

FLEETWOOD BEACH WHEELCHAIRS

England & Wales · Charity number 1187870

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2020-02-11

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF FLEETWOOD BEACH WHEELCHAIRS ARE FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT TO RELIEVE THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE WITH PHYSICAL LIMITATION OR INFIRMITY BY WORKING WITH INDIVIDUALS, LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND TO SUPPLY, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN ALL-TERRAIN WHEELCHAIRS TOGETHER WITH ASSOCIATED ITEMS, TO ENABLE SUCH PEOPLE TO ACCESS FLEETWOOD BEACH AND SURROUNDING BEACHES, RECREATION VENUES AND BEAUTY SPOTS.

Activities: For the public benefit to relieve the needs of people with physical limitation or infirmity by working with individuals, local organisations and to supply, operate and maintain all-terrain wheelchairs together with associated items, to enable such people to access Fleetwood beach and surrounding beaches, recreation venues and beauty spots.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Disability, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities

Geography

- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-02-28	£24,250	£15,694	-	-
2024-02-29	£14,467	£15,229	-	-
2023-02-28	£13,469	£16,685	-	-
2022-02-28	£45,347	£12,295	-	-
2021-02-10	£26,897	£19,359	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Michael John Gray	Chair	2020-01-22
JULIE CHRISTINE SANDHAM		2020-02-20
Jane Harvey		2024-04-02
Janet Simpson		2020-10-06
Joan Lesley Gray		2023-06-06
Reece Edward Slater		2020-01-22
Stephen William Ireland		2022-09-06

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The King's Award for Voluntary Service

The MBE for volunteer groups

**FLEETWOOD
BEACH WHEELCHAIRS**

Annual Report 2025

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Chair of Trustees Report

Once again it is my privilege and honour to submit my report on behalf of the Trustees for the closing year. This is our fifth year of service on the beach, and during this period the Charity saw another increase in our visitor numbers. At close of play on 31st March 2025 we attained a magnificent total of 1335 chair users. An appendix of chair usage is provided within this report by our Trustee Jane Harvey, who continues to monitor usage and guide our policy on how we use the chairs and equipment.

This is, without a doubt, a year of celebration. Whilst this is our fifth year of service on the beach it also marks the ultimate recognition of the work that our volunteers engage in on behalf of the local and wider community. Our Charity has been granted the most prestigious accolade of the King's Award for Voluntary Service. The Award, introduced in 2002 to celebrate the Late Queen's Jubilee, was inaugurated to celebrate the contribution, often unsung, of those who give their time and energy to support others by volunteering themselves to their communities. There can be no doubt whatsoever that our volunteers acquit themselves extremely well on the frontline of volunteering and it is their personal commitment to our charity that has won us this recognition. It also has to be said that those that gave their time to attend and participate in the Assessment Day on January 17th 2024 gave a magnificent impression of the work of the Charity. The thanks, on behalf of the Trustees, is heartfelt.

Once again we have been able to give service to visitors from right across the United Kingdom as well as our local community. We have accommodated individuals, families, care homes, schools, community groups and associations from far and near. Local providers of accommodation and leisure facilities have added to our service users as Fleetwood and its surrounding areas has attracted visitors to the location. Fleetwood beach is now being recognised as a premier accessible beach.

The year has seen a decline in the weather conditions overall with strong winds continually buffeting the coastline. Added to this there have been several discharges of sewage into the sea around the shoreline which have deterred visitors. We protest in the strongest terms at this blatant disregard for our environment. As I write this report the beach is recovering from a discharge two days ago, during the Easter School holiday on days of brilliant sunshine.

We now have eleven chairs, two Sandpipers, three Hippocampes, five Debugs (of which there are three different models) and one EZ Roller, plus two Rollators and four beach trollies. This year has seen us review our fleet and replace our two Sandcruisers with two new Debugs and one Hippocampe has been replaced with an updated model. Several of our chairs have over 250 hours of beach service each and it was time to begin refreshing our fleet. We have donated the Sandcruisers to the National Trust at Formby and the Hippocampe has a new home at Ardrossan in Scotland. The Sandcruisers have seen sterling service but experience has shown that they do not have the adaptability and comfort of the Debug models. We know the donated chairs will give much pleasure in their new locations.

We have had fewer presentations to groups this year but we do have future dates booked up. It is essential that we "spread the word" of our activities. Presentations are a good source of

donations as well as being a “shop-window” for potential volunteers. This year has seen us add two excellent and reliable volunteers to our ranks and we are indebted to them for their contribution.

The Trustees continue to meet on a monthly basis, with a short break in the winter months due to “downtime”, however decisions are still made and Minuted by means of WhatsApp as the need arises and in the interests of transparency. Our Board Meetings have now moved from the New Boston Hotel, which was our regular venue to the Men’s Shed due to the hotel changing hands and undergoing extensive refurbishment. Our new meeting venue is comfortable and welcoming and we expect to remain there for many years to come.

Our annual concert, organised by Barbara Hebden is due to take place again in May and our annual quiz has been replaced by more regular monthly quizzes organised by a local enthusiast who is sharing funds between charities, ourselves included.

Sadly our regular chair service engineer, John Brimelow, can no longer carry out that role due to illness. John has been essential to us in keeping our chairs in tip-top condition since we began operations five years ago. Fortunately his place has been taken by one of our Trustees, Steve Ireland. Steve has been helping John on the regular servicing days each month and is a worthy replacement for John.

As with previous years fundraising has become an essential part of our profile as we offer our services entirely free of charge, but our costs have increased in that our rent has been increased and the cost of our insurance has been raised in line with inflation. The cost of utilities has also not remained static. Our equipment continues to have to be replaced because of the nature of our work. Keeping a healthy bank balance is a priority. Nobody benefits financially from what we do. All our volunteers and Trustees give their services entirely free of charge. We are welcomed by our local ASDA and Affinity Shopping Centre to display our work and collect and donations continue to come in from a number of sources. It is because of this and generous donations that we were able to replace three of our chairs without great difficulty and continue to hold a good reserve in the Building Society for eventualities. Dreams Come True have funded our first round of chair replacements. We look with some concern at future chair replacements as the bulk of our fleet is produced in America and the current financial and political uncertainties there make for caution.

The completion of the Changing Places Unit next to our Wheel Base has been a considerable asset to our operations and helped us to provide a “complete service” to our users. Many of our clients travel long distances to use the beach. Consequently they need to be changed and “freshened-up” before going on the beach and very often they need changing and refreshing again after being on the beach. Our thanks for this are due to Wyre Council, Fleetwood Town Council, Muscular Dystrophy UK, The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and DANFO for taking up the gauntlet and providing this facility.

This unit is a considerable benefit and adds to the attractions of Fleetwood as a Town that truly cares for people with disabilities and wants tourism. Fleetwood is Disability Friendly and we need to get that message across to people. Currently our Changing Places facility is operating on a restricted basis due to abuse by less caring individuals and the Council at Wyre is considering

options to overcome this. Nonetheless it does not inhibit our service.

I would like to thank Fleetwood Town Council for its continued support, Rotary of Fleetwood and Healthier Fleetwood for the help they give us. As an original Rotary Project initiated by the Fleetwood Club we continue to have a number of Rotary members as volunteers.

In addition I would like to thank all our supporters and followers, wherever they are in the World, and we appreciate their “Shares” and “Likes”. We hope to give inspiration to others to follow our lead and liberate the beaches and foreshores wherever such a service can be provided.

Finally I extend my thanks to the Trustees who guide our activities and give wise counsel, care for our volunteers and chair issues, staff our regular collections, maintain our equipment, organise our Meetings and presentations and support our users and their carers.

