

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1187786

Nailsea Shedders

Unaudited Financial Statements

30 September 2023

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Public Benefit Requirement

Every year, any given Charity must demonstrate it meets the Public Benefit Requirement. This is a test where the Charity demonstrates it conducts its activities for the Public Benefit AND, is for a Charitable Purpose i.e., what it does, it meets its Charitable Objects which are defined in our Constitution. We are also required to assess whether any harm form may outweigh the public benefit. There were two such incidents this year.

Before I get into the Public Benefit Requirement, I want to say about the members of UKeBox Clevedon, who have transitioned into becoming members of our Charity.

For clarity, it might prove helpful to say a bit about UKeBox, and how they came to be a part of Nailsea Shedders.

As I understand things, UKeBox (Clevedon), a Ukelele gigging band, had been running for about 9 years. They perform for free, inviting donations where any monies they raise, are gifted on to other charitable causes. The equipment UKeBox use, some of it is owned by the members themselves, some purchased from their central funds. UKeBox (Clevedon) was not a legal entity, they were an unincorporated association. This means, where any such incident had occurred and their insurance declined to pay out, the individual members of UKeBox (Clevedon), would have become personally liable.

Following the tragic unexpected loss of their leader David Wiltshire, one of our Trustees Ellis Johns, and another one of our trustees Steve Sayers, both members of UKeBox Clevedon, Ellis in particular raised concerns with me about the future of UKeBox Clevedon, and the potential personal liabilities which all the members may incur as an unincorporated association.

- In April 2023 members of UKeBox started transitioning into becoming members of Nailsea Shedders. To make sense of operations, Nailsea Shedders refers to all our members (including UKeBox), 'Shedders could refer to either people on the repair side or Ukelele players. UKeBox was the name given to the musical wing of our charity, members of our charity who were deemed to be sufficiently competent and able to perform at non-fee-paying events.
- Public access into membership of UKeBox is the same as Nailsea Shedders. For a member to participate in any of our activities, they must become a member of our charity first. Admission into UKeBox can then be achieved by any shedder through our Ukelele learning group, or through UKeBox, subject to their operational needs.

UKeBox {Clevedon}, transition of financial arrangements into Nailsea Shedders

- Nailsea Shedders opened a third Bank account within our current financial structure, to support UKeBox to have a Charity Bank account which comes under the authority of the trustees. This arrangement was supported by two nominated UKeBox members to have designated access to this account only within the charity set up.
- Funds from gigging events could now be separated out from the charity's specific operational income and expenditure.
- This arrangement also permitted a temporary provision, where UKeBox (Clevedon) could transfer their existing funds, which in effect belonged to individual members of UKeBox {Clevedon}. With authority of the trustees, two UKeBox representatives would

have formal access to that specific account only and could then be afforded a degree of autonomy on how those accumulated funds ought to be disposed of.

- On 29th June 2023, the former treasurer of UKeBox {Clevedon}, supported a transfer of funds of £850 into the third charity account, named UKeBox. This money is ring fenced for the former members of UKeBox (Clevedon), now members of Nailsea Shedders, to dispose of the money in accordance with their wishes. The proviso here, is that UKeBox understands the trustees will need to agree the sign off. The third account is still a charity account, and it needs to be managed accordingly.
- I renegotiated an insurance policy with Nailsea Shedders Insurers, which now covers our members gigging at non-fee-paying events.

I am happy to welcome UKeBox into our charity. It adds tremendous variety and richness to our charity. It is also proving a valuable contribution to our Charity's Objects and supporting our Public Benefit Requirement, the subject I will now turn to.

Public Benefit Requirement, also known as The Public Benefit Test

The Public Benefit Test is one upon which all Charity trustees have a Legal Duty to ensure this is regularly considered within their decision making. In our case, the running of Nailsea Shedders, including UKeBox its musical wing.

Not only must Charity trustees' factor this within their decision making, but they must include this in their annual report, that the Charity Trustees have taken this into account the Statutory Guidance provided by the Charities Commission.

The foundation, (i.e., the purpose of our Charity), is to reduce social isolation, along with other 'Objects' as defined in our Constitution.

Our Membership Secretary, and future proposed new Chair, specifically identifies and makes a good point when he says, and I quote: -

"Being a member of Nailsea Shedders, including UKeBox, is a primary contributor to the purpose of our Charity. This has a strong relevance to individuals in later life, where feelings of social isolation and a lack of individual worth can be prevalent."

Donald makes an interesting point here. I am aware some members can no longer come to our sessions because of increasing morbidity, yet they remain members, staying connected, in touch. Our drop in visitors, non-members who like to see us for a cup of tea, biscuits, and a chat, these have increased, Only last week, someone dropped in as wanted to be a Patron of ours, loved what we do, wants to be a part of it.

This to me, evidences the 'Public Benefit' working in practise in a very dynamic way, is growing, our activities, the things we do, simply adds tapestry, acts like a social glue in enabling the public benefit to be experienced on the ground.

