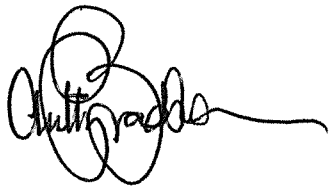
As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirement of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect :

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirement concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as 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.



A P Bradshaw FFA FFTA
Independent Examiner

24 July 2024
22 Coronation Road
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MARINE IN THE COMMUNITY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	2	75,025	42,665	117,690	76,284	26,768	103,052
Charitable activities	3	27,070	-	27,070	18,046	-	18,046
Other income	4	-	-	-	500	-	500
Total income		102,095	42,665	144,760	94,830	26,768	121,598
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	5	111,555	37,602	149,157	125,268	32,988	158,256
Net (expenditure)/income for the year/ Net movement in funds		(9,460)	5,063	(4,397)	(30,438)	(6,220)	(36,658)
Fund balances at 1 January 2023		34,734	5,136	39,870	65,172	11,356	76,528
Fund balances at 31 December 2023		25,274	10,199	35,473	34,734	5,136	39,870

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

MARINE IN THE COMMUNITY

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	9		3,419		4,954
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		46,948		51,429	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(4,348)		(2,025)	
Net current assets			42,600		49,404
Total assets less current liabilities			46,019		54,358
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	11		(10,546)		(14,488)
Net assets			35,473		39,870
Income funds					
Restricted funds			10,199		5,136
Unrestricted funds			25,274		34,734
			35,473		39,870

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 24 July 2024

J Leary

Mr J R Leary
Trustee

Company Registration No. CE017865

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Marine In The Community is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Marine Travel Arena, College Road, Crosby, Liverpool, L23 3AS.

1.1 Accounting convention

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the period ended 31st December 2022. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and 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 published (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

1.2 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

1.3 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Plant and equipment	25% reducing balance
Computers	33.33% Straight line method

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.4 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2023	**2023**	**2023**	2022	2022	2022
	£	**£**	**£**	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	75,025	14,066	89,091	76,284	-	76,284
Other	-	28,599	28,599	-	26,768	26,768

3 Charitable income

	2023	**2022**
	£	**£**
Pitch hire income	27,070	18,046

4 Other income

	Total Unrestricted funds	
	2023	**2022**
	£	**£**
Employment subsidy	-	500

5 Charitable expenditure

	2023	2022
	£	£
Staff costs	72,741	94,100
Depreciation and impairment	1,535	2,391
Bank charges	278	-
Sessional staff costs	30,558	17,328
General expenses	15,855	23,810
Rent	22,205	15,357
Reporting accountant	1,200	1,080
Small equipments	1,392	863
Advertising	563	975
Accountancy	1,728	1,332
Computer software costs	470	432
Loan interest paid	317	414
Community donations	315	174
	149,157	158,256
	149,157	158,256
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	111,555	125,268
Restricted funds	37,602	32,988
	149,157	158,256

6 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

7 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

2023	2022
Number	Number
6	11

7 Employees (Continued)

Employment costs

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	71,235	94,100
Other pension costs	1,506	-
	72,741	94,100

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

8 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxationof Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

9 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and equipment	Computers	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 January 2023	1,855	5,783	7,638
At 31 December 2023	1,855	5,783	7,638
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 January 2023	464	2,220	2,684
Depreciation charged in the year	348	1,187	1,535
At 31 December 2023	812	3,407	4,219
Carrying amount			
At 31 December 2023	1,043	2,376	3,419
At 31 December 2022	1,391	3,563	4,954

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	1,336	-
Trade creditors	781	781
Other creditors	1,331	344
Accruals and deferred income	900	900
	4,348	2,025

11 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Bank loans		10,546	14,488

12 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2023 are represented by:						
Tangible assets	3,419	-	3,419	4,954	-	4,954
Current assets/(liabilities)	32,401	10,199	42,600	44,268	5,136	49,404
Long term liabilities	(10,546)	-	(10,546)	(14,488)	-	(14,488)
	25,274	10,199	35,473	34,734	5,136	39,870

MARINE IN THE COMMUNITY

England & Wales - Charity number 1183929

Accounts

Charity registration number 1183929

Company registration number CE017865 (England and Wales)

MARINE IN THE COMMUNITY

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

MARINE IN THE COMMUNITY

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mr J R Leary Mr P P Horan Mr P W Leary Ms R L Eustace
Secretary	Mr C Mitchell
Community director	Mr G Gardiner
Charity number	1183929
Company number	CE017865
Registered office	Marine Travel Arena College Road Crosby Liverpool L23 3AS
Reporting accountant	A P Bradshaw FFA FFTA 22 Coronation Road Crosby Liverpool L23 5RQ
Bankers	NatWest, Great Crosby 1 Liverpool Road Crosby Liverpool L23 2TD

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MARINE IN THE COMMUNITY

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

I write this report as a proud Chairperson as Marine In The Community (MITC) once again completed a year having achieved much and having grown once again.

Now that the charity is three years old, we have reached a point where we are seeing the longer term benefits from the many activities run by MITC. When we started our programmes in 2019 and 2020 to tackle (for the over 50's) loneliness, isolation and community safety amongst other things, it was great to see so many people from the community getting involved initially. Three years down the line, it is fantastic to see that the activities have now transformed the lives of lots of people who have immersed themselves into MITC.

Similarly, with our U16 programmes and our efforts to reduce, amongst other things, knife crime, our growing reputation has now led us to having been invited to join a "4 clubs 1 goal" programme along with Everton, Liverpool and Tranmere Rovers football clubs. This is testament to all the good work that has been acheived by MITC so far.

Having started the charity in 2019, with a £37.5k turnover, and quickly growing to £61k and £135k in 2020 and 2021 respectively, 2022 was a year of transition for the charity as we looked to grow the structure of Marine In The Community to accommodate the increased activity levels. This included, for example, the recruitment of more staff. From a results basis this has meant a short-term loss for the year, however these changes have positioned the charity in a good place to continue its growth over the coming period.

Our biggest challenge to date has been finding locations to be able to carry out all of our activities. However the installation of a 3G pitch at Marine Football Club mid-2022 provided a new base for MITC from where we could host soccer camps, kids football programmes and girl specific programmes as examples. Our next aim is to fundraise towards a Wellbeing Hub which can be used for education, fitness classes such as zumba and yoga, and much more which we are hoping to build in 2023. This will mean that with our on-pitch and off-pitch facilities we have all the tools to facilitate our growth over the coming years.

I would like to thank Graeme Gardiner, MITC Community Director, our Trustees, staff, volunteers, sponsors including Radfield Homecare, and the thousands of people getting involved in MITC throughout the year.

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Community Director Statement

In the eventful year of 2022, Marine in the Community (MITC) has risen to the occasion, providing unwavering support to the people of Crosby and Sefton. Amidst the lingering challenges of the pandemic, we continued delivering free lunches to the local community, incorporating engaging quizzes and valuable information from Sefton CVS. As slowly we emerged from the pandemic, so did the demand for our services, leading us to adapt and expand our support offerings.

Zoom training, online Yoga, quizzes, fitness sessions, and chat rooms became essential platforms for maintaining community connections. MITC played a crucial role as a vital link, continuously delivering these much-needed services. Despite the intermittent restrictions, we have remained steadfast in our commitment, providing services like the community café - now one of the most popular in Sefton. In addition our community heritage walks have grown in numbers and diversity, walking football is now available for both men's and women's teams, free coaching in primary schools is getting young children active and healthy, a Community Garden has been established, and MITC continues to foster partnerships with disability groups and schools.

Our collaborations with esteemed football clubs, Everton FC, Liverpool FC, and Tranmere FC, alongside CrimeStoppers and the police in combating knife crime and violence, have been of immense significance. Moreover, we have developed our support to enhance opportunities for teenage girls into football, offering free coaching and festivals to play in. MITC has emerged as a prominent pillar of support for the local community as it navigated through the unprecedented challenges posed by the pandemic and supports the community of Sefton towards a Better Place.

In expressing my gratitude, I extend my thanks to our Chairman, James Leary, for his unwavering dedication and visionary leadership, shaping the path of Marine in the Community. In addition we are deeply grateful for the fantastic support from our Trustees and volunteers who continue to make such a positive difference to our community.

Lastly, a resounding appreciation goes out to all our sponsors and beneficiaries, whose unwavering generosity has been the driving force behind the positive impact we have made on our local community. Without their support, none of this would have been possible. Together, we have stood strong, united in our mission to support and uplift the community we serve.

James Leary
Chairman

Date: 12 September 2023

Graeme Gardiner
Community Director
Date: 12 September 2023

MARINE IN THE COMMUNITY

TRUSTEES REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Report of the trustees for the period 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022
The trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the period ended 31st December 2022. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and 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 published (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

Objectives and activities
The purposes of the charity are:

1. The promotion of community participation in healthy recreation, in particular by the provision of facilities for the playing of football and other sports.
2. To act as a resource for young people up to the age of 25 living in South Sefton, and the surrounding areas, by providing advice and assistance and organising programmes of physical, educational and other activities as a means of:
    (a) advancing in life and helping young people by developing their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals.
    (b) advancing education.
    (c) relieving unemployment.
3. Providing recreational and leisure time activity in the interests of social welfare for people living in the area of benefit who have need by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, poverty or social and economic circumstances with a view to improving the conditions of life of such persons.

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives, in planning future activities, and setting the policies for the year.

The charity furthers its charitable purposes for the public benefit through undertaking community activities defined following consultation with users and local people e.g. through a community audit.