We look forward to another successful year ahead. Thank you for Caring.

Michael Gray BA (Hons) Cert Ed

Chair of Trustees

Fleetwood Beach Wheelchairs KAVS

April 2025

Fleetwood Beach Wheelchairs Annual Statistics Report 2024 -25

Monthly figures are as follows

Month	Clients	Booked	Drop in	Chairs/equipment					
				Debug	EZ Roller	Hippo-campe	Sand-cruiser	Sand-piper	Rollator
April	14	13	1	7	1	0	5	1	0
May	36	24	12	15	7	5	2	3	4
June	36	32	4	19	5	6	2	2	2
July	62	49	13	30	9	6	8	7	2
Augt	92	84	8	37	9	15	9	18	4
Sept	45	38	7	23	4	10	4	1	3
Oct	13	12	1	3	2	4	1	1	2
Nov	2	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Dec	No chairs/equipment used								
Jan	No chairs/equipment used								
Feb	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Mar	8	7	1	5	0	2	0	0	1
Totals	309	262	47	140	37	49	32	33	18

Quarterly totals are as follows:

Client numbers

	Number of clients	Booked	Drop in
Q1 April – June	86	69	17
Q2 July - Sept	199	171	28
Q3 Oct - Dec	15	14	1
Q4 Jan - March	9	8	1

Equipment used

	De bug	EZ Roller	Hippocampe	Sandcruiser	Sandpiper	Rollator
Q1	41	13	11	9	6	6
Q2	90	22	31	21	26	9
Q3	4	2	5	1	1	2
Q4	5	0	2	1	0	1

Total uses since opening 1335

Notes:

- ◆ The total annual client figures for 2024-25 have increased compared to 2023-24. There were **37** more clients – an increase of **13.6%**.
- ◆ The third Debug was added to the fleet on 30th May 2024. This model of chair remains the most popular with **45%** of uses.
- ◆ The Wheel Base was closed on a number of occasions during the year. The main reason was weather conditions, but sewage issues also led to closures. The most significant closure was from 20.8.2024. to 27.8.2024. inclusive, when 41 bookings were cancelled.

Jane Harvey

31st March 2025

Thank You to Our Partners

We have several organizations to thank for the healthy and optimistic position we find ourselves in today ...

Rotary Club of Fleetwood

Our chair of trustees, Michael Gray, is a member of Fleetwood's proactive Rotary Club and from his initial presentation they have encouraged and supported him to research and establish the charity. The Club, together with Rotary District 1190, made a substantial donation towards the cost of a chair, and many Rotarians also volunteer their time and goodwill for Fleetwood Beach Wheelchairs. This support is invaluable.

Fleetwood Town Council

A large donation from the Town Council's Community Fund supported the purchase of three chairs in our fleet. Two of our trustees are also local Councillors, passionate about making Fleetwood a better place to live, work in and to visit. The support of the Town Council ensures the charity is always closely linked to the community.

Healthier Fleetwood

The first organisation approached to get the idea off the ground was Healthier Fleetwood, a not-for-profit organisation with a remit to "connect the community". They helped form the initial steering group and much of the administration and marketing was overseen by David Gore of Healthier Fleetwood. He has now left the board of Trustees to concentrate on his professional work but still continues to give his support through Healthier Fleetwood.

Wyre Council

The Council has worked closely with us in leasing to us the 'Wheel Base' headquarters just a few metres from the Promenade. Officers of the Council have continued to provide their expertise and support despite throughout the pandemic.

Baxter Life Care Ltd

This family-run business provides a range of value-for-money social care services across the Fylde Coast. The company supports us with their expertise and advice, and has provided specialist equipment for the use of our visitors. We are also delighted to welcome Baxter Life Care Ltd as our website sponsors which will open up discussion with other potential partners.

Independent Examiner's Report



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Fleetwood Beach Wheelchairs

**On accounts for the year
ended**

28th February 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1187870

Set out on pages

1 and 2

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 28th February 2025

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached..

Signed:

Date:

12th May 2025

Name:

James Christopher Wight

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qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

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Fleetwood Beach Wheelchairs

Charity Number: 1187870

Income & Expenditure

for the year ended

28 February 2025

	2025			2024		
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Income						
Donations	22,810	-	22,810	12,956	-	12,956
Grants	-	-	-	-	703	703
Interest	1,370	-	1,370	808	-	808
Quiz Money	70	0	70	0	0	0
Total Income	24,250	-	24,250	13,764	703	14,467
Expenditure						
Advertising	857	-	857	45	-	45
Cleaning	167	-	167	80	-	80
Computer	45	-	45	330	-	330
Depreciation	1,929	6,071	7,999	1,260	5,922	7,182
Electricity	253	-	253	-	-	-
Equipment	219	-	219	575	-	575
Fees	43	-	43	-	-	-
Honararium	200	-	200	200	-	200
Hospitality	-	-	-	100	-	100
Insurance	1,581	-	1,581	1,530	-	1,530
Legal Costs	-	-	-	724	-	724
Licences	20	-	20	20	-	20
Maintenace & Repairs	257	-	257	392	-	392
Office Equipment	-	-	-	274	-	274
Postage	8	-	8	9	-	9
Refreshments	146	-	146	473	-	473
Rent	2,000	-	2,000	1,300	-	1,300
Stationery	240	-	240	544	-	544
Sundries	632	-	632	225	-	225
Telephone	698	-	698	532	-	532
Wheelchair Equipment	330	-	330	475	219	694
Total Expenditure	9,624	6,071	15,694	9,088	6,141	15,229
Net Surplus/Deficit	14,626 -	6,071	8,556	4,676 -	5,438 -	762

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Balance Sheet

Fleetwood Beach Wheelchairs

Charity Number: 1187870

Balance Sheet

for the year ended

28 February 2025

	2025			2024		
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Total funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Total funds £
Fixed Assets						
Beach Wheelchairs	5,181	24,140	29,321	4,504	23,545	28,049
Introduction of Assets	2,676	0	2,676	677	595	1,272
	<u>7,857</u>	<u>24,140</u>	<u>31,997</u>	<u>5,181</u>	<u>24,140</u>	<u>29,321</u>
Accum Depreciation	3,441	14,373	17,814	2,181	8,451	10,632
Depreciation	1,929	6,071	7,999	1,260	5,922	7,182
	<u>2,487</u>	<u>3,696</u>	<u>6,184</u>	<u>1,740</u>	<u>9,767</u>	<u>11,507</u>
Current Assets						
Bank	52,799	0	52,799	38,972	0	38,972
Prepayments	688	0	688	635	0	635
	<u>53,487</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>53,487</u>	<u>39,607</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>39,607</u>
Current Liabilities						
Accruals	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Current Assets (Liabilities)	<u>55,974</u>	<u>3,696</u>	<u>59,670</u>	<u>41,347</u>	<u>9,767</u>	<u>51,114</u>
Capital Account						
Balance BF			51,114			51,876
Net Surplus/Deficit			8,556			-762
Balance CF			<u>59,670</u>			<u>51,114</u>

Trustees and Officers

2024-2025

Chair & Trustee	Michael Gray
Vice-Chair & Trustee	Lorraine Beavers
Treasurer & Trustee	Julie Sandham
Secretary & Trustee	Janet Simpson
Volunteer Officer & Trustee	Lesley Gray
Trustee	Cheryl Raynor
Trustee	Reece Slater
Trustee	Stephen Ireland
Trustee	Jane Harvey

Charity Registration and Contacts

2024-2025

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Charles R

Charles the Third,

By the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
and of Our other Realms and Territories King, Defender of the Faith, to

*Fleetwood Beach Wheelchairs
Enabling free access to the beach
and foreshore previously denied to
those with disabilities.*

Greeting!

