

# Trustees Annual Report

**30 September 2025**

**Charity no. 1184787**



**STANSWOOD  
BEACH RESCUE**

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### Reference and administration

Charity name	Stanswood Beach Rescue
Charity registration number	1184787
Company registration number	CE018447
Registered Office	24 Sutton Road Totton Southampton SO40 3PH
Operational address	Jack Maynard Rd Calshot Southampton SO45 1BR

### Trustees

The trustees changed as of the 18<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at the AGM  
Up to 18<sup>th</sup> September 2025 Trustees were:-

Mr Nathan Mansbridge, Hon Chairperson.  
Mr Kenny Jackson  
Cllr Dr Simon Port  
Mr Christopher Thompson

Post AGM Trustees were :-  
Mr Brian Butcher, Hon Chairperson

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Mr Kenny Jackson  
Cllr Dr Simon Port  
Mr Jack Eyers

## **Structure and Governance**

### Governing Document

The organisation is a CIO, registered on 6 August 2019.

### Recruitment and Appointment of trustees

The charity trustees are appointed, or reappointed, annually at the Annual General Meeting, or at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

Every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

### Safeguarding

The trustees appointed two safeguarding officers.

It was agreed that a male and female officer be appointed, so any gender would feel comfortable to approach our safeguarding team.

Current Safeguard Officers are:

Cllr Dr Simon Port  
Mrs Erin Butcher

Stanswood Beach Rescue has voted to adopt the RLSS UK safeguarding policy.

DBS checks are conducted through the RLSS for all operational members.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and received no benefits from the charity.

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## **Our Aims and objectives**

Our charity's aims and objectives for the public benefit are to assist in the protection and preservation of life of persons, or animals, who find themselves in difficulties on the coast, or at sea, primarily in the Stanswood Bay area.

This is achieved through the provision of a beach and inshore rescue service and by promoting community education in water safety.

The Charity provides a Lifeguard service, an inshore rescue service and a First Aid station, during the summer months when on a duty day. To promote further education, Stanswood Beach Rescue has maintained an RLSS UK Full club membership, which enables us to continue to deliver Rookie Lifeguard and Survive & Save awards, National Beach Lifeguard Qualifications. These can be delivered to Lifesaving clubs, other services, and the general public. We also collaborate with the community and beach users, to provide water safety education.

Our aims fully reflect the purposes that the charity was set up to further.

### Ensuring our work delivers our aims.

To ensure our work delivers our aims, we review our aims, objectives, and activities each year. This review looks at what we achieved and the outcomes of our work in the previous period. The review looks at the success of each key activity and the benefits they have brought to those groups of people we are set up to help.

The review also helps us ensure our aim, objectives and activities remained focused on our stated purposes. We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aim and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

The trustees are thank for to New Forest District Council (NFDC) for providing 8 parking permits for the unit for the Calshot carpark, this support is critical and supports the unit's operational capability.

### The focus of our work

Our main objectives for the period were to have the service fully operational as an inshore rescue service within the next 3 to 5 years and maintain a qualified lifeguard service, through continual training and development of lifesavers and lifeguards, beach rescue crew, and shore crew. Being members of the RLSS UK to help with the promotion of water safety including club and community beach training days.

Stanswood Beach Rescue wishes to:-

- Progress educational support and the development of water safety for all regardless of gender, age, and ability.
- Continue to encourage the wider community to engage with open water swimming in a safe and controlled environment.

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Looking towards 2026 we wish to continue maintaining the unit through maintenance and upgrading of the facilities, to include greater ability to train our lifeguards and community users. We will look to reclad and repainting the unit. Consideration for updating the unit to have green energy via solar power capability to support training and operational needs. Sustainability is an important part of the focus for 2026. In addition we are seeking to purchase a fully rescue code compliant rescue boat with launch beach trailer and engine and will seek grant and funding raising support for this.

### Achievements and Performance

2025 has been a particularly challenging year for many charities, and Stanswood Beach Rescue has been no exception. Securing funding for essential running costs has remained difficult; however, despite these pressures and increased operational demands, we successfully maintained a stable and reliable service throughout the year.

Now in only our sixth year of operation under the current trustee team (appointed in 2017), the service has continued to grow in capability and resilience. Despite the difficult circumstances, 2025 has also been a year of notable progress. We invested in new operational equipment and expanded our training provision for team members, external RLSS UK clubs, and partner independent lifeboat services across the region.

### Training and Qualifications Delivered

During the reporting period, Stanswood Beach Rescue delivered a wide range of training and qualifications, including:

- RLSS UK Water Smart awards for cold-water swimmers
- RLSS UK National Lifeguard Academy beach awards
- RLSS UK NVBLQ Lifeguard awards for four members
- RLSS UK NVBLQ Lifeguard requalification for one member
- RLSS UK Trainer and Assessor qualification
- RLSS UK Beach Trainer Assessors from the club assessed over 20 beach lifeguards across the south coast
- RLSS UK Beach Trainer Assessor Mentor support provided to several beach TAs at clubs across the UK.