The 'activities,' the things we do, are for the public benefit. It is our social glue. This is a snapshot of activities we have been doing this year:

- Fixing, repairing things for the community, reducing landfill, building bespoke bird boxes, repairing electrical items, developing cost effective Hot Composters, working along with other Wildlife Groups in making for them bespoke habitats, taking Commissions from Nailsea Town Council and other smaller groups such as 'Nailsea in Bloom', clock building course for looked after children, putting on DIY courses for women only. They are all for the 'wider' benefit of the Community. These activities are risk assessed so that any potential harm is minimised. An example here is that all our hot metal welding is done 'off-site,' we think the harm of doing this activity onsite outweighs the benefits.
- Between 1st November 22 – 31st March 23, Nailsea Shedders hosted a 'warm bank', where Wi-Fi, small refreshments, small activities, jigsaws, board games, television, will be provided free of charge, to people who need to keep warm. We have been invited to participate for 23/24 and are likely to continue this support.
- UKeBox, the Charities musical Wing has raised 2.5k for a Defibrillator. This commemorates their former leader David, funds held in the British heart Foundation. The final siting will be decided by the charities musical wing.
- UKeBox are increasingly being booked up and used by a variety of non-paying venues, such as Care Homes, memory Cafes, Flower Shows, and larger venues such as Woodspring Wings. UKeBox play for donations which are given to Charities and other not for profit Charitable organisations. UKeBox will also play at venues to support other fundraising events such as for Ukraine. UKeBox are increasingly receiving multiple and repeat bookings to the same venues, such as such as local Memory Cafes and care developments and the Nailsea Community Farmers Market.
- Shedders on the other hand have seen a rapid increase in demands for repairs. Between 2021 to 2022 we completed 138 jobs. From 2022 to 2023 we have done 238 jobs. This is an increase of 72%.
- The musical wing of our Charity has also seen a rise in demand for performances. In 2022, UkeBox performed 15 gigs. In 2023, this jumped to 24 which is an increase of 60% on last year.
- The Repair side generates additional operational income which helps keep subs as low as possible. This activity supports the provision of other operational requirements such as the money for First Aid Courses, advertising by displaying our branded logos on clothing, T shirts, sweats, fleeces which all Shedders can wear on accordance with preferences and options.
- Our Charity's musical wing raises money for other Charitable causes. As this activity is new for our Charity, their contributions to other causes ought to become more apparent for next year's annual report.

The Public Harm requirement

This means our activities, what we do towards meeting our Charity's purpose, objects, means we need to make decisions where we manage any risks of detriment or harm, to either our charity's beneficiaries or to the public in general. In effect, we need to risk assess our activities and where we think the potential harm outweighs the public benefit, we do not do it, or if we are in the middle of it, we stop.

- During one fund raising 'Open Air' event, the playing arrangements had to be altered because of the presenting risks and the following day was cancelled due to the elevated risk of rain and the risks of exposed electrical equipment to the elements. In this case, the trustees considered the harm would outweigh the public benefit and therefore ceased the activity on that occasion.
- Due to an apparent upsurge in potential covid activity, experienced by up to 25% of UKeBox members, the Friday rehearsal session was cancelled. The following week, mike covers were used, doors left open.

I am satisfied our Charity has met its purpose, has delivered that benefit to its community through its activities, and any such benefit to its members, are incidental to those activities.

I am satisfied that the risk assessments, reviews, and responses we undertake to any such identified hazards are such that any potential harm does not outweigh the benefits of belonging to Sheddars.

Before moving onto the financial element of the Chairs report, I would first like to mention Trustees Rotation.

Trustees Rotation

Charity Commissions Guidance for a Trustees is for a 3-year term, with a suggested maximum tenure of 9 years, in 3-year terms.

Trustees' rotation: As per our Constitution and Charity Guidance, every three years, Trustees step down to offer other members a chance, to step up. This is something the Charity Trustees actively encourage.

In the event no one else puts themselves forward as trustees (three is the minimum number of trustees required), I PROPOSE WE MOVE INTO A JOINT TRUSTEE COMMITTEE DECISION MAKING FORUM. THE TRUSTEES WILL HAVE AN OVERRIDING SAY, because it is they who hold legal responsibility for the running of the Charity. A joint trustee/committee arrangement also potentially supports a committee member stepping up into being a trustee as and when required.

Trustees (Chair of Trustees to be decided by the trustees)

Donald Sparling
Andy Morrison
Steve Sayers

Committee (Chair can be decided by the committee, if necessary, on a rotational basis)

1. Steve Sayers (Trustee), key holder manager
2. Phill Wheatley (Finance Officer), grants, consults with bookkeeper, Chair.
3. Ellis Johns (Musical Director), UKeBox and Ukelele Learning Group
4. Elaine Metcalfe (UKeBox and Sheddars go between). joint newsletter
5. Rob Metcalfe (Operations manager) Storage, space, tools, equipment
6. Colin Clarke (Electrical manager), PAT testing, electrical jobs oversight.