We being cognisant of the said group's outstanding voluntary work in the community,
and being desirous of showing Our Royal Favour do hereby confer upon it:

The King's Award for Voluntary Service for voluntary service by groups in the community 2024

for such period as the group continues to provide its current service and do
hereby give permission for the authorised emblem of the said Award to be
displayed on the group's letterhead and other public material.

Given at Our Court of Saint James's under Our Royal Sign Manual this
fourteenth day of November 2024 in the second year of Our Reign.



The King's Award
for Voluntary Service





Some pictures from our Gallery





Award presentation at County Hall, Preston by the Lord Lieutenant of Lancashire , Amanda Parker



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Chair of Trustees Report

It gives me great pleasure to submit my report on behalf of the Trustees for the closing year. This is our fourth year of service on the beach, and during this period the Charity saw its 1000th visitor to use our beach wheelchairs. At close of play before Christmas we attained a magnificent total of 1019 chair users.

It is remarkable to note that of all our users there has only been one person that we have not been able to give access to the beach to, safely and comfortably, and that was a visitor with such profound scoliosis that it was simply not possible to meet their need.

Once again we have been able to give service to visitors from right across the United Kingdom as well as our local community. We have accommodated individuals, families, care homes, schools, community groups and associations from far and near. Local providers of accommodation and leisure facilities have added to our service users as Fleetwood and its surrounding areas has attracted visitors to the location.

The year started poorly for us as we had to recover from the damage caused by a burst pipe at our Base, which was reported on in my last annual report. Added to this set-back was the conversion of the shower and toilet unit next to us which was being turned into a Changing Places facility. The building work restricted access to our Wheel Base and affected operations for several weeks until the conversion was completed.

After these interruptions to service we rapidly got back into operations with all ten chairs being out on the beach at one time on more than one occasion. As things took off we were hit with a devastating blow caused by reports of sewage being dumped in the sea which led to a beach access restriction. The situation was repeated on a second and later third occasion. This considerably hampered our operations as people simply stayed away from the resort. Of all the things that people with disabilities need to avoid the fear of infection or illness from such a source is probably one of the most serious ones.

We have continued with our presentations to groups and have visited Masonic Lodges, Rotary Clubs, Mothers' Union Meetings, Inner Wheel, Church Groups and the Golf Club in order to illustrate what we do and to raise funds. We have had a very successful Quiz Night and hope to repeat that again this year. A Charity Concert was also held on our behalf and we will repeat that again this year.

Fundraising has become an essential part of our profile as we offer services entirely free of charge, but our costs have increased in that our rent has been increased and the cost of our insurance has been raised in line with inflation. The cost of utilities has also increased. Our equipment continues to have to be replaced because of the nature of our work. Keeping a healthy bank balance is a priority. Nobody benefits financially from what we do. All our volunteers and Trustees give their services entirely free of charge. Consequently we have initiated fundraising by holding two events at the Affinity retail outlet in Fleetwood, two collections at local Cooperative stores, and we operated an information stall at the King's Coronation Celebration at Marine Hall, Fleetwood. We are keen to look out for any opportunities to advertise our service and raise funds and contributions. One of our collection activities was featured on Granada Television News in March when one of our Trustees, who is a wheelchair user, did a sponsored "Wheelchair Push" around the town to raise funds.

In addition the Mayor of Wyre, Julie Robinson, has made Fleetwood Beach Wheelchairs one of her recipient Charities of the Year and has held events to raise funds for us and her other selected Charities.

We have also made contact with Fleetwood Town Community Trust, which is affiliated to Fleetwood Town Football Club, and hope to develop a beneficial relationship into the future.

During the year we took delivery of a new piece of equipment, a Beach Rollator, which gained considerable interest. During September one image of the unit being used on the beach attracted a total of 10.4 million views and accompanying posts gave us 20.8 million views worldwide. This was so remarkable that the supplier of our equipment has taken an interest in helping with publicity. We await events on this for 2024.

We have now purchased a second Beach Rollator as a result of a generous donation from a local firm.

The completion of the Changing Places Unit next to our Wheel Base has been a considerable asset to our operations and helped us to provide a “complete service” to our users. Many of our clients travel long distances to use the beach. Consequently they need to be changed and “freshened-up” before going on the beach and very often they need changing and refreshing again after being on the beach. Our thanks for this are due to Wyre Council, Fleetwood Town Council, Muscular Dystrophy UK, The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and DANFO for taking up the gauntlet and providing this facility.

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Fleetwood Beach Wheelchairs has been nominated for the King's Award for Voluntary Service. As a result we had a very comprehensive interview and scrutiny in January 2024 to see if we meet the exacting criteria for receipt of the Award. We eagerly await the outcome.

During the year we were awarded the Wyre Business Awards' “Community and Charity Organisation of the Year”. We are proud to hold this Award as it reflects the work and dedication of the volunteers who support us and celebrates the “extra mile” that they take for our users.

Both this award and being nominated for the King's Award are tremendous accolades for the work of our volunteers who turn out in all weathers to meet the needs of our visitors and help to get them comfortably and safely onto the beach. I cannot praise them enough for their hard work and dedication. Like all voluntary organisations we can always do with having more volunteers to spread the workload. They truly are a happy and loyal Team.

The weather this year has also been very much against us. Strong winds have forced us off the beach for long periods and a succession of weather fronts with strong winds and heavy rain has kept our activities down as the year came to an end.

We look to begin operations again very soon. We continue to have our monthly Board of Trustees meetings but have recently lost the use of the New Boston Hotel, which has been a great friend to us for the last two years. We will be moving our regular Board meetings to The Men's Shed in Manor Road, Fleetwood, for the foreseeable future. This will help to benefit that charity and ourselves at the same time.

As we move into the future we must now consider using more innovative media techniques to enhance our public profile. As a result of some brilliant re-working of our Facebook page and web-site Paul Foulkes has extended our reach and it is no exaggeration to say that this has given us a World-wide audience. With this in mind we

must consider the use of YouTube and Tik-Tok as platforms for addressing a wider audience.

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In addition I would like to thank all our supporters and followers, wherever they are in the World, and we appreciate their "Shares" and "Likes". We hope to give inspiration to others to follow our lead and liberate the beaches and foreshores wherever such a service can be provided.

We look forward to another successful year ahead.

Michael Gray

Chair of Trustees,

Fleetwood Beach Wheelchairs

March 2024

Volunteer Officer's Report

We had a very successful 2023, despite some bad weather, which caused freezing pipes and subsequent flooding of the wheelbase at end of 2022/early 2023. We also had to contend with the sewage spillage onto the beach which made the national news, causing a number of cancellations to our bookings. However, there were also many nice sunny days which increased our drop-in footfall. In regards to telephone bookings, these have certainly increased for schools, day centres, care homes where we have multiple chairs out on the beach and our clients arriving in mini buses. The opening of the Changing Places next door to our wheelbase initially closed our operations in Spring 2023 for health and safety reasons while building work was completed. But after its official opening, it has helped considerably with the managing of these multiple bookings, providing us with extra space and in particular a second hoist for the use of our clients. I can foresee that these types of bookings will become more prevalent as word is passed around the community.

Single private bookings continue as in previous years, with many of the clients becoming "old friends" with our team of volunteers. On a number of occasions we now recognise names and can look forward to welcoming clients back for repeat visits.

On the volunteer front, we really do need some sort of a recruitment drive. Although we have many volunteers "on the books," it does seem to be the same few personnel who willingly turn out time after time. We have also lost a few through house move, illness, or other commitments.

