



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 January 2023 To 31 December 2023

Charity name: Sheringham Coastwatch

Charity registration number: 1183945

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>Sheringham Coastwatch is one of several Coastal Alerting Stations set up to keep a visual watch around the UK coast and relies on the goodwill of a large group of volunteers to man its station. It operates as an affiliate to the SEA SAFETY GROUP, which is an association to promote safety at sea.</p> <p>The role of a COASTAL ALERTING STATION is: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To keep a visual watch on coastal areas around the UK.• To monitor the international VHF distress channels 16 & DSC 70.• To keep a RADAR or AIS watch where fitted.• To report any incidents or emergencies to HM Coastguard and/or the emergency services as appropriate.• To co-operate with HM Coastguard and other Search and Rescue Organizations as requested.• To watch over vulnerable people and small craft operating in the vicinity.• To monitor local weather conditions and when requested give local weather reports.• To assist the general public and relevant authorities where possible

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Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Sheringham Coastwatch operates from a single location on the North Norfolk Coast, based at Sheringham Golf Club, Sheringham, Norfolk. Manned by volunteers, and operational during daylight hours, this organisation monitors human activity on the sea and on the coastal path approximate to our Coastwatch Station. The object of our Watch activity is to ensure the safe passage of sea users and Coastal Path users across our field of operations.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Confirmed

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Sheringham Coastwatch does not make grants to either individuals or organisations
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Sheringham Coastwatch does not have a policy on social investment.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Sheringham Coastwatch is operated by unpaid volunteers. Volunteers purchase their own uniform. On occasion, Sheringham Coastwatch buys training courses to help volunteers perform their duties better. These include first aid and resuscitation, for example.
Other		Sheringham Coastwatch operates daily, from 0830 to 1600 during winter months and from 0830 to 1800 during summer

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The role of Sheringham Coastwatch is to ensure safe passage across the local sea to a 15-mile radius. This applies to all users, from large container ships to people swimming.</p> <p>Periods where we have limited numbers of alerting activities are seen as positive outcomes as sea users and path walkers will be safe. Generally, when alerts must be raised, then our volunteers will be working against to clock to gather search and rescue organisational support to render support to those in need.</p> <p>As a rule, if the problem area is from the edge of the cliff and out to sea, then His Majesty's Coastguard is informed. If the problem is inland from the cliff edge, then Fire, Police and Ambulance or notified as appropriate, with Coastguard notified post-event.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	Sheringham Coastwatch income from reserves currently comfortably exceeds annual requirements.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>Within the last five years, Sheringham Coastwatch has received an exceptional bequest from a lady who was a frequent visitor to our Station.</p> <p>As a result, we do not need to engage in fundraising in the traditional sense.</p>
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	The investment performance of our legacy bequest greatly exceeds our annual requirements

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity is in a strong financial position. In this reporting period, some £27,000 was spent on building repairs and maintenance, out of a total expenditure of £34,000.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves are held for future use. The charity is staffed on a volunteer basis, we do not make grants or provide support for other organisations
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£284,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Trust Deed
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	Unincorporated Association
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are elected by and from the volunteers

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	As recommended by the Charity Commission
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The charity is member of the Sea Safety Group, a network of similar independent Coastwatch charities that operate along the UK coast.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	None

Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Sheringham Coastwatch
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1183945
Charity's principal address	Sheringham Golf Club, Sweet Briar Lane, Sheringham, Norfolk NR26 8HG

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Christopher Harvey Bingham	Chair		All trustees are appointed by volunteers
2	Michael Bersin	Trustee		
3	Deborah Mary Struthers	Trustee		
4	Jackie Wearmouth	Trustee		
5	Graham Williams	Trustee		

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
NA		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
None		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None. All funds held by the Charity are its own
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>CH Bingham</i>	<i>G.T. Williams</i>
Full name(s)	CHRISTOPHER HARVEY BINGHAM	G.T. WILLIAMS
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	<i>Chair</i>	TRUSTEE
Date	21 January - 2025	

SHERINGHAM COASTWATCH ACCOUNTS 2023 - RECEIPTS

Code	ITEM	DATE ITEM REC'D	VALUE	Voucher No.	Paying-In Book Ref	BANK ENTRY	
3	CashTins 3 & 8	4/1/23	£90.30	l1	100146	£90.30	v
8	Resale of CW Clothing - John Snow	18/1/23	£33.45	l2	100147	£33.45	v
8	Resale of CW Clothing - Brian Hughes	28/4/23	£20.00	l3	100148	£20.00	v
17	Investment Interest	31/5/23	£1,583.89	l4	Dir Credit	£1,583.89	v
8	Resale of CW Clothing - Rob Shaw	17/7/23	£43.00	l5	Dir Credit	£43.00	v
8	Resale of CW Clothing - John Snow	19/7/23	£15.00	l6	100149	£15.00	v
8	Resale of CW Clothing - Malcolm Colclough	3/8/23	£70.00	l7	Dir Credit	£70.00	v
8	Resale of CW Clothing - Caroline Clark	21/8/23	£33.00	l8	Dir Credit	£33.00	v
2	Donation from Michael Matthews (Dec'd)	24/08/23	£130.00	l9	100150	£130.00	v
17	Investment Interest	31/08/23	£1,585.59	l10	Dir Credit	£1,585.59	v
3	Cash Tins 3 & 8	08/09/23	£130.31	l11	100201	£130.31	v
8	Resale of CW Clothing - Amy Turner	11/09/23	£28.00	l12	Dir Credit	£28.00	v
2	CAF Donation from Dr & Mrs Twidell	01/11/23	£15.00	l13	Transfer	£15.00	v
8	Resale of CW Clothing - Nick Flower	02/11/23	£35.00	l14	Dir Credit	£35.00	v
5	Sheringham Golf Club Ladies	15/11/23	£50.00	l15	Cash	£50.00	v
8	Resale of CW Clothing - Ian Jones	17/11/23	£18.00	l16	Dir Credit	£18.00	v
17	Investment Interest	30/11/23	£1,584.74	l17	Dir Credit	£1,584.74	v
8	Resale of CW Clothing - Ian Jones	04/12/23	£25.00	l18	Dir Credit	£25.00	v
8	Resale of CW Clothing - Amy Turner	04/12/23	£25.00	l19	Dir Credit	£25.00	v