### Operational Equipment and Activity

Our operational capability this year has relied on key assets including Yamaha rescue jet-skis, lifeguard paddleboards, rescue equipment, first aid kits, and AEDs.

Our FRIB with outboard—generously funded by the Southampton Round Table—has been deployed at multiple events both at Stanswood and at open-water swim sessions supporting clubs in Swanage and during the Old Harry Rocks swim.

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RLSS UK Beach Lifeguards undertook continual weekly training during duty days, in partnership with Salisbury Lifesaving Club, supplemented by online training via Teams.

### Community Engagement

Engagement with the community has remained a core part of our mission. Working closely with open-water swimming groups has enabled us to extend our water safety education and outreach. We have also strengthened our relationship with the National Coast Watch Institution at Lepe.

The visible presence of uniformed lifeguards on the beach has provided reassurance to the public, and feedback has been consistently positive.

Activities that we have been involved with include the RoundTable Mayflower park fireworks and the Wild Swimming events – providing safety cover and onshore base for first aid for the Old Harry Rock swim.

### Operational Incidents

Throughout the 2025 season, lifeguards responded to a variety of incidents, including:

- Treatment of jellyfish stings
- Inflatables drifting out to sea
- Support during mud rescues
- Assistance to paddleboarders and kayakers attempting to cross to the Isle of Wight
- Support for bathers with disabilities

Lifeguards also provided proactive safety advice and unaided safety cover to numerous beach and water users. Our approach remains firmly focused on prevention, rather than reaction.

### Safety Concerns at Calshot

A significant safety concern this year has been the increasing presence of wind-powered and motorised craft entering the designated swimming zone at Calshot.

On several occasions during 2025, lifeguards were required to launch the jet-ski or intervene from the shoreline to warn or redirect craft, following near-miss incidents involving swimmers—often due to helms failing to see bathers in the water. We have used our FRIB and jet-ski to intercept motor craft entering the swim zone on numerous occasions presenting as a hazard to swimmers.

The charity received numerous requests from beach users to support this education of other water users.

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Regular beach users and beach hut owners have also reported similar incidents during times when lifeguards are not present. This issue now requires escalation to local authorities to address the growing risk of a serious incident.

#### Open Water Swimming

Open-water swimming continues to grow in popularity, with increasing numbers of swimmers using the lifeguarded zone. While this trend brings clear health benefits, it also highlights the need for greater public awareness around cold-water shock, tides, and local beach hazards. We remain committed to supporting education in these areas.

#### Operational Hours and Administration

In 2025, we delivered over 1,600 operational and training hours, not including trustees' meetings, fundraising activities, administrative work, or compliance duties.

We continue to benefit from the D4H licence provided by the Solent Sea Rescue Organisation (SSRO), which has significantly improved our record-keeping and operational management.

#### Affiliations and Partnerships

Stanswood Beach Rescue has maintained full affiliation and membership with the Royal Life Saving Society UK, meeting all requirements for continued membership.

We have also maintained our position within the Solent Sea Rescue Organisation (SSRO).

Throughout the year, we have continued to strengthen relationships with partner organisations whose aims and objectives align with our own, ensuring continued collaboration and shared learning.

#### Salisbury Lifesaving Club

Stanswood Beach Rescue continues a strong working relationship with Salisbury Lifesaving Club. This has provided professional training and opportunities for both organisations, as well as a year-round continual development training program.

We hope further members of SLSC will continue to train and hopefully join Stanswood Beach Rescue.

#### Hamble Lifeboat and Solent Rescue

Stanswood Beach Rescue has continued with its strong, close working relationship with Hamble Lifeboat and Solent Rescue.

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Training was undertaken during the season with Lifeboat crews. It was also interesting for the lifeboat crews to work with the lifeguards and the equipment they use. The benefits worked well for all, as cross training for the possibility of a real situation.

### **Financial review**

It is the trustee's aim to retain at least one years' running costs.

We appreciate that when running a charity, some years maybe more costly than others due to maintenance and replacement equipment costs. So where reasonably practicable, we would always try to maintain a minimum of one years running costs to give the charity time to regain additional funding and keep the service going.

Cash at bank and in hand as of 30 September 2025 totalled £2,855 in unrestricted funds.

We do not consider that there are any uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.



## Statement of Financial Activities

### for the period ended 30 September 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Incoming resources</b>			
Donations	2	2,854	1,308
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Charitable activities	3	4,259	3,302
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		(1,405)	(1,994)
<b>Extraordinary items</b>		-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		(1,405)	(1,944)
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>			
Total funds brought forward		120,196	122,190
Total funds carried forward		<u>£118,791</u>	<u>£120,196</u>

All income and expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities was unrestricted.