Achievements and performance

Welcome to the 2022 Annual Review of Marine in the Community (MITC). We were established as a charity on 17th June 2019 and have continued to grow and develop, laying solid foundations for our future work. During this period of time, we have worked hard upon the development of many new partnerships, brought about as a consequence of our endeavors to provide services and activities to meet local need and demand.

From the outset we strove to understand what local needs were and how we might meet those needs and explore opportunities to come together to create a strong and sustainable independent community hub. To this end we consulted with users and potential users, mostly local people, local junior teams, youth groups, local clubs, 8 local primary schools, 4 senior high schools, Special Schools, 3rd Sector and statutory organizations including the local authority, Sefton CVS, and faith groups through 1:1 interviews, forums, via our media channels and through a community questionnaire. Furthermore, we explored local, district, regional and national statistics.

Through ongoing consultation with beneficiaries, we have seen the charity respond in a way the trustees may not have envisaged from the outset but one that has seen the numbers of people accessing our programmed increase week by week. New ventures have created opportunities for many local people to take an active role as volunteers, as well as participants, some becoming peer mentors and educators. The review highlights and celebrates our achievements as a charity and looks to build on a strong start to achieve a sustainable future, one that supports the local community for many years to come.

In a position to make informed decisions surrounding the type of project the community would want MITC to deliver the trustees appointed a freelance Community Director to manage the day to day operations of services and activities. This move proved to have an immediate impact.

In a short space of time we have forged new partnerships with schools, both secondary and primary; Sefton Headway, Age Concern, Local Care providers and Sefton Alzheimer's organisations supporting the elderly, vulnerable and isolated, and in a year of most testing circumstances have stepped up to the plate delivering food, information, quizzes and friendly chat on a weekly basis to many people shielding. We have supported children and young people; and people with complex needs and anti-social behaviour. We have listened to partners and beneficiaries about engaging people in different ways and have reached out to a broad age range -from five years old to one hundred years of age – just about as broad as you can get! - and delivered projects and activities that compliment rather than compete with other local provision. Thus focussed and targeted effort has been effective and successful, manifesting itself through increasing numbers attending, positive feedback from beneficiaries, and other providers making referrals to us.

MITC has worked with these partners to establish joined up working to the benefit of local people.
A growing and effective partnership structure has enabled shared consultation that identifies need, common issues, and a skills and specialist knowledge resource bank from which the partnerships can benefits from the likes of:

- economies of scale
- shared learning
- staff resource sharing
- joint initiatives
- consistent and compatible monitoring & evaluation systems and processes
- impact measurement.

The partnerships have thrived as we continue to develop joint initiatives and partners gain the confidence and understanding in each other's ability and willingness to contribute; and Marine in the Community's growing capacity starts to reach further to explore different ways of meeting local need.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

During 2022 Marine in the Community were successful in several grant applications. We are extremely thankful for the support of the following organizations towards a number of objectives:

- John Moores Foundation
- Awards for All
- Liverpool City Region
- Merseyside Police
- Sefton CVS
- Versus Arthritis
- Rainford Trust
- Integral JLL
- Trident Foundation
- Radfield Homecare

The grants enable MITC to develop as a charity and engage with local people who are supporters of the football club, and the wider community. Grants were used to improve community engagement delivered mainly through our fantastic volunteer workforce. Funding secured in 2022 will support the appointment of sessional staff to support volunteering and deliver a broad range of experiences for local people to engage with.

PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

During the year of 2022 MITC has delivered the following projects:

1. Community Café

We have continued with our primary objective of MITC, to be engaged with local older people, supporting good mental and physical health and increase mindfulness and wellbeing by helping them to live longer, independently; and not to be lonely and living in isolation. The numbers have swelled to over 100 people attending each week and between 10 and 15 volunteers weekly. The introduction of live music, dancing, quizzes and a substantial lunch has proved to be a great support to people's health and wellbeing both physically, mentally and more importantly socially. Each week the numbers grow and the interest from the area develops.

Throughout the year we continued to deliver lunches to the most vulnerable and isolated throughout Covid and we have delivered over 5000 free lunches to date. This support through one of the most challenging times our country has faced has proven to be most valuable. The weekly chat and meeting are a welcomed sight to many who are shielding, isolated and lonely. The lunch deliveries have become more important and valuable than just the food, the social interaction is most invaluable during this time. Alongside this, our volunteers have created WhatsApp group and phoned members of the lunch club to check on their wellbeing and foster new friendships. MITC have adapted and developed to provide a service they can be proud of and has continued to serve the community during this unprecedented time.

2. ICT and Zoom Training

During the pandemic MITC introduced a pilot ICT training at the club. We worked with the sixth students from Merchant Taylors' Boys School. Here the students deliver one to one session to our more senior members. The training was a great success and let many people connect with others both local and far. It helped developed more confidence to use their IT equipment and phones. The intergeneration work has brought young an old together to form an environment that supports all and has established a footing for future development in this area.

3. Walking Football

Walking Football continued to thrive, and numbers continue to grow. This year we have introduced a women's walking football team which has been well attended and is now established a regular group taking part each

week. During 2022 and the hurdles it brought, the improvement of mental health and wellbeing was even more our priority. Walking football was another of our initiatives that supported and provided time for people to come and socialize, keep fit, and feel a sense of normality. This showed an even greater demand for regular weekly exercise, social interaction, personal challenges, and being a team member. The programme has been a flagship supporting men and women with mental health, physical activity, teamwork, social inclusion, and general wellbeing. It has also led to participants joining other activities and volunteering.

4. Walking Heritage Group

Amidst the challenges imposed by the pandemic, the walking group has remained resilient and adaptive, operating in accordance with government controls. The group has experienced a significant surge in demand, as many individuals found themselves isolated and inactive during these trying times. The walks have proven to be a much-needed source of relief and camaraderie, allowing participants to explore various local walks and heritage sites across Merseyside. With over 30 members, the group relies heavily on the dedication of our volunteer leaders and the generous support of Marine FC facilities.

These walks offer participants the opportunity to engage in gentle exercise, foster social interactions, build friendships, and connect with the history and heritage of the region. After the walks, we gather for coffee/tea and cake at Marine FC or occasionally enjoy refreshments amidst the scenic backdrop of our walks. In addition to the physical benefits, these walks are complemented by engaging guest speakers and historians who discuss topical issues and local history. The aim is to foster a sense of community and encourage the sharing of experiences, knowledge, and stories. Donations for refreshments at the end are welcomed, further contributing to the sense of collective support.

5. Girls Football

The Girls Football programme has been a huge success this year and MITC has taken a lead role in the community providing free coaching for teenage girls across the region for the year. Our coaches have worked closely with local secondary schools and supported them offer free coaching sessions for their girls on a weekly basis. This led to a girls' football festival at Litherland Sports Centre. This brought together over 130 secondary school girls to take part in an end of year festival. Our goal is to continue providing opportunities for young girls to engage in football, fostering their passion for the sport and promoting physical activity, teamwork, and skill development.

6. Sefton Headway

Marine in the Community has forged a fruitful partnership with Sefton Headway, a specialized group working with individuals facing head injuries and brain damage. This collaboration has given rise to a local hub where over 60 people gather monthly to share experiences and information. The hub plays a crucial role in providing support to individuals dealing with accidents and injuries, while also offering families an avenue for peer support and valuable information. Building on this successful partnership, we have exciting plans to develop a Community Garden project at the Marine Travel Arena, creating a space for communal cultivation and new friendships to flourish.

7. Community Garden

Our community garden is now well established and throughout the summer, local residents, school pupils, and Sefton Headway volunteers came together to support a garden that enriches the environment, supports local habitat and wildlife, and positively impacts mental, physical, and social well-being. The garden continues to be lovingly maintained by volunteers, and its growth stands as a testament to the power of collective efforts.

8. Free Coaching in local schools

Throughout the pandemic, MITC provided invaluable support to numerous local primary and secondary schools by offering free coaching opportunities whenever possible. These coaching sessions allowed children to engage with others, promote health and well-being during a challenging time of isolation and confinement.

9. Sefton Alzheimer's and Dementia Society

In addition to our Community Café, we have established links with the Sefton Alzheimer's and Dementia Society, providing a monthly hub and café for local individuals and families affected by Alzheimer's and dementia. The support and advice offered in this hub have been well-received, with an average of 20 to 30 attendees each month. Moreover, the society's events and programs have garnered increased interest, leading to a demand for further activities.

10. Kit Aid

One of our most closely collaborated projects is Kit Aid, undertaken in partnership with the Northern Premier League club, Marine FC. Volunteer Barry Lenton has achieved a remarkable personal goal of collecting 20,000 items of kit by the end of December 2022. Barry has also devoted time to creating an extraordinary book chronicling the 125-year history of Marine FC, highlighting the club's expansive community engagement work that led to the establishment of Marine in the Community as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

11. Yoga

Among the activities offered by MITC, Yoga has gained significant popularity, attracting around 20 to 30 participants each week. This practice has proven to be highly beneficial for participants, promoting improved health, mobility, and overall well-being, while fostering new friendships. After each Yoga session, participants have the opportunity to enjoy tea and coffee, creating a welcoming social environment.

12. Line Dancing

An absolute standout activity in 2022 has been Line Dancing, drawing over 24 to 30 adults, both men and women, to each weekly session. Running for over two hours, the sessions include a coffee break and offer numerous health benefits, fostering physical, social, and emotional well-being among the local community. The activity has become a platform for building self-confidence and forming meaningful friendships.

