

Report of the Trustees of the Mayor of Felixstowe Charity Fund

For the Year ended 31st May 2025

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity Number: 1184138

Registered Office

Town Hall
Felixstowe
IP11 2AG

Trustees:

- Cllr Michael Sharman
- Cllr Mike Deacon
- Cllr Seamus Bennett

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.

Trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at the Annual General Meeting.

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.

To fulfil its objects, the work of the charity focuses on raising funds and enhancing the profile of the chosen charities for each Mayoral year.

REVIEW of 2024/25

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 2024/25, Cllr David Rowe as Mayor raised funds for his two nominated organisations which were:

- **Breast Friends CIC** Company No: **14063210**

The organisation's mission is to connect people affected by breast cancer.

- **Landguard and Felixstowe Conservation Trust** Charity No: **1198844**

Promoting conservation protection and improvement of Landguard Point.

Event Fundraisers Included:

Palace Cinema Felixstowe Remembers War Time Past
Bargain Hunt
Barn Dance
Boogie Bingo
Book sales
Italian Night
La Vida Musical Night
Quiz Night
Fashion Show
Curry Night
Mayor's Charity Ball
Civic event collections and donations

Amongst the various successful events, the Fashion Show and Bargain Hunt were particularly well received, demonstrating a strong community support.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Income	£35852.67	(2024: £26682.65)
Expenditure	£ 11081.42	(2024: £326014.84)

The accounts have been reviewed and signed by a MAAT-qualified independent examiner.

Funds are distributed equally to the two nominated charities once all fundraising activities are complete for the Mayoral year.

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aim and objectives and in planning future activities. The fundraising of the charity provide direct benefits to local organisations that support the Felixstowe community, helping services that might otherwise struggle for funding. The selection of recipient charities each year ensures that a broad range of social, health and welfare needs are supported, improving the lives of residents across the town.

TRUSTEE REPORT

In order to fulfil its objects, the work of the Charity focuses on raising funds and the profile of the chosen charities for that Mayoral year.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Trustees recognise the importance of risk management and the organisation will be undertaking a wide ranging governance review during the forthcoming year as part of this process.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Since the formation of the Mayor of Felixstowe Charity Fund in May 2019, the pandemic during 2020/21, and the ongoing cost of living crisis have reinforced the importance of supporting local charities. The Trustees will continue to focus on raising funds and increasing the visibility of charities that provide the greatest impact to the Felixstowe community.

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.....4.3.26

Date.....1 March 2026

MAYOR OF FELIXSTOWE CHARITY FUND

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025

	Total
Income:	£35852.67
Less	
Expenditure:	£11081.42
Net movement in funds for the year	£24771.25