All of our volunteers are immensely proud of what we have achieved at Fleetwood Beach Wheelchairs and while we haven't actively ever asked for any recognition, the accolades continue to pour in, with many awards now adorning the walls and shelves in the wheelbase, and we all excitedly await the results of a nomination for the Kings Award for Voluntary Service.

Let's hope 2024 takes us forward with a larger team of volunteers and sunny days for making happy memories on our beautiful Fleetwood Beach.

Janet Simpson
Volunteer Officer

Annual Information Report – Jane Harvey

Year: 2023 - 24

	Number of clients	Booked	Drop in
Q1 April – June	90	70	20
Q2 July – Sept	161	137	24
Q3 Oct – Dec	14	11	3
Q4 Jan – March	7	5	2
Total	272	223	49

Chairs/equipment hired:

	De bug	EZ roller	Hippocampe	Sandcruiser	Sandpiper	Rollator
Q1	26	15	21	14	14	N/A
Q2	59	23	26	39	12	2
Q3	5	2	2	2	1	2
Q4	4	0	1	2	0	0
Total	94	40	50	57	27	4

Total hires since opening: 1026

Notes:

1st rollator added to fleet 24.7.23.
 2nd rollator added to fleet November 2023.
 Issues with pollution affected service in summer 2023

Annual monthly summary

Year: 2023-24

Month	No. of clients	Booked	Drop in	Chairs/equipment					
				De bug	EZ roller	Hippocampe	Sandcruiser	Sandpiper	Rollator
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May	30	22	8	9	5	7	3	6	N/A
June	49	41	8	15	9	12	8	5	N/A
July	28	25	3	12	4	4	7	1	0
August	77	68	9	26	11	13	19	7	1
September	56	44	12	21	8	9	13	4	1
October	13	10	3	4	2	2	2	1	2
November	No hires								
December	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
January	No hires								
February	No hires								
March	7	5	2	4	0	1	2	0	0
Totals	272	223	49	94	40	50	57	27	4

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Independent Examiners Report



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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the
trustees/
members of

Fleetwood Beach Wheelchairs

On accounts for
the year ended

29th February 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1187870

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Responsibilities
and basis of
report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 29th February 2024
DD / MM / YYYY.

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's
statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached..

Signed:

Date:

27th March 2024

Name:

James Christopher Wight

Relevant
professional
qualification(s)
or body (if any):

Address:

2 Leonards Place, Little Singleton,
Poulton Le Fylde. Lancashire FY6 7YZ

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Fleetwood Beach Wheelchairs						
Charity Number: 1187870						
Income & Expenditure	for the year ended			29 February 2024		
	2024			2023		
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income						
Donations	12,956	-	12,956	12,655	-	12,655
Grants	-	703	703	-	460	460
Interest	808	-	808	354	-	354
Total Income	13,764	703	14,467	13,009	460	13,469
Expenditure						
Advertising	45	-	45	568	-	568
Cleaning	80	-	80	202	-	202
Computer	330	-	330	201	-	201
Depreciation	1,260	5,922	7,182	1,091	5,922	7,012
Electricity	-	-	-	136	-	136
Equipment	575	-	575	697	-	697
Honararium	200	-	200	225	-	225
Hospitality	100	-	100	321	-	321
Insurance	1,530	-	1,530	1,436	-	1,436
Legal Costs	724	-	724	-	-	-
Licences	20	-	20	20	-	20
Maintenace & Repairs	392	-	392	596	-	596
Office Equipment	274	-	274	301	-	301
Postage	9	-	9	16	-	16
Refreshments	473	-	473	91	-	91
Rent	1,300	-	1,300	1,625	-	1,625
Stationery	544	-	544	360	-	360
Sundries	225	-	225	169	-	169
Telephone	532	-	532	206	-	206
Travel	-	-	-	403	-	403
Wheelchair Equipment	475	219	694	1,616	460	2,076
Total Expenditure	9,088	6,141	15,229	10,280	6,382	16,662
Net Surplus/Deficit	4,676	- 5,438	- 762	2,729	- 5,922	- 3,193

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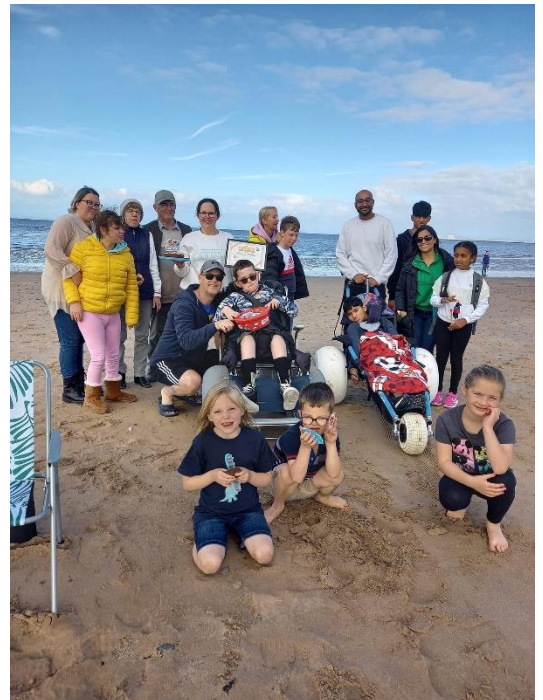
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Fleetwood Beach Wheelchairs						
Charity Number: 1187870						
for the year ended				29 February 2024		
2024				2023		
Fixed Assets	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Beach Wheelchairs	4,504	23,545	28,049	4,504	23,545	28,049
Introduction of Assets	677	595	1,272	0	0	0
	5,181	24,140	29,321	4,504	23,545	28,049
Accum Depreciation	2,181	8,451	10,632	1,091	2,529	3,620
Depreciation	1,260	5,922	7,182	1,091	5,922	7,012
	1,740	9,767	11,507	2,323	15,094	17,417
Current Assets						
Bank	38,972	0	38,972	33,693	0	33,693
Prepayments	635	0	635	766	0	766
	39,607	0	39,607	30,655	0	34,459
Current Liabilities						
Accruals	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	16	0	16
Net Current Assets (Liabilities)	41,347	9,767	51,114	36,782	15,094	51,876
Capital Account						
Balance BF			51,876			55,069
Net Surplus/Deficit			-762			-3,193
Balance CF			51,114			51,876

Photo Gallery

These images say far more than any words can about the benefits of our service and the simple joy of being on the beach.







Trustees & Officers

Chair & Trustee:	Michael Gray
Vice-Chair & Trustee:	Lorraine Beavers
Treasurer & Trustee:	Julie Sandham
Secretary & Trustee:	Janet Simpson
Volunteer Officer & Trustee:	Leslie Gray
Trustee:	Cheryl Raynor
Trustee:	Jane Harvey
Trustee:	Reece Slater
Trustee:	Stephen Ireland

Charity Registration & Contacts

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Facebook:	@FleetwoodBW
Twitter:	@FBWheelchairs

Fleetwood Beach Wheelchairs



FLEETWOOD BEACH WHEELCHAIRS

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Chair of Trustees Report

For the third year running I am delighted to be able to present my Annual Report to the Trustees, our supporters and users. Once again it has been a very busy year with our numbers of users increasing as well as the number of visitors repeating their visits to us after enjoying the experience of the freedom of the beach. This is a bonus for us and also a benefit for the town of Fleetwood, the Town Council of which continues to support us in many ways and is represented through our Trustees.

In last year's report I indicated that our service is becoming a "Benchmark" service and this has been evidenced by the start-up of schemes in Wirral and a projected scheme in Lytham St Annes. We have been advising both on equipment and processes to assist them to offer a service to those with various disabilities.