13. CrimeStoppers

MITC has established a significant partnership with CrimeStoppers, making a substantial contribution to supporting the local community by sharing information and helping in reducing crime. The program, known as 4 Clubs, One Goal, has now expanded to include Liverpool FC, Everton FC, and Tranmere FC. Through this initiative, we aim to address the severe impact of knife and gun crime in Merseyside, uniting our communities and promoting safety while reducing violence and antisocial behaviour on our streets. Marine FC hosted a fantastic event bringing together 100 pupils from across Merseyside in a festival of football. Each area was represented by one of the four main clubs of Merseyside. The target audience was to young boys and girls who might be in more danger of the impact of knife crime. The festival was punctuated with workshops from CrimeStopper, Blood Doctors, and Guest Speakers about the dangers and consequences of knife crime. The day was a huge success and will be a forerunner of more to come in this unique partnership across Merseyside.

14. A Celebration of Support

In the year 2022, we proudly hosted our inaugural celebration evening, a heartfelt gesture to express gratitude and recognition to our dedicated volunteers and support workers. The unwavering commitment of these individuals has made many of our community activities and initiatives possible. Marine in the Community (MITC) now boasts a team of over 40 volunteers, tirelessly contributing throughout the year to a diverse array of projects.

15. Intergeneration

In collaboration with Merchant Taylors' Boys School, we embarked on several new and exciting initiatives. The Apprentice Programme brought together students who devised creative ideas, presented their plans, and then executed them within the community. This innovative approach led to heartwarming home visits, delightful cake-making sessions, engaging quizzes, and valuable contributions to our community garden. The project fostered intergenerational connections, offering a platform for different age groups to work together harmoniously.

16. Sports Traider

This year we have partnered with a Nation Charity, Sports Traider. The new sports shop at MITC now provides sports clothing and sports equipment to local people at a much-reduced cost, making sports clothing and participation much more affordable. The project was supported and backed by Merseyside Police and the aim is to offer more opportunities for vulnerable people, volunteers or others looking to make their way into employment and gain work experience. The profits from the business are reinvested into local community activities and charities. This offers great benefits to the community.

17. Christmas Carol Concert

The enchanting Christmas Carol Concert, a culmination of collective efforts, united over 100 individuals in the joyous spirit of the season. Supported by the Sing Me Mersey Choir, Merchant Taylors' Boys School, Valewood Primary, and our dedicated volunteers, the event brought young and old together in celebration of Christmas and the profound spirit of giving. The concert held particular significance this year, offering a much-needed respite from the darkness and isolation that the pandemic brought to many lives.

Reserves policy and going concern
The balance held in total reserves at 31st December 2022 was £39,870, comprising of a surplus of £5,136 in Restricted Funds and surplus of £34,734 in Unrestricted Funds, after allowing for funds tied up in tangible fixed assets.

The Charity's main source of income is grants and charitable donations. The Trustees consider that it is appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis and, consequently, the accounts do not include any adjustments that would be necessary if these sources of income should cease.

The trustees aim to establish and maintain free reserves in unrestricted funds at a level which equates to approximately three months of unrestricted charitable expenditure. The trustees consider that this level will provide sufficient funds to respond to applications for grants and ensure that support and governance costs are covered.

The trustees consider that the charity is a going concern. Any reliance on grant funding is managed through a flexible approach to activities and project delivery.

Structure, governance and management
Marine in the Community is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation governed by its constitution dated 1st November 2018 and registration as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (Foundation) number 1183929 with the Charity Commission on 17th June 2019.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr J R Leary
Mr P P Horan
Mr P W Leary
Ms R L Eustace

Appointment of trustees
As set out in the constitution trustees are elected annually by the members of the charitable organisation attending the Annual General meeting. Trustees are appointed for a period of three years and shall retire from office by rotation based on their length of service and may offer themselves for re-election.

Organisation
The trustees administer the charity and meet formally on a quarterly basis. A freelance Community Director has been appointed by the trustees to manage the day-to-day operations of the charity and he is supported by volunteers and sessional workers.

Trustee induction and training
Trustees are given information about their role and responsibilities on first being appointed. They are also given a copy of the constitution, information about staffing and the charity management, and they are also shown copies of policy documents.

Related parties and co-operation with other organisations
None of our trustees receive remuneration or other benefit from their work with the charity. Any connection between a trustee or senior manager with any service providers must be disclosed to the full board of trustees in the same way as any other contractual relationship with a related party. Trustees must declare any conflict of interest as a standard agenda item at each meeting.

Statement of trustees responsibilities
The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure for that period.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees will be required to:

- Select suitable accounting principles and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures that must be disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is appropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with legal requirements. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Mr J R Leary
Trustee
Dated: 12 September 2023

MARINE IN THE COMMUNITY

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES ON THE PREPARATION OF THE UNAUDITED STATUTORY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF MARINE IN THE COMMUNITY FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity (" the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2022.

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirement 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect :

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirement concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as 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.

A P Bradshaw FFA FFTA
Independent Examiner

12 September 2023
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MARINE IN THE COMMUNITY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	2	76,284	26,768	103,052	87,166	37,758	124,924
Charitable activities	3	18,046	-	18,046	11,041	-	11,041
Other income	4	500	-	500	-	-	-
Total income		94,830	26,768	121,598	98,207	37,758	135,965
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	5	125,268	32,988	158,256	31,299	42,265	73,564
Net (expenditure)/income for the year/ Net movement in funds		(30,438)	(6,220)	(36,658)	66,908	(4,507)	62,401
Fund balances at 1 January 2022		65,172	11,356	76,528	(1,736)	15,863	14,127
Fund balances at 31 December 2022		34,734	5,136	39,870	65,172	11,356	76,528

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

MARINE IN THE COMMUNITY

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	9		4,954		147
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		51,429		95,891	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(2,025)		(1,177)	
Net current assets			49,404		94,714
Total assets less current liabilities			54,358		94,861
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	11		(14,488)		(18,333)
Net assets			39,870		76,528
Income funds					
Restricted funds			5,136		11,356
Unrestricted funds			34,734		65,172
			39,870		76,528

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 12 September 2023

Mr J R Leary
Trustee

Company Registration No. CE017865

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Marine In The Community is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Marine Travel Arena, College Road, Crosby, Liverpool, L23 3AS.

1.1 Accounting convention

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the period ended 31st December 2022. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and 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 published (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

1.2 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

1.3 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Plant and equipment	25% reducing balance
Computers	33.33% Straight line method

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.4 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2022	**2022**	**2022**	2021	2021	2021
	£	**£**	**£**	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	76,284	-	76,284	87,166	9,812	96,978
Other	-	26,768	26,768	-	27,946	27,946

3 Charitable income

	2022	**2021**
	£	**£**
Pitch hire income	18,046	8,012
Other income	-	3,029
	18,046	11,041

4 Other income

	Unrestricted funds	**Total**
	2022	**2021**
	£	**£**
Employment subsidy	500	-

5 Charitable expenditure

	2022	2021
	£	£
Staff costs	94,100	11,508
Depreciation and impairment	2,391	146
Sessional staff costs	17,328	38,380
General expenses	23,810	12,000
Rent	15,357	977
Reporting accountant	1,080	900
Small equipments	863	5,769
Advertising	975	212
Accountancy	1,332	720
Computer software costs	432	413
Loan interest paid	414	108
Community donations	174	2,431
	158,256	73,564
	158,256	73,564
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	125,268	31,299
Restricted funds	32,988	42,265
	158,256	73,564

6 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

7 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2022	2021
	Number	Number
	11	5

Employment costs	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	94,100	11,508

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

8 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxationof Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

9 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and equipment	Computers	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 January 2022	-	439	439
Additions	1,855	5,344	7,199
At 31 December 2022	1,855	5,783	7,638
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 January 2022	-	293	293
Depreciation charged in the year	464	1,927	2,391
At 31 December 2022	464	2,220	2,684
Carrying amount			
At 31 December 2022	1,391	3,563	4,954
At 31 December 2021	-	147	147

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	-	277
Trade creditors	781	-
Other creditors	344	-
Accruals and deferred income	900	900
	2,025	1,177

11 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	Notes	2022	2021
		£	£
Bank loans		14,488	18,333

12 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2022	Restricted funds 2022	Total 2022	Unrestricted funds 2021	Restricted funds 2021	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 December 2022 are represented by:						
Tangible assets	4,954	-	4,954	147	-	147
Current assets/(liabilities)	44,268	5,136	49,404	17,971	15,863	94,714
Long term liabilities	(14,488)	-	(14,488)	(18,333)	-	(18,333)
	34,734	5,136	39,870	(215)	15,863	76,528

MARINE IN THE COMMUNITY

England & Wales - Charity number 1183929

Accounts

Charity registration number 1183929

Company registration number CE017865 (England and Wales)

MARINE IN THE COMMUNITY

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

MARINE IN THE COMMUNITY

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mr J R Leary Mr P P Horan Mr P W Leary Ms R L Eustace
Secretary	Mr C Mitchell
Community director	Mr G Gardiner
Charity number	1183929
Company number	CE017865
Registered office	Marine Travel Arena College Road Crosby Liverpool L23 3AS
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Bankers	NatWest, Great Crosby 1 Liverpool Road Crosby Liverpool L23 2TD

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MARINE IN THE COMMUNITY

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

2021 saw a huge period of growth for Marine In The Community which resulted in us reaching tens of thousands of people through the year through our engagements and many programmes within the community.

We launched our Charity in 2019 with the aim of improving the mental and physical health of the local community and it is incredible to see how far we have come in short space of time, in particular given the backdrop of the Covid epidemic.

Our headcount has increased considerably to help us run programmes focused towards the under 25's and over 50's. To sustain the headcount and continue the expansion of our programmes we are continuing to grow the foundations of the charity to ensure sustainability long-term. This includes a programme of activities on the new 4G pitch at the football club, a new community shop, a new community hub building and also offering education services for high schools and a coaching offering for primary school children.

