

Report of the Trustees of the Mayor of Felixstowe Charity Fund

For the Year Ended 31st May 2023

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity Number: 1184138

Registered Office:

Town Hall
Felixstowe
IP11 2AG

Trustees:

- Seamus Bennett
- Mike Deacon
- Sharon Harkin

All trustees serve in a voluntary capacity.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Mayor of Felixstowe Charity Fund is controlled by its governing document, the Constitution dated 26th June 2019.

OBJECTIVES AND AIMS

The charity's objects ('the objects') are:

For the benefit of such charitable purpose or purposes according to the laws of England and Wales, or such charitable organisation, in particular but not exclusively for the benefit of the residents of Felixstowe, as the trustees shall decide.

REVIEW OF 2022/23

The Mayor of Felixstowe Charity Fund was formed in June 2019 to administer funds raised by the Mayor in each municipal year.

In the civic year 2022/23, Cllr Sharon Harkin, as Mayor of Felixstowe, raised funds for the following three nominated charities:

- **Felixstowe Opportunity Group** (Charity number: 1004101)
- **The League of Friends of Felixstowe Community Hospital** (Charity number: 273155)

- **The Compass** (Charity number: 1195270)

Fundraising events included:

- Fish and Chip Quiz Night
- Murder Mystery Evenings
- Fashion Show
- Curry Night
- Auction of Promises
- Every Woman Counts Evening
- Mayor's Charity Ball
- Civic event collections and donations

Amongst the various successes were the Fashion Show, the Auction of Promises and the Mayor's Charity Ball, which received a great deal of support, reflecting a full year of fundraising since the pandemic.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Statement of Financial Activities, including Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31st May 2023 attached.

- **Income:** £26,004.88
- **Expenditure:** £24,090.94
- **Net movement in funds for the year:** £1,913.94

The Trustees note that, due to increased charitable fundraising activities, the charity exceeded the £25,000 threshold for audit. As such, the accounts have been reviewed and signed by an MAAT-qualified independent examiner.

The funds raised were distributed equally among the three nominated charities, each receiving £5,770 (in July 2023).

TRUSTEE REPORT

To fulfil its objectives, the Charity focuses on raising funds and increasing awareness of the chosen charities for the Mayoral year. The success of fundraising events this year highlights the generosity of the local community and the continued need for financial support among local charities.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Since the formation of the Mayor of Felixstowe Charity Fund in 2019, the challenges presented by the pandemic in 2020/21 and the ongoing cost of living crisis have increased the need for charitable support within the community. The Charity remains committed to selecting

beneficiaries that have the greatest impact on the local area and continue to engage the community in fundraising efforts.

In approving this Annual Report the Trustees declare that there were no serious incidents or other matters relating to the charity over the financial year that should have been brought to the attention of the Charity Commission.

Signed

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Date

18/3/2025

Mayor of Felixstowe Charity Fund

EXAMINATION CERTIFICATE FOR THE CHARITY ACCOUNTS

Charity No: 1184138

Year Ending 31st May 2023

I have examined the accounts comprising the Charity accounts together with all the relevant supporting documents and have obtained all the necessary information and explanation relating to these accounts.

I certify that the final accounts present an accurate picture of the activities and transactions undertaken on behalf of the Charity.

Signed: 

Independent Examiner - CLIVE BURY (MAAT)

Date - 6/3/2025