The Committee will meet and make operational decisions subject to trustee oversight and agreement.

Hope this makes sense to us all.

Two more reports, the financial report from Emma and then finally, the Membership Report from Donald Sparling.

Now for the Financial Report from Emma.

Statement of financial activities – Section 3

Operational Finances

Regular Income	Members Gift Aid	£128.42
	Members Monthly Donation	£2,451.35
Regular Income Total		£2,579.77
Regular Expenditure	EW Bookkeeping	-£570.00
	Insurance	-£423.20
	Promo Material	-£132.00
	WVC facilities rental	-£1,311.50
Regular Expenditure Total		-£2,436.70
On Demand Income	Courses	£10.00
	Jobs	£2,759.64
	Refreshments	£40.00
On Demand Income Total		£2,809.64
On Demand Expenditure	Consumables	-£388.44
	Courses	-£71.09
	Jobs	-£1,023.42
	Refreshments	-£558.68
	WVC maintenance	-£112.21
On Demand Expenditure Total		-£2,153.84
Specific Income	Donations	£499.01
	Equipment	£0.98
	Grants	£500.00
	Transfer from Reserves	£1,301.71
	Workwear	£83.36
Specific Income Total		£2,385.06
Specific Expenditure	Donations	-£282.50
	Equipment	-£1,541.66
	Promo Material	-£191.00
	Refreshments	-£409.66
Specific Expenditure Total		-£2,424.82
Operational Surplus		£759.11

Operational Bank Account

Opening Value at 1 October 2022 = £1035.10

Closing Value at 29 September 2023 = £1660.88

Reserves

Opening Value at 1 October 2022 = £6301.71

Closing Value at 29 September 2023 = £5034.11

Interest in period = £33.13

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

Notes to the financial statements – Section 5

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is 3 Wyatts Close, Nailsea, Bristol, BS48 2JH.

2. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for future project or commitment. Funds raised by UkeBox are included in this category as all such income is designated to be re-donated to other charities or specific fundraising activities within Nailsea Shedders.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds, certain Grants may fall into this category

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to categories of income:

- income from donations made by members on a regular basis (notionally monthly) to support the ongoing running of the charity.
- income from donations made by members of the community in recognition of work Nailsea Sheddars have done on items they bring to us for repair/recondition or specific commissions (eg making bird boxes)
- general donations or grants - recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable, and its amount can be measured reliably.
- income from donated goods, measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.
- gift aid is claimed on Members Monthly Donations. Irrespective of when the gift aid application is made, the resulting payment has been apportioned in line with the member's donations and therefore the financial reporting.

Resources expended.

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities. Included in the cost of activities are the costs of materials and consumables used in the repair and recondition of items brought to us.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable, and consistent basis.

Reserves

Nailsea Sheddars holds a "reserve account" into which any surplus can be paid. The reserve is aimed at providing Nailsea Sheddars with a fund that can be used to cover significant projects, or unexpected expenditure.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Where investments in shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in income and expenditure. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initially recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, with any changes recognised in the statement of financial activities, except for hedging instruments in a designated hedging relationship.

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised under the appropriate heading in the statement of financial activities in which the initial gain was recognised.

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped based on similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversals of impairment are recognised immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

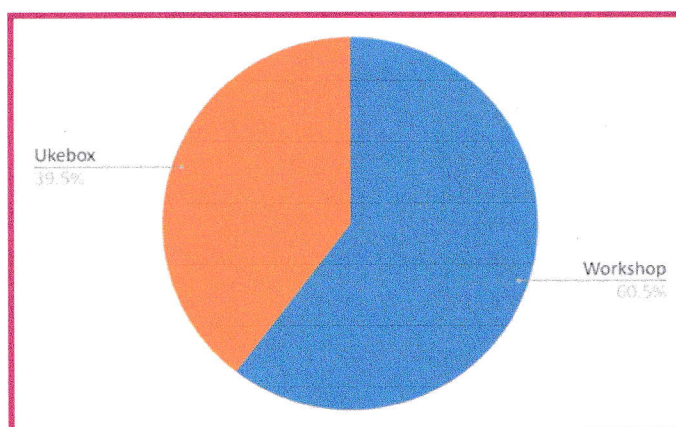
Membership Report – Section 6

The Membership Report (The full membership report is available upon request)

Membership

Our membership as of 30 September was 43 with 26 Workshop Members, with 3 Workshop members who are also UKeBox members.

The Workshop membership includes 4 Honorary members and patrons.



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This concludes the 2023 Trustees Report.

Signed

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'W. Healey', written in a cursive style.

The Chair of the Charity trustees, on behalf of the Board of Trustees

Date

22/05/2024