Our vast amount of programmes has allowed us to make a real impact to many people in need. It has allowed us to bring the community together and we have created a real hub that everyone is proud to be part of. I would like to thank all of our staff and volunteers for incredible passion and dedication to the charity throughout the year, our main sponsors such as Dave Bellis at Radfield Home Care, the many bodies who have supported us with grant funding and our partner schools.

COMMUNITY DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

2021 has seen Marine in the Community (MITC) step up to support the local people of Crosby and Sefton. It started still in the grips of covid delivering free lunches to the local people which also included quizzes and important information from Sefton CVS. As the pandemic continued, the demand for the service continued. We expanded our support offering Zoom training, then online Yoga, Quizzes, Fitness sessions and chat rooms. MITC has, and continues, to deliver this vital community link. Although punctuated by restrictions, MITC has still been able to provide essential services such as a community cafe, community community heritage walks, walking football, free Primary School coaching, a Community Garden, Yoga, Line Dancing, work with disability groups and schools and a partnership with Everton FC, Liverpool FC, Tranmere FC, Crime stoppers and the police tackling knife crime and violence, Our work with Cancer Research raised over £2000. MITC has played a prominent part supporting the local community as it emerged from a pandemic not seen before in recent history.

I would like to thank our Chairman, James Leary for his dedicated support and vision for Marine in the Community. Finally, a huge thank you to all the sponsors and beneficiaries who, without their generosity, we could not have achieved the positive impact on our local Community.

James Leary
Chairman
Dated: 29 September 2022

Graeme Gardiner
Community Director
Dated: 29 September 2022

MARINE IN THE COMMUNITY

TRUSTEES REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Report of the trustees for the period 1st January 2021 to 31st December 2021
The trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the period ended 31st December 2021. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and 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 published (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

Objectives and activities
The purposes of the charity are:

1. The promotion of community participation in healthy recreation, in particular by the provision of facilities for the playing of football and other sports.
2. To act as a resource for young people up to the age of 25 living in South Sefton, and the surrounding areas, by providing advice and assistance and organising programmes of physical, educational and other activities as a means of:
    (a) advancing in life and helping young people by developing their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals.
    (b) advancing education.
    (c) relieving unemployment.
3. Providing recreational and leisure time activity in the interests of social welfare for people living in the area of benefit who have need by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, poverty or social and economic circumstances with a view to improving the conditions of life of such persons.

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives, in planning future activities, and setting the policies for the year.

The charity furthers its charitable purposes for the public benefit through undertaking community activities defined following consultation with users and local people e.g. through a community audit.

Achievements and performance

Welcome to the 2021 Annual Review of Marine in the Community (MITC). We were established as a charity on 17th June 2019 and have continued to grow and develop, laying solid foundations for our future work. During this period of time, we have worked hard upon the development of many new partnerships, brought about as a consequence of our endeavors to provide services and activities to meet local need and demand.

From the outset we strove to understand what local needs were and how we might meet those needs and explore opportunities to come together to create a strong and sustainable independent community hub. To this end we consulted with users and potential users, mostly local people, local junior teams (Crosby Stuart FC with 25+ teams), similar clubs, 5 local primary schools, a senior high school, 3rd sector and statutory organizations including local authority, and CVS; and faith groups through 1:1 interviews, forums, via our media channels and through a community questionnaire. Furthermore, we explored local, district, regional and national statistics.

Through ongoing consultation with beneficiaries, we have seen the charity respond in a way the trustees may not have envisaged from the outset but one that has seen the numbers of people accessing our programmed increase week by week. New ventures have created opportunities for many local people to take an active role as volunteers, as well as participants, some becoming peer mentors and educators. The review highlights and celebrates our achievements as a charity and looks to build on a strong start to achieve a sustainable future, one that supports the local community for many years to come.

In a position to make informed decisions surrounding the type of project the community would want MITC to deliver the trustees appointed a freelance Community Director to manage the day to day operations of services and activities. This move proved to have an immediate impact.

In a short space of time we have forged new partnerships with schools, both secondary and primary; Sefton Headway, Age Concern, Local Care providers and Sefton Alzheimer's organisations supporting the elderly, vulnerable and isolated, and in a year of most testing circumstances have stepped up to the plate delivering food, information, quizzes and friendly chat on a weekly basis to many people shielding. We have supported children and young people; and people with complex needs and anti-social behaviour. We have listened to partners and beneficiaries about engaging people in different ways and have reached out to a broad age range -from five years old to one hundred years of age – just about as broad as you can get! - and delivered projects and activities that compliment rather than compete with other local provision. Thus focussed and targeted effort has been effective and successful, manifesting itself through increasing numbers attending, positive feedback from beneficiaries, and other providers making referrals to us.

MITC has worked with these partners to establish joined up working to the benefit of local people.
A growing and effective partnership structure has enabled shared consultation that identifies need, common issues, and a skills and specialist knowledge resource bank from which the partnerships can benefits from the likes of:

- economies of scale
- shared learning
- staff resource sharing
- joint initiatives
- consistent and compatible monitoring & evaluation systems and processes
- impact measurement.

The partnerships have thrived as we continue to develop joint initiatives and partners gain the confidence and understanding in each other's ability and willingness to contribute; and Marine in the Community's growing capacity starts to reach further to explore different ways of meeting local need.

The burgeoning success of the charity could not have been without the historical involvement of more than 100 years of trusted community engagement by Marine football Club. The establishment of Marine in the Community came about expressly because the football club wanted to build upon generations of community work through a formally recognised but independent entity with similar values. None of MITC services or activities could have taken place without the unstinting support of Marine FC Directors underpinning initial costs and offering in kind support, together with supporters and volunteers giving up their time and effort to make the different programmes work.

We believe our last twelve months have been an outstanding success in the most challenging times with the grant support we have received being the catalyst for change. We have learned that our beneficiaries want more of what we do. Through social interaction and their commitment, our volunteers have gained confidence and learned new skills. Also, reaching out across the wider community to support others, both individuals and organisations, to make positive change.

During the year of 2021 MITC has delivered the following projects:

Community Café

We have continued with our primary objective of MITC, to be engaged with local older people, supporting good mental and physical health and increase mindfulness and wellbeing by helping them to live longer, independently; and not to be lonely and living in isolation. In 2021, the community café went through a challenging time with the advent of Covid, for much of the year the café was closed. In September 2021 the café re-opened and it was obvious it was a huge success again. The numbers have swelled to over 70 people attending each week and between 10 and 15 volunteers. The introduction of live music, dancing, quizzes and a substantial lunch has proved to be a great support to people's health and wellbeing both physically, mentally and more importantly socially. Each week the numbers grow and the interest from the area develops.

Throughout the year we continued to deliver lunches to the most vulnerable and isolated throughout Covid and we have delivered over 5000 free lunches to date. This support through one of the most challenging times our country has faced, has proven to be most valuable. The weekly chat and meeting are a welcomed sight to many who are shielding, isolated and lonely. The lunch deliveries have become more important and valuable than just the food, the social interaction is most invaluable during this time. Alongside this, our volunteers have created WhatsApp group and phoned members of the lunch club to check on their wellbeing and foster new friendships. MITC have adapted and developed to provide a service they can be proud of and has continued to serve the community during this unprecedented time.

ICT and Zoom Training

During the pandemic MITC introduced home ICT training both done on the doorstep or online teaching local elderly resident how to use the likes of Zoom. We also provided free tablets to those who did not have equipment. The training was a great success and let to many people being able to connect with others both local and far. From this, MITC introduced some new activities to engage people throughout the week on those long lonely days of Covid. This ran for over 6 months throughout 2021 and was a great success. Every Tuesday we offered online Zoom fitness sessions, Wednesdays it was yoga and on Friday it was the weekly quiz. These sessions bought together many people throughout the difficult period and both supported them physically, mentally and socially. The sessions were run by volunteers and the community Director and reached over 60 people per week, which led to over 1200 contracts during the time it ran at the height of the pandemic and lockdown.

Walking Football

Walking Football continued to thrive even though it has been punctuated through lock down and the ever-changing restrictions. During 2021 and the hurdles it brought, the improvement of mental health and wellbeing was even more our priority. Walking football was another of our initiatives which supported and provided time for people to come and socialise, keep fit and feel a sense of normality. We found that the numbers increased drastically when restrictions were eased, and we could start training again. This showed an even greater demand for regular weekly exercise, social interaction, personal challenges and being a team member. The programme has been a flag ship supporting men with mental health issues and allows time to talk, engage and be part of a team.

Walking Group/Talking Group

Once again, the walking group has come under the scrutiny of the pandemic and has only been able to operate in lines with government controls. The walking group has also been in demand with numbers increasing dramatically. The pandemic has left many people isolated, lonely and with the effects of being inactive. There has also been the mental challenge that has come during the virus. The walks have proved a great relief and sense of camaraderie during this time. The group meet safely every week to explore different walks and heritage sites while enjoying the many places of interest Merseyside has on offer. The group has over 30 members and relies heavily on the goodwill of its volunteer leaders and use of facilities at Marine FC.

The walks offer participants the chance to engage in a local walk and enjoy the benefits of gentle exercise, social interaction, friendship and history/heritage. After the walks we enjoy a coffee/tea and cake at Marine FC, or sometimes out on the walk. We have a guest speaker and historian who talks about topical issues and local history. The aim is to encourage others to join in the conversation and share their own experiences, knowledge and history; or just sit back and listen and share the knowledge and experience from the day. Donations for refreshments at the end is welcomed. We enjoy the support of several volunteers who run and organise the different walks.

Girls Football

Girls Football was partly on hold due to the pandemic. Many schools were closed or did not allow coaches in or extra-curricular to go ahead.

