

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

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

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#### 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.

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### CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

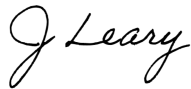
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Our collaborations with esteemed football clubs, including Everton FC, Liverpool FC, and Tranmere FC, alongside CrimeStoppers and Merseyside Police, have been significant in combating knife crime, county lines, and violence against women. Moreover, 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.



James Leary  
Chairman

Date: 24 July 2024



Graeme Gardiner  
Community Director

Date: 24 July 2024

# MARINE IN THE COMMUNITY

## TRUSTEES REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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

### Report of the trustees for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

# MARINE IN THE COMMUNITY

## TRUSTEES REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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#### 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 benefit 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.

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## TRUSTEES REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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### 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.



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### 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.

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### 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.

# MARINE IN THE COMMUNITY

## TRUSTEES REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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### 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 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018 and registration as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (Foundation) number 1183929 with the Charity Commission on 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## TRUSTEES REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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### Statement of trustees responsibilities

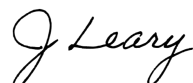
The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity 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: 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

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

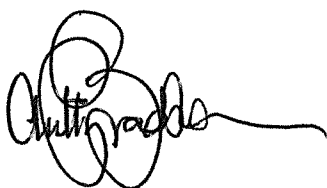
As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirement of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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  
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## MARINE IN THE COMMUNITY

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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

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

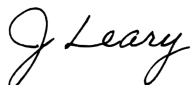
The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 December 2023.

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



Mr J R Leary  
Trustee

Company Registration No. CE017865

# MARINE IN THE COMMUNITY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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#### 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).



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#### 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
	<u>75,025</u>	<u>14,066</u>	<u>89,091</u>	<u>76,284</u>	<u>26,768</u>	<u>103,052</u>

#### 3 Charitable income

	2023 £	2022 £
Pitch hire income	27,070	18,046
	<u>27,070</u>	<u>18,046</u>

#### 4 Other income

	Total Unrestricted funds
	2023 £
Employment subsidy	500
	<u>500</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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### 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
	<u>149,157</u>	<u>158,256</u>
	<u>149,157</u>	<u>158,256</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>		
Unrestricted funds	111,555	125,268
Restricted funds	37,602	32,988
	<u>149,157</u>	<u>158,256</u>

### 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 Number	2022 Number
<u>6</u>	<u>11</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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### 7 Employees (Continued)

Employment costs	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	71,235	94,100
Other pension costs	1,506	-
	<u>72,741</u>	<u>94,100</u>

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 Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

### 9 Tangible fixed assets

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

### 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
	<u>4,348</u>	<u>2,025</u>

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

#### 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)
	<u>25,274</u>	<u>10,199</u>	<u>35,473</u>	<u>34,734</u>	<u>5,136</u>	<u>39,870</u>