We continue to add to our stock of equipment and had a grant from our local ASDA store at Fleetwood which enabled us to purchase more specialist support cushions and other items of equipment. We turn over our stock quite quickly as the use of some items is necessarily restricted, and cleaning and sanitisation of stock does reduce the working life of some items. We are constantly in need of funds for such equipment and the fact that we are a free service to the users means we must work hard for charitable funds.

We do give presentations to groups and organisations and this does generate a small contribution to our funds, but we are eager to spread the word and talk to any groups that would like to hear our story of development from an idea to a service.

Our service has been recognised once again with the award of the Wyre Business Award for Innovation and we were shortlisted for the BBC Make a Difference Awards for which we received Highly Commended and were finalists in the Lancashire Tourism Awards. Whilst we are not seeking to gain awards, the fact that we have achieved so much in such a short time reflects the quality of the service provided by our volunteers.

The impact of the Covid Crisis now seems to be reducing although it has cost us in terms of volunteers and sadly some users. However, we still have a fine team of volunteers to assist us and we continue to recruit and train more.

The summer saw a very busy time for us with a full service being offered throughout the hot weather. On several occasions we had all ten chairs on the beach at the same time which is a wonderful thing to see. This does put a strain on our volunteers, though, who need to track the chairs and then clean them and sanitise them as well as having a quick turn-round on occasions.

The winter months were not so kind to us and we suffered a major pipe burst in the week before Christmas which left us flooded at our Wheel Base for several hours and required a lot of drying out. Fortunately, we managed to save all our “soft” and fabric items which were removed, washed and dried. It was not until March that we could return the items and replace our shelving and consider a return to operations. Our first user of the year was on the beach on 11th March 2023. Our landlord, Wyre Borough Council, recompensed us for our losses and has granted us a 3-month rent rebate as well.

Since my last report we have achieved a total of 382 visitors on the beach, and in the sea on many occasions, and information about our service is continuing to spread. Our reputation is such that visitors now frequent the area to enjoy the benefit of our service.

A major issue which had concerned us since our opening was the provision of a fully serviced “Changing Places” facility. We provided as part of our equipment “floor-changing” facilities which, whilst helpful to users, was a far from satisfactory solution. Our lobbying and support from Fleetwood Town Council has resulted in a comprehensive “Changing Places Unit” being constructed in the building adjacent to us in the same block. This considerably adds to our desire to see a “hub” being established on this section of the promenade for people with disabilities to use and enjoy. The Unit will open in time for the summer and coincide with the various school holidays that help to bring visitors to the Town.

Once again this has been a very successful year and marks our third year on the beach. We must now look possibly to replacing some of our older stock of chairs and getting new and more up-to-date equipment. Our chairs are guaranteed for ten years, but that is for “normal use” some of our chairs are used three times in a day so we must seriously consider the wear on the equipment and act accordingly.

I and the Trustees and volunteers thank our followers, users and supporters for their continued goodwill and assure them of our best quality of service for the future and coming years.

Michael Gray

Chair of Trustees, Fleetwood Beach Wheelchairs

March 2023

Volunteer Officer's Report

Although we have 25 personnel on our volunteers list, there are only 12 people who volunteer regularly and can be relied upon to help. In addition to this, we also have 4 people who help our charity in different ways i.e. collecting donations, or cleaning the chairs and obviously their help is invaluable.

I believe we are not alone in this predicament. Many clubs, charities and societies are also struggling to get volunteers, and the question is "How do we address this issue?"

It concerns us that the better weather is just around the corner and if we are as busy in Summer 2023 as we were in Summer 2022, then we are really going to struggle to maintain our service.

We rely heavily on our volunteers to keep the Wheelbase open. That said, we have managed very well over the last 12 months, and only needed to change one booking to an alternative date due to lack of volunteers.

We still have the strict rule that no volunteers operate alone. There is always a minimum of 2 on duty at any one time. There are a number of people who call in for a chat, so very often the Wheelbase is a social hub for both volunteers and clients. This seems to be increasing as we become more known in the local area.

Janet Simpson
Volunteer Officer

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There are around a dozen locations in the UK offering beach wheelchairs, two groups in particular have been incredibly helpful and supportive in our journey. North Berwick, near Edinburgh is possibly the most well-established group and their officers have provided advice and practical support from the start – even sharing their logo with us! Whitley Bay-based Beach Access North East has also given us the benefit of their first-hand experience of setting up a beach wheelchairs service. We would not be where we are now without the assistance of both these wonderful organisations.

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Section A Independent Examiner's Report

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On accounts for the year
ended

28th February 2023

Charity no
(if any)

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Signed:

Date:

14th April 2023

Name:

James Christopher Wight

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
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2 Leonards Place, Little Singleton,

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Fleetwood Beach Wheelchairs

Charity Number: 1187870

Income & Expenditure

for the year ended

28 February 2023

	2023			2022		
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income						
Donations	12,655	-	12,655	29,163	12,000	41,163
Grants	-	460	460	-	4,168	4,168
Interest	354	-	354	16	-	16
Total Income	13,009	460	13,469	29,179	16,168	45,347
Expenditure						
Advertising	568	-	568	425	132	557
Cleaning	202	-	202	82	-	82
Computer	201	-	201	265	-	265
Depreciation	1,091	5,922	7,012	1,091	2,529	3,620
Electricity	136	-	136	182	-	182
Equipment	697	-	697	339	371	710
Honarium	225	-	225	-	-	-
Hospitality	321	-	321	-	-	-
Insurance	1,436	-	1,436	456	-	456
Licences	20	-	20	40	-	40
Maintenance & Repairs	596	-	596	343	-	343
Office Equipment	301	-	301	414	-	414
Postage	16	-	16	7	19	26
Refreshments	91	-	91	430	-	430
Refund	-	-	-	9	-	9
Rent	1,625	-	1,625	1,086	-	1,086
Stationery	360	-	360	420	-	420
Sundries	169	-	169	15	-	15
Telephone	206	-	206	30	-	30
Travel	403	-	403	-	-	-
Wheelchair Equipment	1,616	460	2,076	2,900	738	3,638
Total Expenditure	10,280	6,382	16,662	8,505	3,790	12,295
Net Surplus/Deficit	2,729	- 5,922	3,193	20,674	12,378	33,051

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Balance Sheet

Fleetwood Beach Wheelchairs

Charity Number: 1187870

Balance Sheet

for the year ended

28 February 2023

	2023			2022		
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Total funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Total funds £
Fixed Assets						
Beach Wheelchairs	4,504	23,545	28,049	4,504	9,976	14,480
Introduction of Assets	0	0	0	0	13,569	13,569
	<u>4,504</u>	<u>23,545</u>	<u>28,049</u>	<u>4,504</u>	<u>23,545</u>	<u>28,049</u>
Accum Depreciation	1,091	2,529	3,620	1,091	2,529	3,620
Depreciation	1,091	5,922	7,012	1,091	2,529	3,620
	<u>2,323</u>	<u>15,094</u>	<u>17,417</u>	<u>3,413</u>	<u>21,016</u>	<u>24,429</u>
Current Assets						
Bank	33,693	0	33,693	29,896	0	29,896
Prepayments	766	0	766	759	0	759
	<u>34,459</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>34,459</u>	<u>30,655</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>30,655</u>
Current Liabilities						
Accruals	0	0	0	16	0	16
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>16</u>
Net Current Assets (Liabilities)	<u><u>36,782</u></u>	<u><u>15,094</u></u>	<u><u>51,876</u></u>	<u><u>34,053</u></u>	<u><u>21,016</u></u>	<u><u>55,069</u></u>
Capital Account						
Balance BF			55,069			22,018
Net Surplus/Deficit			-3,193			33,051
Balance CF			<u><u>51,876</u></u>			<u><u>55,069</u></u>

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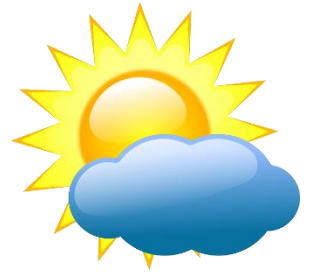
Memories





That last





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Feedback

News of our work has travelled far in so much as that in February 2022 our Local MP Cat Smith tabled an Early Day Motion No 947 in the House of Commons, acknowledging the work that Fleetwood Beach Wheelchairs does and the awards they have received. This was a very proud moment for Fleetwood Beach Wheelchairs.



HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

Early Day Motion 947:

Fleetwood Beach Wheelchairs

That this House congratulates Fleetwood Beach Wheelchairs on being awarded Lancashire Tourism Award for Accessible and Inclusive Tourism; considers that since the charity's founder Michael Gray had the idea to make the beach accessible for all many local residents and tourists from near and far have had the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful beaches at Fleetwood since 2020; commends Chair of Trustees Michael 'Mick' Gray for his vision, and for his team of trustees for working to ensure beaches are for everyone; thanks the charity for the service they provide; and wishes Fleetwood Beach Wheelchairs very well for many more successful years in promoting the stunning coast line on the Fylde Coast.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cat Smith".

Tabled by Cat Smith MP for Lancaster and Fleetwood

3rd February 2022

These are some of the comments about the service we provide and our wonderful volunteers, made by our visitors/service users within the last year. They have been obtained from feedback forms completed by our visitors/service users and also from social media.

“Thanks so much for today. We had a lovely stroll along your beautiful breezy beach. Your service is nothing short of perfect. Jane and Lesley were so knowledgeable and accommodating on getting it right for individual needs. Making a visit not just good but spot on! Thank you.”

“It was an amazing experience and my Mum loved it! Thanks for the first- class customer service.”

“Never Fail to enjoy The Fleetwood Beach Wheelchairs. The Volunteers are so helpful and friendly. Thank you.”

“Absolutely lovely day. Both boys enjoyed the experience. Thank you so much.”

“Staff absolutely excellent. The experience was amazing and my Mum was made up”

“The pleasure on my little girls face was priceless. Thank you so much.”

“Absolutely fantastic opportunity to access areas that otherwise wouldn't be able to. Wonderful service from Steve and Margaret.”

“Brilliant service, brilliant staff. Well done everyone.”

“Thank you so very much. My child experienced the beach and sea for the first time. The staff were so lovely. Thank you all.”

Trustees & Officers

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FLEETWOOD BEACH WHEELCHAIRS

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Chair Of Trustees Report

It gives me great pleasure to be able to give my Annual Report as Chair of the Trustees of Fleetwood Beach Wheelchairs. We are fast becoming the benchmark Service against which all other beach wheelchair services will be judged. We have been consulted for advice and help from areas across the Country and that is mainly due to the hard work of our volunteers and the comments and suggestions made by our users. As requests for additional equipment or improved practices are made, we attempt as far as possible to adopt them. This has added to the provision we offer and we are always keen to improve.

Our achievements have been recognised by the granting of a Rotary “Champions of Change” award for our Chair, winning the Accessible and Inclusive Tourism category of the Lancashire Tourism Awards and we have been mentioned in the Houses of Parliament by our Member of Parliament, Cat Smith, in an Early Day Motion. As a result of winning in the Lancashire Tourism Awards, we have been entered into the VisitEngland National Awards of Excellence in the same category. This is some achievement for a small charity, pitted against businesses and we have only been registered for two years, and operational for about fifteen months due to the Covid 19 restrictions. We are very proud to have been so successful in such a short time.

Our aim to achieve and operate three different chairs within three years has been exceeded to the extent that we now have ten chairs achieved in a year of rather interrupted operations. Our chairs incorporate five different models with a variety of additional equipment. We have also upgraded our hoist to a Molift Mover 205 as a result of a generous grant from Fleetwood Town Council.

As we emerged from “Lock-down” our users grew in number from far and wide and so did our volunteers. Whilst recruiting and retaining volunteers is a constant struggle, we do rely on a number of regulars who faithfully turn out to provide our

Service. All our volunteers are mentored and undergo induction training and work in little groups of two or three. Our Wheel Base Headquarters provides a happy and welcoming centre to work from and we make it as comfortable as possible with a sink, microwave, fridge and kettle. We have gazebos for the sun and a happy atmosphere.

Our efforts have not gone unnoticed, and I have outlined the recognition we have received earlier. We have still not had one full year of operations, so it is difficult to forward-plan our next moves, so consolidating our current position is the priority for the present. Our position with opening at the moment is much as it was in the early stages of the “Lock-down” and we are opening by appointment until the better weather of March arrives. However, we will always turn out a team to staff the Wheel Base on request, regardless of the weather, if it is safe to do so. We are always at the end of the Freephone telephone if wanted.

You may rest assured that whatever Government guidance is, or becomes, we will continue to maintain our strict sanitisation and hygiene procedures.

We are working hard to meet the needs of our users and our nine Trustees meet each month on the day after the monthly servicing of our chairs by our mechanical engineer, John Brimelow.

Our partnerships are strong. We remain with our preferred supplier Ross Handling and in fact Ross himself has been to see us and has seen how we use his products. He has taken away ideas from the users who benefit so much from these products.

Although David Gore has left the Trustees to concentrate on his professional work we retain our links to Healthier Fleetwood and enjoy coverage and mention in their publications.

Once again Beverley and Dean Baxter of Baxter Life Care Ltd have kindly supported us in providing the funding for our web-site.

Our contacts with our landlord, Wyre Borough Council, are strong and we continue to benefit from close contact with Fleetwood Town Council who, as mentioned, generously granted us funds to replace our hoist which had come to the end of its useful service.

Dave Whitworth, who operates the Café, which is part of the complex within which we are sited, remains a good friend to us having purchased for us a large colourful sign advertising our presence and being of good service to our visitors.

The future looks good, we are getting known Nationally and we are enjoying offering our Service to all our visitors.

Michael Gray

Chair of Trustees, Fleetwood Beach Wheelchairs

February 2022

Volunteer Officer's Report

Our volunteer workforce continues to grow, and we now have somewhere in the region of 35 people who are in the Volunteers' WhatsApp group and therefore receive messages when we require cover for bookings. Some of our volunteers are regulars who will turn out on a weekly basis and others are casual volunteers who come to the Wheel Base when other commitments allow. Huge support is given by the Rotary Clubs of Fleetwood and Blackpool Palatine together with volunteers from Accrington and Furness Peninsula Rotary Clubs.

I was very encouraged recently when I put out a request for help in removing sand from around the Wheel Base building following recent storms. We had help from our regular volunteers, plus others not involved with Fleetwood Beach Wheelchairs, all of whom were eager to assist. If ever we have another crisis, I'm sure that our friends would be there again if we asked for help. We are becoming very popular in the hearts of many people and the local community is helping us to succeed in our efforts to make family memories on our beautiful beach.

We are always looking for new volunteers to join our team, and after completing an application form and the taking up references, a full training programme and induction is given. Volunteers will then join our experienced team for a few shifts until they become a confident member. As a result, new friendships are made while helping those less fortunate than ourselves.

Janet Simpson
Volunteer Officer

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Haven Holidays

We are fortunate to have a magnificent Haven Holiday centre in Fleetwood at Cala Gran. The owners' club worked very hard throughout the difficult year of 2021 collecting money for a Hippocampe XL beach wheelchair which we were pleased to receive in December 2021 and joined our fleet for the future from 2022. Cala Gran has a number of specialist units with facilities for people with disabilities and we are pleased to welcome their guests on the beach.