The aim is to develop this once again as we hopefully return to more normal times in 2022.

Sefton Headway

MITC has developed an excellent working partnership with Sefton Headway, a group specialising in work with people with head injuries and brain damage. The partnership has allowed Marine FC and Marine in the Community to develop a local hub which allows the group to meet up each month to discuss and share information. The hub attracts over 60 people each session and is growing in popularity. The hub supports individuals suffering from their accidents and injuries and gives families the opportunity to find peer support and information. The partnership is now ready to develop a Community Garden project at the Marine Travel Arena and designated areas have been highlighted to cultivate and develop. This will be an ongoing project and should give many people a chance to come together and share their own experiences, create new friendships have a place of interest and a hobby to 'cultivate' and develop.

Once again, due to the pandemic this all stopped after March.

Community Garden

The community garden proved to be a great achievement throughout the pandemic. The work on the garden took place throughout the summer and allowed people to come together to build a community garden the local area could be proud of. The work was not only a benefit to the environment and creating a much better place for the community and local habitat and wildlife but also the effects it had both mentally, physically and socially. The garden has been maintained by volunteers since its development and is now flourishing as it takes hold. Volunteers have included local residents, school pupils and Sefton Headway.

Free Coaching in local schools

MITC supported many local primary and secondary schools with free coaching throughout the pandemic where it was possible. This helped many children to get outdoors and engage with others, improve health and wellbeing in a time when many have been locked up or in isolation.

Sefton Alzheimer's and Dementia Society

Separate but complementary to our own Community Café, we have established links with Sefton Alzheimer's and Dementia Society. We have set up a monthly hub and café for local people suffering from Alzheimer's and dementia. The café is attracting between 20 to 30 people coming for support and advice each month. The society has also arranged several other events and supporting programmes at the club and Marine in the Community have encouraged local people, in need of support to attend their carol concerts, local walks and talking group. This proved to be a success with several families and groups joining and demand increasing for further activities.

Once again, due to the pandemic this all stopped in March.

Kit Aid

One specific project MITC is working closely with Northern Premier League club, Marine FC on, is Kit Aid. Volunteer, Barry Lenton, reached his personal target of collecting 20,000 items of kit by the end of December 2021. Barry has also found the time to write, edit and produce an incredible book about the 125-year history of Marine FC including the expansive community engagement work carried out by the club that has led to the establishment of Marine in the Community as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

Yoga

MITC have introduced Yoga to its list of activities supporting many adults. The activity and has proved to be very popular and is bringing in around 20 participants each week. The health benefits and mobility has supported many people to an improved health and wellbeing, whilst enjoying new friendships. After the yoga sessions there is tea and coffee available for all to enjoy a social chat.

Line Dancing

Line Dancing has been one of the standout activities in 2021. Each week we are getting over 24 adults both men and women attending. The session runs for over two hours and includes a coffee break. The health benefits both physically, socially and emotionally are supporting many local people to engage and have a better feeling about themselves, whilst making new friendships.

Cancer Research

This year we have partnered with Cancer Research and our work together has helped raise over £2000. We are proud to be a partner with Cancer Research and look forward to developing our work with them for years to come.

CrimeStoppers

MITC have now partnered with CrimeStoppers and is making a considerable contribution to supporting the local community and sharing information and offering support in reducing crime. The partnership has now expanded and includes Liverpool FC, Everton FC and Tranmere FC. The programme is called 4 Clubs, One Goal. The aim of this initiative is to highlight the devastating effects of knife and gun crime in Merseyside and how our communities can come together to spread the word and offer support from our local clubs and Crimestoppers in reducing violence and antisocial behaviour on our streets.

A Celebration of Support

In 2021 we held our first celebration evening thanking and recognising the hard work given by our volunteers and support workers. Many of the activities and support we offer in our community would not be possible without their hard work and MITC has now over 40 volunteers helping throughout the year on many different activities and initiatives.

The Apprentice 2021

We have partnered with Merchant Taylors' Boys School and have set up several new initiatives. The Apprentice Programme is where the students come up with an idea, present their programme and then deliver it in the community. This has led to home visits, cake making, quizzes and support with our community garden. The project has developed an inter-generational opportunity to work together.

Christmas Carol Concert

Our Christmas Carol Concert brought together over 100 people, to enjoy a spirit of Christmas. Sing Me Mersey Choir were supported by Merchant Taylors' Boys School and Valewood Primary, and a huge input from our volunteers. It brings young and old together in a celebration of Christmas and all that is good in a community of giving. This year it was particularly well received after the dark and isolated time that covid brought to many people's lives.

Financial review

During 2021 Marine in the Community were successful in several grant applications. We are extremely thankful for the support of the following organisations towards a number of objectives:

- The National Lottery Community Bounce back Fund
- Sport England
- Liverpool City Region
- Steve Morgan Foundation
- PH Holt Foundation
- Hemby Trust
- Skelton Charity Trust
- Albert Hunt
- Coop
- Tesco
- Merseyside Violence Reduction Unit
- The National Lottery Community Fund Celebrate
- Sefton Council
- Radfield Homecare

The grants enable MITC to develop as a charity and engage with local people who are supporters of the football club, and the wider community. Grants were used to improve community engagement delivered mainly through our fantastic volunteer workforce. Funding secured in 2021 will support the appointment of sessional staff to support volunteering and deliver a broad range of experiences for local people to engage with.

Reserves policy and going concern
The balance held in total reserves at 31st December 2021 was £76,528, comprising of a surplus of £11,356 in Restricted Funds and surplus of £65,172 in Unrestricted Funds, after allowing for funds tied up in tangible fixed assets.

The Charity's main source of income is grants and charitable donations. The Trustees consider that it is appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis and, consequently, the accounts do not include any adjustments that would be necessary if these sources of income should cease.

The trustees aim to establish and maintain free reserves in unrestricted funds at a level which equates to approximately three months of unrestricted charitable expenditure. The trustees consider that this level will provide sufficient funds to respond to applications for grants and ensure that support and governance costs are covered.

The trustees consider that the charity is a going concern. Any reliance on grant funding is managed through a flexible approach to activities and project delivery.

Investment powers and policy
The trustees, having regard to the liquidity requirements of operating the charity, have kept available funds in a 'Treasurers Account'.

Risk management
As the charity continues to establish itself the trustees will conduct regular reviews of the major risks to which the charity may be exposed and systems will be established to mitigate those risks.

Plans for future Periods
The main thrust of the charity's work for the early part of 2021 will be to support the vulnerable and particularly those who are elderly in the community in Sefton. We have forged links with Merseyside Violence Reduction Unit with a view to joint work to tackle knife crime in our neighbourhoods. Schools engagement will continue, and we are working towards the establishment of a stronger walking/heritage programme.

Our work with Sefton Headway has identified a need to support people with poor mental health and we have plans to explore the opportunity to create a community garden.

The charity will continue to support volunteering across all aspects of opportunity available in conjunction with Marine FC and our partners. This will involve, amongst other things, organising a volunteer recognition event and pop-up events across the district that will include seasonal events e.g. Internet Café/Zoom training, Minibus trips, Mens mental health, walking groups, talks, heritage, children's Health and Wellbeing activities and older persons, activities, lunches, trips, exercise and Christmas parties. Volunteers will continue to learn new skills e.g. media training, stadium maintenance, stewarding, catering, customer service, and more.

These activities will be delivered through the Community Director engaging with the community to determine what is needed and how they would like that need to be met in an inclusive way. He will be supported by sessional workers, where appropriate, who will ensure that volunteering is meaningful for participants. Support will be given to people to address their complex needs e.g. CV writing, work readiness, training, interview techniques, etc. and is designed through social engagement to help improve confidence and self-esteem, reduce loneliness and isolation, increase knowledge and skills.

Structure, governance and management
Marine in the Community is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation governed by its constitution dated 1st November 2018 and registration as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (Foundation) number 1183929 with the Charity Commission on 17th June 2019.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr J R Leary
Mr P P Horan
Mr P W Leary
Ms R L Eustace

Appointment of trustees
As set out in the constitution trustees are elected annually by the members of the charitable organisation attending the Annual General meeting. Trustees are appointed for a period of three years and shall retire from office by rotation based on their length of service and may offer themselves for re-election.

Organisation
The trustees administer the charity and meet formally on a quarterly basis. A freelance Community Director has been appointed by the trustees to manage the day-to-day operations of the charity and he is supported by volunteers and sessional workers.

Trustee induction and training
Trustees are given information about their role and responsibilities on first being appointed. They are also given a copy of the constitution, information about staffing and the charity management, and they are also shown copies of policy documents.

Related parties and co-operation with other organisations
None of our trustees receive remuneration or other benefit from their work with the charity. Any connection between a trustee or senior manager with any service providers must be disclosed to the full board of trustees in the same way as any other contractual relationship with a related party. Trustees must declare any conflict of interest as a standard agenda item at each meeting.

Statement of trustees responsibilities
The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure for that period.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees will be required to:

- Select suitable accounting principles and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures that must be disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is appropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with legal requirements. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Mr J R Leary
Trustee
Dated: 29 September 2022

MARINE IN THE COMMUNITY

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES ON THE PREPARATION OF THE UNAUDITED STATUTORY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF MARINE IN THE COMMUNITY FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity (" the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2021.

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirement 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect :

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirement concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as 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.

