

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	
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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.

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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.

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TRUSTEES REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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 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 2024

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.

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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.

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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.

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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

Mr D Fairclough

Mr M Earl

(Appointed 1 January 2024)

(Appointed 1 January 2024)

(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.

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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: 11 July 2025

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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.

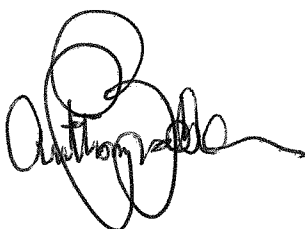
As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirement of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

		Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
	Notes						
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.

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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	
		<u>87,284</u>		<u>46,948</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(31,534)</u>		<u>(4,348)</u>	
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			<u>51,611</u>		<u>35,473</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds			15,882		10,199
Unrestricted funds			35,729		25,274
			<u>51,611</u>		<u>35,473</u>

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

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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).

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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
	<u>59,569</u>	<u>25,580</u>	<u>85,149</u>	<u>75,025</u>	<u>42,665</u>	<u>117,690</u>

3 Charitable income

	2024 £	2023 £
Pitch hire income	<u>65,049</u>	<u>27,070</u>

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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
	<u>134,060</u>	<u>149,157</u>
	<u>134,060</u>	<u>149,157</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	114,163	111,555
Restricted funds	19,897	37,602
	<u>134,060</u>	<u>149,157</u>

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 Number	2023 Number
<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>

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6 Employees (Continued)

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

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	<u>1,855</u>	<u>5,783</u>	<u>7,638</u>
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	<u>1,073</u>	<u>4,200</u>	<u>5,273</u>
Carrying amount			
At 31 December 2024	<u>782</u>	<u>1,583</u>	<u>2,365</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>1,043</u>	<u>2,376</u>	<u>3,419</u>

9 Debtors

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

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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
	<u>31,534</u>	<u>4,348</u>

11 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Bank loans		<u>6,504</u>	<u>10,546</u>

12 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 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)
	<u>35,729</u>	<u>15,882</u>	<u>51,611</u>	<u>25,274</u>	<u>10,199</u>	<u>35,473</u>