Financial Report

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Fleetwood Beach Wheelchairs

Charity Number: 1187870

Income & Expenditure	for the year ended			28 February 2022		
	2022			2021		
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Income						
Donations	29,163	12,000	41,163	15,663	-	15,663
Grants	-	4,168	4,168	-	11,234	11,234
Interest	16	-	16	-	-	-
Total Income	29,179	16,168	45,347	15,663	11,234	26,897
Expenditure						
Advertising	425	132	557	251	-	251
Cleaning	82	-	82	-	-	-
Computer	265	-	265	-	-	-
Depreciation	1,091	2,529	3,620	-	-	-
Electricity	182	-	182	-	-	-
Equipment	339	371	711	862	-	862
Insurance	456	-	456	1,089	-	1,089
Licences	40	-	40	-	-	-
Legal Costs	-	-	-	605	-	605
Maintenance & Repairs	343	-	343	2,046	-	2,046
Office Equipment	414	-	414	-	-	-
Postage	7	19	26	-	-	-
Refreshments	430	-	430	-	-	-
Refund	9	-	9	-	-	-
Rent	1,086	-	1,086	-	-	-
Stationery	420	-	420	26	-	26
Sundries	-15	-	-15	-	-	-
Telephone	30	-	30	-	-	-
Wheelchair Equipment	2,900	738	3,638	-	-	-
Total Expenditure	8,505	3,790	12,295	99,383	9,976	4,879
Net Surplus/Deficit	20,674	12,378	33,051	6,280	1,258	22,018

FINANCIAL REPORT

Fleetwood Beach Wheelchairs

Charity Number: 1187870

Balance Sheet

for the year ended

28 February 2022

Fixed Assets	2022			2021		
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Beach Wheelchairs	4,504	9,976	14,480	4,504	9,976	14,480
Introduction of Assets	0	13569	13,569			
	<u>4,504</u>	<u>23,545</u>	<u>28,049</u>	<u>4,504</u>	<u>9,976</u>	<u>14,480</u>
Depreciation	1,091	2,529	3,620	-	-	-
	<u>3,413</u>	<u>21,016</u>	<u>24,429</u>	<u>4,504</u>	<u>9,976</u>	<u>14,480</u>
Current Assets						
Bank	29,896	-	29,896	5,846	1,258	7,104
Prepayments	759	-	759	434	-	434
	<u>30,655</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>30,655</u>	<u>6,280</u>	<u>1,258</u>	<u>7,538</u>
Current Liabilities						
Accruals	16	-	16	-	-	-
	<u>16</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Current Assets (Liabilities)	<u>34,053</u>	<u>21,016</u>	<u>55,069</u>	<u>10,784</u>	<u>11,234</u>	<u>22,018</u>
Capital Account						
Balance BF			22,018			0
Net Surplus/Deficit			33,051			22,018
Balance CF			<u>55,069</u>			<u>22,018</u>

Independent Examiner's report

Independent examiner's report on the accounts



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Fleetwood Beach Wheelchairs		
On accounts for the year ended	28 th February 2022	Charity no (If any)	1187870
Set out on pages	2 <small>(see section 2.2.1 on the page numbers of additional sheets)</small>		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached..

Signed:  **Date:** 27th March 2022

Name: James Christopher Wight

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

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Statistics 2021-2022

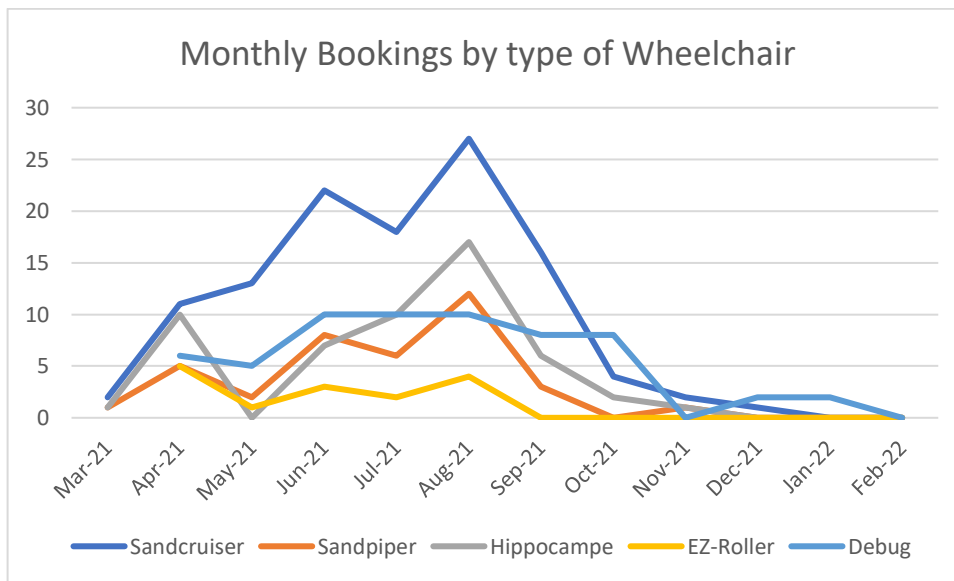
Bookings

August 2021 was our busiest month to date with 70 bookings.

Total bookings since first opening were 372 at the end of the month.

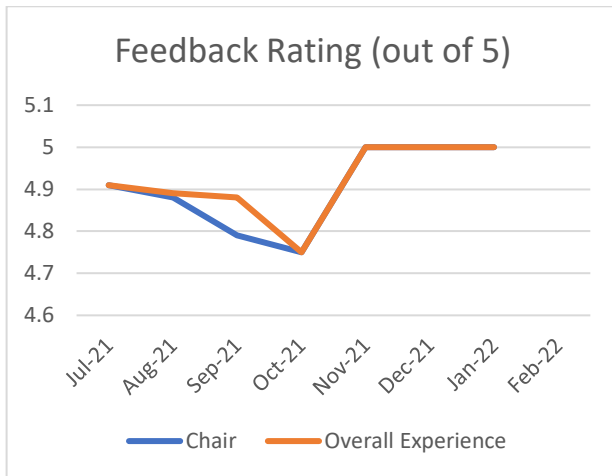
Chair	#Chairs	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	FY Total
Sandcruiser	2	2	10	13	22	18	27	16	4	2	1	0	0	116
Sandpiper	2	1	5	2	8	6	12	3	0	1	0	0	0	38
Hippocampe	3	1	11	0	7	10	17	6	2	1	0	0	0	54
EZ-Roller	1		5	1	3	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
Debug	2		6	5	10	10	10	8	8	0	2	2	0	61
Total	10	4	37	21	50	46	70	33	14	4	3	2	0	284

FY = Financial Year 2021 - 2022 - total bookings since we re-opened on 30/3/2021 up to our year end on 28/2/2022