A P Bradshaw FFA FFTA
Independent Examiner

29 September 2022
22 Coronation Road
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MARINE IN THE COMMUNITY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	**2**	87,166	37,758	124,924	20,058	34,877	54,935
Charitable activities	**3**	11,041	-	11,041	6,547	-	6,547
Total income		98,207	37,758	135,965	26,605	34,877	61,482
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	**4**	31,299	42,265	73,564	27,949	30,473	58,422
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds		66,908	(4,507)	62,401	(1,344)	4,404	3,060
Fund balances at 1 January 2021		(1,736)	15,863	14,127	(392)	11,459	11,067
Fund balances at 31 December 2021		65,172	11,356	76,528	(1,736)	15,863	14,127

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

MARINE IN THE COMMUNITY

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2021 £	2020 £	2020 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	**7**		147		293
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		95,891		34,836	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**8**	(1,177)		(1,002)	
Net current assets			94,714		33,834
Total assets less current liabilities			94,861		34,127
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	**9**		(18,333)		(20,000)
Net assets			76,528		14,127
Income funds					
Restricted funds			11,356		15,863
Unrestricted funds			65,172		(1,736)
			76,528		14,127

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 December 2021.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 29 September 2022

Mr J R Leary
Trustee

Company Registration No. CE017865

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Marine In The Community is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Marine Travel Arena, College Road, Crosby, Liverpool, L23 3AS.

1.1 Accounting convention

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the period ended 31st December 2021. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and 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 published (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

1.2 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

1.3 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Computers	33.33% Straight line method

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.4 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	**Restricted funds**	**Total**	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2021	**2021**	**2021**	2020	2020	2020
	£	**£**	**£**	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	87,166	9,812	96,978	13,885	11,823	25,708
Government Grant	-	-	-	6,173	-	6,173
Other	-	27,946	27,946	-	23,054	23,054
	87,166	37,758	124,924	20,058	34,877	54,935

3 Charitable income

	2021	**2020**
	£	**£**
Pitch hire income	8,012	3,946
Other income	3,029	2,601
	11,041	6,547

4 Charitable expenditure

	2021	2020
	£	£
Staff costs	11,508	11,700
Depreciation and impairment	146	146
Sessional staff costs	38,380	33,206
General expenses	12,000	6,329
Rent	977	2,573
Reporting accountant	900	1,020
Small equipments	5,769	1,731
Advertising	212	177
Accountancy	720	1,310
Computer software costs	413	230
Loan interest paid	108	-
Community donations	2,431	-
	73,564	58,422
	73,564	58,422
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	31,299	27,949
Restricted funds	42,265	30,473
	73,564	58,422

5 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

6 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2021	2020
	Number	Number
	5	3

Employment costs	2021	2020
	£	£
Wages and salaries	11,508	11,700

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

7 Tangible fixed assets

	Computers
	£
Cost	
At 1 January 2021	439
At 31 December 2021	439
Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 January 2021	146
Depreciation charged in the year	146
At 31 December 2021	292
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2021	147
At 31 December 2020	293

8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	277	102
Accruals and deferred income	900	900
	1,177	1,002

9 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	Notes	2021	2020
		£	£
Bank loans		18,333	20,000

10 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2021	2021	2021	2020	2020	2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 December 2021 are represented by:						
Tangible assets	147	-	147	293	-	293
Current assets/(liabilities)	83,358	11,356	94,714	17,971	15,863	33,834
Long term liabilities	(18,333)	-	(18,333)	(20,000)	-	(20,000)
	65,172	11,356	76,528	(1,736)	15,863	14,127

MARINE IN THE COMMUNITY

England & Wales - Charity number 1183929

Accounts

Charity Registration No. 1183929

Company Registration No. CE017865 (England and Wales)

MARINE IN THE COMMUNITY

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

MARINE IN THE COMMUNITY

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mr J R Leary Mr P P Horan Mr P W Leary Ms R L Eustace
Secretary	Mr C Mitchell
Community director	Mr G Gardiner
Charity number	1183929
Company number	CE017865
Registered office	Marine Travel Arena College Road Crosby Liverpool L23 3AS
Reporting accountant	A P Bradshaw FFA FFTA 22 Coronation Road Crosby Liverpool L23 5RQ
Bankers	NatWest, Great Crosby 1 Liverpool Road Crosby Liverpool L23 2TD

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MARINE IN THE COMMUNITY

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Despite a horrendous backdrop to 2020 due to the coronavirus, I am incredibly proud how Marine In The Community has pulled together and supported many people through this pandemic. The thousands of contacts we are making through a wide variety of weekly activities has made a massive contribution in improving the mental and physical wellbeing of the local population. We realised as soon as the pandemic was upon us that we needed to be reactive and adapt. We have done that and it has made a huge impact to the local community, through many schemes we have implemented such as weekly lunches to the elderly and vulnerable, online fitness sessions, online quizzes, weekly walks and much much more. The team at Marine In The Community, led by Graeme Gardiner, have done a fantastic service to the people of South Sefton. This has left us in a strong position to attack 2021 with plenty of optimism and confidence and a real belief that we will make a difference to people in need.

COMMUNITY DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

2020 has proved to be one of the most challenging years we have ever faced and will probably see again. In the short time Marine in the Community (MITC) has been running, we have proved to be an integral part of the community in Crosby and Sefton. The pandemic changed everything and MITC stepped up to the plate. It started with delivering free lunches to the local people which also included quizzes and important information from Sefton CVS. As the pandemic continued, the demand for the service grew. With the support of Radfield Homecare, Sefton Council, Spoilt for Choice and the many volunteers, MITC has, and continues, to deliver this vital community link. Although punctuated by restrictions, MITC has still been able to provide essential services such as the Violence Reduction Partnership, girls in sport, community heritage walks, walking football, free Primary School coaching and a calendar project. I would like to thank our Chairman, James Leary for his dedicated support and vision for Marine in the Community. Finally, a huge thank you to all the sponsors and beneficiaries who, without their generosity, we could not have achieved the positive impact on our local Community.

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James Leary
Chairman
Dated: .....

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Graeme Gardiner
Community Director
Dated: .....

MARINE IN THE COMMUNITY

TRUSTEES REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Report of the trustees for the period 1st January 2020 to 31st December 2020
The trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the period ended 31st December 2020. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and 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 published (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

Objectives and activities
The purposes of the charity are:

1. The promotion of community participation in healthy recreation, in particular by the provision of facilities for the playing of football and other sports.
2. To act as a resource for young people up to the age of 25 living in South Sefton, and the surrounding areas, by providing advice and assistance and organising programmes of physical, educational and other activities as a means of:
    (a) advancing in life and helping young people by developing their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals.
    (b) advancing education.
    (c) relieving unemployment.
3. Providing recreational and leisure time activity in the interests of social welfare for people living in the area of benefit who have need by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, poverty or social and economic circumstances with a view to improving the conditions of life of such persons.

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives, in planning future activities, and setting the policies for the year.

The charity furthers its charitable purposes for the public benefit through undertaking community activities defined following consultation with users and local people e.g. through a community audit.

Achievements and performance

Welcome to the 2020 Annual Review of Marine in the Community (MITC). We were established as a charity on 17th June 2019 and have continued to grow and develop, laying solid foundations for our future work. During this period of time, we have worked hard upon the development of many new partnerships, brought about as a consequence of our endeavors to provide services and activities to meet local need and demand.

From the outset we strove to understand what local needs were and how we might meet those needs and explore opportunities to come together to create a strong and sustainable independent community hub. To this end we consulted with users and potential users, mostly local people, local junior teams (Crosby Stuart FC with 25+ teams), similar clubs, 5 local primary schools, a senior high school, 3rd sector and statutory organizations including local authority, and CVS; and faith groups through 1:1 interviews, forums, via our media channels and through a community questionnaire. Furthermore, we explored local, district, regional and national statistics.

Through ongoing consultation with beneficiaries, we have seen the charity respond in a way the trustees may not have envisaged from the outset but one that has seen the numbers of people accessing our programmed increase week by week. New ventures have created opportunities for many local people to take an active role as volunteers, as well as participants, some becoming peer mentors and educators. The review highlights and celebrates our achievements as a charity and looks to build on a strong start to achieve a sustainable future, one that supports the local community for many years to come.

In a position to make informed decisions surrounding the type of project the community would want MITC to deliver the trustees appointed a freelance Community Director to manage the day to day operations of services and activities. This move proved to have an immediate impact.

In a short space of time we have forged new partnerships with schools, both secondary and primary; Sefton Headway, Age Concern, Local Care providers and Sefton Alzheimer's organisations supporting the elderly, vulnerable and isolated, and in a year of most testing circumstances have stepped up to the plate delivering food, information, quizzes and friendly chat on a weekly basis to many people shielding. We have supported children and young people; and people with complex needs and anti-social behaviour. We have listened to partners and beneficiaries about engaging people in different ways and have reached out to a broad age range -from five years old to one hundred years of age – just about as broad as you can get! - and delivered projects and activities that compliment rather than compete with other local provision. Thus focussed and targeted effort has been effective and successful, manifesting itself through increasing numbers attending, positive feedback from beneficiaries, and other providers making referrals to us.

MITC has worked with these partners to establish joined up working to the benefit of local people.
A growing and effective partnership structure has enabled shared consultation that identifies need, common issues, and a skills and specialist knowledge resource bank from which the partnerships can benefits from the likes of:

- economies of scale
- shared learning
- staff resource sharing
- joint initiatives
- consistent and compatible monitoring & evaluation systems and processes
- impact measurement.

The partnerships have thrived as we continue to develop joint initiatives and partners gain the confidence and understanding in each other's ability and willingness to contribute; and Marine in the Community's growing capacity starts to reach further to explore different ways of meeting local need.

The burgeoning success of the charity could not have been without the historical involvement of more than 100 years of trusted community engagement by Marine football Club. The establishment of Marine in the Community came about expressly because the football club wanted to build upon generations of community work through a formally recognised but independent entity with similar values. None of MITC services or activities could have taken place without the unstinting support of Marine FC Directors underpinning initial costs and offering in kind support, together with supporters and volunteers giving up their time and effort to make the different programmes work.