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 10 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

## Balance Sheet

as at 30 September 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
<b>TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Land and buildings	6	100,075	100,075
Plant and equipment	6	17,978	20,330
Total fixed assets		118,053	120,405
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	7	911	911
Cash at bank and in hand		2,855	1,880
Total current assets		3,766	2,791
<b>CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year</b>	8	3,028	3,000
<b>Net current assets/(liabilities)</b>		738	(209)
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		118,791	120,196
<b>CREDITORS: amounts falling due after one year</b>	9	-	-
<b>Total net assets or liabilities</b>		£118,791	£120,196
<b>FUNDS OF THE CHARITY</b>			
Unrestricted funds		118,791	120,196
<b>Total funds</b>	10	£118,791	£120,196

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## **Notes to the financial statements**

### **for the period ended 30 September 2025**

#### **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

##### **Statutory information**

Stanswood Beach Rescue is a CIO registered with the Charity Commission in England & Wales, under charity number 1184787. The office address is c/o 24 Sutton Road, Totton, Southampton SO40 3PH. The Charity registration commenced on 6 August 2019.

##### **Basis of preparation**

The company uses the historical cost basis of accounting, and the financial statements are drawn up in accordance with the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP) 2015, updated 2019, as issued by the Charity Commission. The company has taken advantage of the exemption available as a small charity and not prepared a cash flow statement.

Stanswood Beach Rescue meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

##### **Going concern**

The Trustees have at the time of approving the financial statements a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus, they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

##### **Income**

Income is recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities ("SoFA") in the year in which it is receivable.

Gifts in kind are recognised in the SoFA as income at the fair value of the goods, services or assets gifted at the date of the gift.

##### **Donated goods**

Where goods (such as second-hand books) are donated to the charity for subsequent sale, they are only recorded in the financial statements at their value when sold. The trustees consider it impractical to value any such goods in stock at the year-end. Where goods and services are paid for directly by a third part as a donation to the charity, the donation is included at its fair value in income and expenditure where it is practical to do so. The value of volunteer time is not accounted for.

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## Notes to the financial statements

### for the period ended 30 September 2025

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

##### Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated in the balance sheet at cost, or fair value, less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided to write off the cost, less anticipated residual value of these assets over their estimated useful lives on the reducing balance method at the following rates:

	%
Rescue Station	Nil
Rescue craft	10.00
Plant and equipment	12.50

##### Cost of charitable activities

These comprise costs directly involved in running the rescue craft and equipment, including fuel, repairs, servicing, protective clothing and depreciation of the engines and equipment. It also includes the costs of running the rescue station, including repairs, water rates, and support costs. The latter are stationery, office, and other administration costs.

The land is owned by NFDC upon which Discretionary Rate Relief has been granted for the non-domestic rates, on the basis that the Charity provides a service to the local council.

##### Insurance costs

As part of the Membership with RLSS and Solent Sea-Rescue Organisation (SSRO), the charity is insured for equipment, training, services, and public liability insurance.

The charity arranges and funds its' own buildings insurance.

## Notes to the financial statements

### for the period ended 30 September 2025

#### 2. INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND GIFTS

	2025	2024
	£	£
General donations	2,594	1,308
Training fee income	260	-
	<u>£2,854</u>	<u>£1,308</u>

#### 3. COST OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Boat and Jet ski running costs	112	-
Insurance – building	233	224
Rescue Station running costs	-	-
Repairs and maintenance	277	-
Professional membership and subscriptions	132	132
Training expenses	644	114
Health and safety	-	-
Clothing and gear	-	-
Website costs	270	270
Stationery and other	27	-
Depreciation	2,564	2,562
	<u>£4,259</u>	<u>£3,302</u>

#### 4. STAFF COSTS

There are no employees of the company, and the Trustees received no remuneration during the year.

#### 5. TAXATION

No charge to corporation tax arises because the company is a registered charity and as such is exempt from corporation tax.

## Notes to the financial statements

### for the period ended 30 September 2025

#### 6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Rescue Station (building only)	Plant and Equipment	Rescue craft	Total
	£	£	£	£
COST				
As at 1 October 2024	102,075	20,434	13,996	136,505
Additions	-	212	-	212
Disposals	-	-	-	-
As at 30 September 2025	£102,075	£20,646	£13,996	£136,717
DEPRECIATION				
As at 1 October 2024	2,000	8,371	5,729	16,100
Charge for the year	-	1,534	1,030	2,564
As at 30 September 2025	£2,000	£9,905	£6,759	£18,664
NET BOOK VALUE				
As at 30 September 2025	£100,075	£10,741	£ 7,237	£118,053
As at 30 September 2024	£100,075	£9,563	£10,767	£120,405

#### 7. DEBTORS

	2025	2024
	£	£
VAT reclaim	£911	£911

#### 8. CREDITORS: Falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Reimbursements of costs to Trustees	28	-
Protective clothing	-	-
Loan repayment	3,000	3,000
	3,028	3,000

The loan is interest free and unsecured.

**9. CREDITORS: Falling due within after year**

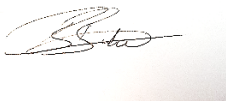
	2025	2024
	£	£
Loan repayment	<u>£-</u>	<u>£-</u>

The loan is interest free and unsecured.

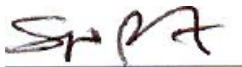
**10. TOTAL FUNDS**

	£
Total funds brought forward	120,196
Surplus for the year	<u>(1,405)</u>
Total funds carried forward	<u>£118,791</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:



Brain Butcher  
Hon Chairperson



Cllr Dr Simon Port  
Trustee