We believe our last twelve months have been an outstanding success in the most challenging times with the grant support we have received being the catalyst for change. We have learned that our beneficiaries want more of what we do. Through social interaction and their commitment, our volunteers have gained confidence and learned new skills. Also, reaching out across the wider community to support others, both individuals and organisations, to make positive change.

During the year of 2020 MITC has delivered the following projects:

Community Café

We have continued with our primary objective of MITC, to be engaged with local older people, supporting good mental and physical health and increase mindfulness and wellbeing by helping them to live longer, independently; and not to be lonely and living in isolation. In 2020, the community café continued to be a huge success with numbers of up to 50 attending on a weekly basis. Here people enjoyed free lunches, a friendly chat, music and entertainment and an update with important information from guest speakers.

In March, when the pandemic struck the café was closed. MITC stepped up to the plate and initiated a plan to take the café to the people instead. This consisted of delivering free lunches, a weekly quiz, local information and support from Radfield Homecare and Sefton Council every Wednesday morning. Though more importantly, providing a friendly face and chat at the door. The deliveries started on the 25th March 2020 and continue to this day. The café to the people has been a huge success and a week has not been missed since the start, at least 55 people receive a lunch every week, totalling an amazing 2300 lunches in 2020. We made extra efforts on special days such as Easter, VE Day and Christmas.

This fantastic achievement would not have been possible without the support of the whole community. From the sponsors and funders who have generously supported the programme, through to the volunteers who give freely their time every week. We have been lucky enough to have over 20 volunteers over the course of the project. We had further support from Christine Howard, our local councillor along with sports personalities such as David Fairclough and Jamie Carragher. The café also had great exposure on television and radio, due its fast, growing success.

This link through one of the most challenging times our country has faced, has proven to be most valuable. The weekly chat and meeting are a welcomed sight to many who are shielding, isolated and lonely. The lunch deliveries have become more important and valuable than just the food, the social interaction is most invaluable during this time. Alongside this, our volunteers have created WhatsApp groups and phoned members of the lunch club to check on their wellbeing and foster new friendships. MITC have adapted and developed to provide a service they can be proud of and has continued to serve the community during this unprecedented time.

Walking Football

Walking Football continued to thrive even though it has been punctuated through lock down and the ever-changing restrictions. During 2020 and the hurdles it brought, the improvement of mental health and wellbeing was even more our priority. Walking football was another of our initiatives which supported and provided time for people to come and socialise, keep fit and feel a sense of normality. We found that the numbers increased drastically when restrictions were eased, and we could start training again. This showed an even greater demand for regular weekly exercise, social interaction, personal challenges and being a team member. The programme has been a flag ship supporting men with mental health issues and allows time to talk, engage and be part of a team.

Walking Group/Talking Group

Once again, the walking group has come under the scrutiny of the pandemic and has only been able to operate in lines with government controls. The walking group has also been in demand with numbers increasing dramatically. The pandemic has left many people isolated, lonely and with the effects of being inactive. There has also been the mental challenge that has come during the virus. The walks have proved a great relief and sense of camaraderie during this time. The group meet safely every week to explore different walks and heritage sites while enjoying the many places of interest Merseyside has on offer. The group has over 30 members and relies heavily on the goodwill of its volunteer leaders and use of facilities at Marine FC.

The walks offer participants the chance to engage in a local walk and enjoy the benefits of gentle exercise, social interaction, friendship and history/heritage. After the walks we enjoy a coffee/tea and cake at Marine FC, or sometimes out on the walk. We have a guest speaker and historian who talks about topical issues and local history. The aim is to encourage others to join in the conversation and share their own experiences, knowledge and history; or just sit back and listen and share the knowledge and experience from the day. Donations for refreshments at the end is welcomed. We enjoy the support of several volunteers who run and organise the different walks.

Girls Football

Girls Football did continue up to March and culminated in a Girl's Football festival held at Marine AFC stadium. We were able to provide a programme that developed female (teenage 14-19) football in the Crosby and North Liverpool area. We offered free coaching to local secondary schools and encouraged wider participation and enjoyment for the game. This includes training/coaching and organised football activities and competitions. The aim is to build a support for schools and young girls to take a more active part in the game, developing health and wellbeing, together with the social interaction and friendship the sport can bring. We had 6 secondary schools engaging with Marine in the Community which has led to over 120 girls getting involved in football and playing festivals at Marine FC. Unfortunately, this came to an end when the pandemic began. However, the aim will be to get this back up and running as soon as we can. The ambition is to develop the interest into a local league, and structured competition for the girls and schools to take part in and get ACTIVE (ACTIVE GIRLS). A positive development has now seen the introduction of a Ladies football team at Marine AFC, a massive encouragement for the girls involved in the programme to aspire towards.

Schools

As part of our daily aid to our community, we have been offering Active Kids lunchtime sessions with all ages of school children from years 1 to 11. These sessions involve a variety of different sports, with the aim to improve kids' engagement in sport. We also give a helping hand to schools with their own after school sports sessions and school Football teams. Due to the pandemic, much of this had to stop due to the lock down and government restrictions. However, MITC offered free football coaching to many of our local partner Primary Schools when they could.

VRP (Violence Reduction Partnership)

The Marine in the Community VRP funded programme supported young people to make positive life choices through the use of sport. Guided football coaching sessions were undertaken in a school setting and the sessions also focused on team building, respect, fair play and honesty in a wider context. Football was chosen given the city links to football.

Schools were approached to become involved in the programme, which is delivered by Marine in the Community staff on site at the school and in school time (or immediately after). The decision to run the sessions in school time or at the close of the school day, and on the school site, was designed to increase the chances of participation. School staff are asked only to identify students suitable for the programme and liaise with parents concerning participation, and schools are not asked to contribute to the funding of any activities. The target group for this initiative are young people deemed 'at risk' of potentially becoming involved in antisocial behaviour or those requiring additional support to ensure they reach their potential. Schools were asked to identify pupils who they believe would be suitable for the programme and who would benefit from additional support through sport- related activities. In collaboration with schools, programme leads identified years 8/9 (aged 12-14 years) as the target group, given that older year groups are often focused on exams and it is during this more impressionable age that young people often become involved in antisocial behaviour.

Six schools were involved in the programme, with approximately 15 young people from each school (aged 12-14 years) taking part. The programme structure consisted of:

- 4 weeks of football coaching
- A 'football festival' (27th February 2020)
- 4 weeks of football coaching
- A 'football festival' (2nd April - postponed)

The 'football festival' we were able to carry out brought together the young people from all participating schools. The events included an inter-school football tournament as well as socialising activities (such as pizza and snacks), and workshops on key violence related topics. In the football festival, each group attended a presentation with someone working within violence reduction. A previous head teacher who has a history of working with young people with challenging behaviour; an ex-Liverpool FC player and Crimestoppers volunteer; and, an ex-probation officer who is involved in anti-violence work facilitated presentations. Students were split in to two groups, with one group exploring general crime and consequences, while the other group focused on knife crime including gang association.

The feedback from the schools, the VRP and an independent study done by Hope University found the programme to be a huge success and was considered a flag ship model for programmes run in Merseyside.

Sefton Headway

MITC has developed an excellent working partnership with Sefton Headway, a group specialising in work with people with head injuries and brain damage. The partnership has allowed Marine FC and Marine in the Community to develop a local hub which allows the group to meet up each month to discuss and share information. The hub attracts over 60 people each session and is growing in popularity. The hub supports individuals suffering from their accidents and injuries and gives families the opportunity to find peer support and information. The partnership is now ready to develop a Community Garden project at the Marine Travel Arena and designated areas have been highlighted to cultivate and develop. This will be an ongoing project and should give many people a chance to come together and share their own experiences, create new friendships have a place of interest and a hobby to 'cultivate' and develop.

Once again, due to the pandemic this all stopped after March.

Matchdays

Saturday and Tuesday fixtures for Marine FC throughout the football season. Volunteers attend prior, during and after games to meet and greet fans, carry out pitch and facilities maintenance, stewarding duties, media, ball boy/girls, etc. This is the opportunity for people to socialise, learn new skills, put their training into practice.

This unfortunately had to stop when the pandemic began.

Hope & Faith Community calendar

This year, MITC embarked on a calendar project named Hope and Faith. It was done in partnership with local primary Schools and Merchant Taylor's Boys school. The project was a great success, bringing schools and community partners together to produce a calendar that brought optimism and encouragement for the new year ahead. The money raised has gone towards a minibus project and will help towards children, the elderly and vulnerable in many of our future initiatives. A particular thank you to Merchant Taylor's Boys school for their help making this calendar project succeed.

Foodbank

Marine in the Community have teamed up with St Leonard's Youth and Community Centre in North Liverpool, who hold and distribute food to local communities. Utilising MITC volunteers the club has marketed and promoted the initiative to fans, setting up a weekly drop off before home games which has raised thousands of food contributions over the season.

Sefton Alzheimer's and Dementia Society

Separate but complementary to our own Community Café, we have established links with Sefton Alzheimer's and Dementia Society. We have set up a monthly hub and café for local people suffering from Alzheimer's and dementia. The café is attracting between 20 to 30 people coming for support and advice each month. The society has also arranged several other events and supporting programmes at the club and Marine in the Community have encouraged local people, in need of support to attend their carol concerts, local walks and talking group. This proved to be a success with several families and groups joining and demand increasing for further activities.

Once again, due to the pandemic this all stopped in March.

Kit Aid

One specific project MITC is working closely with Northern Premier League club, Marine FC on, is Kit Aid. Volunteer, Barry Lenton, reached his personal target of collecting 20,000 items of kit by the end of December 2020. Barry has also found the time to write, edit and produce an incredible book about the 125-year history of Marine FC including the expansive community engagement work carried out by the club that has led to the establishment of Marine in the Community as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

Financial review

During 2020 Marine in the Community were successful in several grant applications. We are extremely thankful for the support of the following organisations towards a number of objectives:

- The National Lottery Community Bounce back Fund
- Sport England
- Liverpool City Region
- Steve Morgan Foundation
- PH Holt Foundation
- Hemby Trust
- Skelton Charity Trust
- Albert Hunt
- Coop
- Tesco
- Merseyside Violence Reduction Unit
- The National Lottery Community Fund Celebrate
- Sefton Council
- Radfield Homecare

The grants enable MITC to develop as a charity and engage with local people who are supporters of the football club, and the wider community. Grants were used to improve community engagement delivered mainly through our fantastic volunteer workforce. Funding secured in 2020 will support the appointment of sessional staff to support volunteering and deliver a broad range of experiences for local people to engage with.

Reserves policy and going concern
The balance held in total reserves at 31st December 2020 was £14,127, comprising of a surplus of £15,863 in Restricted Funds and a deficit of £1,736 in Unrestricted Funds, after allowing for funds tied up in tangible fixed assets.

The Charity's main source of income is grants and charitable donations. The Trustees consider that it is appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis and, consequently, the accounts do not include any adjustments that would be necessary if these sources of income should cease.

The trustees aim to establish and maintain free reserves in unrestricted funds at a level which equates to approximately three months of unrestricted charitable expenditure. The trustees consider that this level will provide sufficient funds to respond to applications for grants and ensure that support and governance costs are covered.

The trustees consider that the charity is a going concern. Any reliance on grant funding is managed through a flexible approach to activities and project delivery.

Investment powers and policy
The trustees, having regard to the liquidity requirements of operating the charity, have kept available funds in a 'Treasurers Account'.

Risk management
As the charity continues to establish itself the trustees will conduct regular reviews of the major risks to which the charity may be exposed and systems will be established to mitigate those risks.

Plans for future Periods
The main thrust of the charity's work for the early part of 2021 will be to support the vulnerable and particularly those who are elderly in the community in Sefton. We have forged links with Merseyside Violence Reduction Unit with a view to joint work to tackle knife crime in our neighbourhoods. Schools engagement will continue, and we are working towards the establishment of a stronger walking/heritage programme.

Our work with Sefton Headway has identified a need to support people with poor mental health and we have plans to explore the opportunity to create a community garden.

The charity will continue to support volunteering across all aspects of opportunity available in conjunction with Marine FC and our partners. This will involve, amongst other things, organising a volunteer recognition event and pop-up events across the district that will include seasonal events e.g. Internet Café/Zoom training, Minibus trips, Mens mental health, walking groups, talks, heritage, children's Health and Wellbeing activities and older persons, activities, lunches, trips, exercise and Christmas parties. Volunteers will continue to learn new skills e.g. media training, stadium maintenance, stewarding, catering, customer service, and more.

These activities will be delivered through the Community Director engaging with the community to determine what is needed and how they would like that need to be met in an inclusive way. He will be supported by sessional workers, where appropriate, who will ensure that volunteering is meaningful for participants. Support will be given to people to address their complex needs e.g. CV writing, work readiness, training, interview techniques, etc. and is designed through social engagement to help improve confidence and self-esteem, reduce loneliness and isolation, increase knowledge and skills.

Structure, governance and management
Marine in the Community is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation governed by its constitution dated 1st November 2018 and registration as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (Foundation) number 1183929 with the Charity Commission on 17th June 2019.

The members of the trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr J R Leary
Mr P P Horan
Mr P W Leary
Ms R L Eustace

Appointment of trustees
As set out in the constitution trustees are elected annually by the members of the charitable organisation attending the Annual General meeting. Trustees are appointed for a period of three years and shall retire from office by rotation based on their length of service and may offer themselves for re-election.

Organisation
The trustees administer the charity and meet formally on a quarterly basis. A freelance Community Director has been appointed by the trustees to manage the day-to-day operations of the charity and he is supported by volunteers and sessional workers.

Trustee induction and training
Trustees are given information about their role and responsibilities on first being appointed. They are also given a copy of the constitution, information about staffing and the charity management, and they are also shown copies of policy documents.

Related parties and co-operation with other organisations
None of our trustees receive remuneration or other benefit from their work with the charity. Any connection between a trustee or senior manager with any service providers must be disclosed to the full board of trustees in the same way as any other contractual relationship with a related party. Trustees must declare any conflict of interest as a standard agenda item at each meeting.

Statement of trustees responsibilities
The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure for that period.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees will be required to:

- Select suitable accounting principles and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures that must be disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is appropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with legal requirements. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

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Mr J R Leary
Trustee
Dated: .....

MARINE IN THE COMMUNITY

ACCOUNTANTS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES ON THE PREPARATION OF THE UNAUDITED STATUTORY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF MARINE IN THE COMMUNITY FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

In order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Act 2006, we have prepared for your approval the financial statements of Marine In The Community for the year ended 31 December 2020, which comprise the statement of financial activities and the related notes from the charity's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us.

This report is made to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with the terms of our engagement. Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the financial statements of Marine In The Community and state those matters that we have agreed to state to the charity's trustees, as a body, in this report. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Marine In The Community and the charity's trustees as a body, for our work or for this report.

It is your duty to ensure that Marine In The Community has kept adequate accounting records and to prepare statutory financial statements that give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and surplus of Marine In The Community. You consider that Marine In The Community is exempt from the statutory audit requirement for the year, and is not required to obtain an independent examiner's report.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit or a review of the financial statements of Marine In The Community. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the statutory financial statements.

A P Bradshaw FFA FFTA
Reporting Accountant

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MARINE IN THE COMMUNITY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £	Unrestricted funds 2019 £	Restricted funds 2019 £	Total 2019 £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	**2**	20,058	34,877	54,935	4,885	21,809	26,694
Charitable activities	**3**	6,547	-	6,547	10,353	-	10,353
Total income		26,605	34,877	61,482	15,238	21,809	37,047
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	**4**	27,949	30,473	58,422	15,630	10,350	25,980
Net (expenditure)/income for the year/ Net movement in funds		(1,344)	4,404	3,060	(392)	11,459	11,067
Fund balances at 1 January 2020		(392)	11,459	11,067	-	-	-
Fund balances at 31 December 2020		(1,736)	15,863	14,127	(392)	11,459	11,067

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

MARINE IN THE COMMUNITY

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	2020 £	£	2019 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	**7**		293		-
Current assets					
Debtors	**8**	-		1,200	
Cash at bank and in hand		34,836		11,667	
		34,836		12,867	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**9**	(1,002)		(1,800)	
Net current assets			33,834		11,067
Total assets less current liabilities			34,127		11,067
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	**10**		(20,000)		-
Net assets			14,127		11,067
Income funds					
Restricted funds			15,863		11,459
Unrestricted funds			(1,736)		(392)
			14,127		11,067

BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 December 2020.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on .....

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Mr J R Leary
Trustee

Company Registration No. CE017865

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Marine In The Community is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Marine Travel Arena, College Road, Crosby, Liverpool, L23 3AS.

1.1 Accounting convention

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the period ended 31st December 2019. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and 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 published (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

1.2 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1.3 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Computers	33.33% Straight line method

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

1.4 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	**Restricted funds**	**Total**	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2020	**2020**	**2020**	2019	2019	2019
	£	**£**	**£**	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	13,885	11,823	25,708	4,885	11,945	16,830
Legacies receivable	-	-	-	-	9,864	9,864
Government Grant	6,173	-	6,173	-	-	-
Other	-	23,054	23,054	-	-	-
	20,058	34,877	54,935	4,885	21,809	26,694

3 Charitable income

	2020	**2019**
	£	**£**
Pitch hire income	3,946	7,605
Other income	2,601	2,748
	6,547	10,353

4 Charitable expenditure

	2020	2019
	£	£
Staff costs	11,700	3,426
Depreciation and impairment	146	-
Bank charges	-	21
Sessional staff costs	33,206	16,784
General expenses	6,329	669
Rent	2,573	4,360
Staff training	-	120
Reporting accountant	1,020	600
Small equipments	1,731	-
Advertising	177	-
Accountancy	1,310	-
Computer software costs	230	-
	58,422	25,980
	58,422	25,980
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	27,949	15,630
Restricted funds	30,473	10,350
	58,422	25,980

5 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

6 Employees

Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2020	2019
	Number	Number
	3	4

Employment costs	2020	2019
	£	£
Wages and salaries	11,700	3,426

7 Tangible fixed assets

	Computers
	£
Cost	
Additions	439
At 31 December 2020	439
Depreciation and impairment	
Depreciation charged in the year	146
At 31 December 2020	146
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2020	293

8 Debtors

	2020	2019
Amounts falling due within one year:	£	£
Trade debtors	-	1,200

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020	2019
	£	£
Borrowings	-	115
Other taxation and social security	102	491
Accruals and deferred income	900	1,194
	1,002	1,800

10 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	Notes	2020	2019
		£	£
Bank loans		20,000	-

11 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2020	**Restricted funds 2020**	**Total 2020**	Unrestricted funds 2019	Restricted funds 2019	Total 2019
	£	**£**	**£**	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 December 2020 are represented by:						
Tangible assets	293	-	293	-	-	-
Current assets/ (liabilities)	17,971	15,863	33,834	(392)	11,459	11,067
Long term liabilities	(20,000)	-	(20,000)	-	-	-
	(1,736)	15,863	14,127	(392)	11,459	11,067