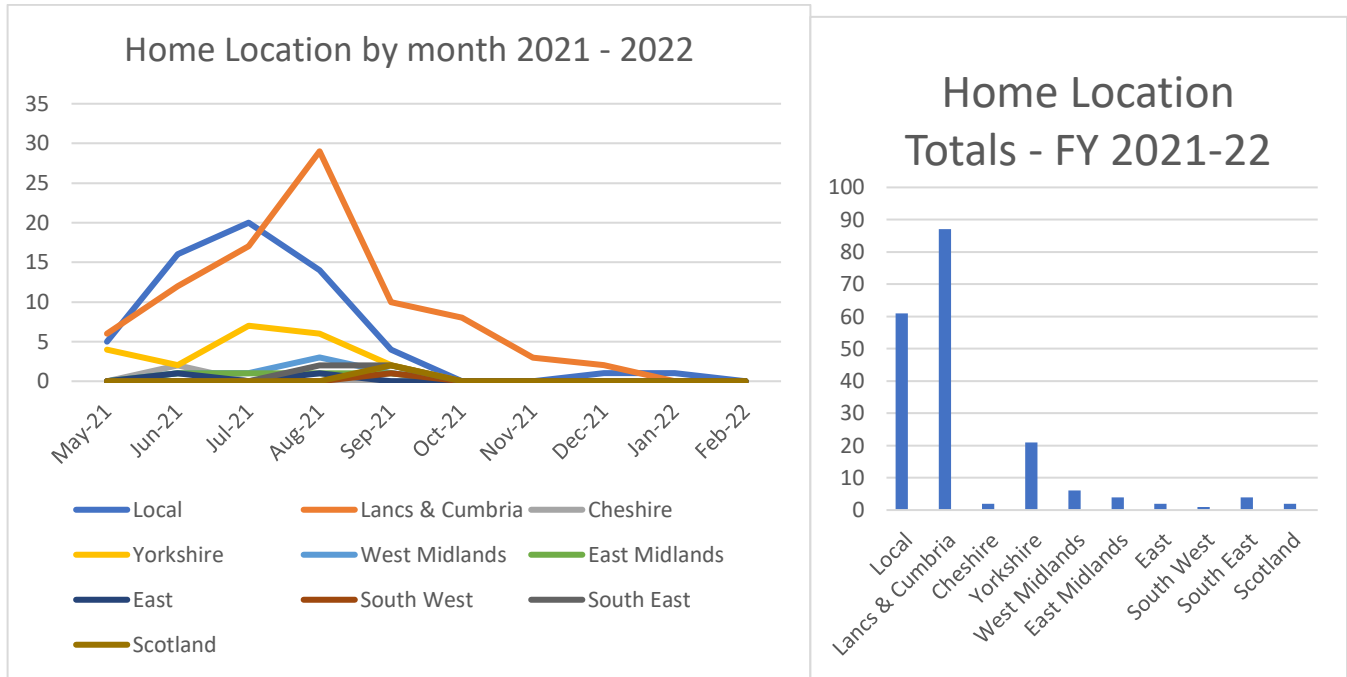
Ratings

Our feedback forms ask clients to rate the chair & the overall experience from 1 (poor) to 5 (brilliant). The chart below shows the average rating by month.



Location

Analysis of where people have come from to visit us, also taken from the feedback forms



Brian Jones
Bookings Officer

Photo Gallery



These images say far more than any words can about the benefits of our service and the simple joy of being on the beach.





Feedback

These are some of the comments made by visitors within the last year, taken from feedback forms and social media.

About the experience: -

You certainly made our day last week. I have waited 14 years to get my adult son onto a beach. Even on the way to Fleetwood I thought in my mind it would not happen for some reason but it did happen. I must point out the very friendly supportive staff who work voluntary, you are amazing and you're making dreams happen, be proud 🙌🙌🙌🏆

This was amazing! It meant we could have the best day on the beach without all the upset. We'll be back.

Major blessing to be back on the beach after 15 years.

Brilliant service, really easy to use.

Great idea thank you, we will definitely come again.

My son had a wonderful time and loved being in the sea watching and listening to the waves.

Made a good day fantastic – so happy.

This is a wonderful experience for us all.

Memorable experience for the whole family.

Best day ever.

First time Alex has been in the sea he loved it.

Finally able to get my feet in the sea again! thank you so much.

At 93 she thought her days by the sea were done... Windmills were an excellent addition.

So much fun and laughter thanks.

About the staff:-

Fantastic very lovely people who showed us how to use the chairs.

All the staff are friendly and just made my Mum's week.

Volunteers very helpful. Our son got a huge amount from today.

You are all doing a fantastic job – thank you so much helping us to make happy memories.

Trustees & Officers

Chair & Trustee:	Michael Gray
Vice-Chair & Trustee:	Lorraine Beavers
Treasurer & Trustee:	Julie Sandham
Secretary & Trustee:	Alan Dickinson
Volunteer officer & Trustee:	Janet Simpson
Bookings officer & Trustee:	Brian Jones
Trustee:	Cheryl Raynor
Trustee:	Karen Murdoch
Trustee:	Reece Slater

We would like to add our thanks to retiring Trustees David Gore and Malcolm Lewis for their valuable contributions.

Charity Registration & Contacts

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FLEETWOOD BEACH WHEELCHAIRS

England & Wales - Charity number 1187870

Accounts



FLEETWOOD BEACH WHEELCHAIRS

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CHAIR OF TRUSTEES REPORT

I am pleased, and somewhat relieved, to be completing this, the first Annual Report of our charity, Fleetwood Beach Wheelchairs. I hope it conveys the amazing journey we have taken over the last 18 months or so and the exciting plans we look forward to progressing in the future.

Becoming a registered charity ...

Our registration as a Charity was confirmed on 11th February 2020 in an email from the Charity Commission to say that we met all the necessary criteria. This was wonderful news as many of you will recall we only formed the current steering group in November 2019.

At this point we had achieved our initial targets:

- securing funds of £5,000 and the opening of a bank account
- the appointment of trustees and the agreement of a constitution

Prior to having access to our own funds, our modest set up costs were covered by a donation from **Healthier Fleetwood**. As we formally set out on our journey, **The Haldane Trust** had confidence in us and granted us the initial funding which covered the cost of our first ever chair, the three-wheel Hippocampe.

As anyone associated with a charity will know, opening an appropriate bank account is essential but not straightforward, further complicated by the impact of the COVID pandemic. **The Rotary Club of Fleetwood** rescued us by temporarily acting as our 'bank' while we opened our own, independent account.

Preparing for wheels on the beach ...

With generous funding from Rotary District 1190 (Cumbria & Lancashire) and Fleetwood Rotary Club we obtained our second chair, a Sandcruiser, which arrived in August.

We needed to find appropriate premises, close to the beach, with easy access, good parking, hot and cold water and, ideally, toilet facilities. Just such a property was available, the former 'kite shop' in the block close to the beach huts, approximately 200m from Marine Hall. Working with the landlords, Wyre Council, we were able to agree legal terms for a contract and a rent and our thanks to Council officers involved for their invaluable support and expertise.

Having a home, now named 'The Wheel Base', was the spark that we needed. A small and socially-distanced band of volunteers spent a week cleaning, painting and furnishing the premises to get them ready for operations.

Policies and procedures were agreed by the Trustees, insurance for the premises, equipment and public liability was confirmed and an appeal for volunteers was met with a great response!

With opening day approaching we launched our dedicated freephone telephone number **03000 111 003** to manage inquiries and bookings. Using our social media accounts and the local press we announced that we would open soon. A post on Facebook in the week before we officially launched the service reached over 400,000 people and was shared more than 3,000 times - demonstrating the incredible level of interest and goodwill that we have received throughout.

Making memories ...

We welcomed our first visitors on Saturday 12th September, of course observing the COVID guidelines for hygiene and social distancing at all times.

From the start the reaction was amazing. The smiles, laughter and lovely comments from those using the chairs, and their families and friends is exactly why we wanted to set up Fleetwood Beach Wheelchairs. Many said this was the first time in years, or even in their lives they had been able to spend time on the beach with their loved ones.

Our opening hours were Saturdays and Sundays, 10am to 4pm, with requests for a chair outside those times, covered by volunteers as required. It is our intention to work towards a 7-days a week service, subject to the weather conditions and the on-going COVID restrictions.

By mid-September our fleet of chairs had doubled to four following a generous grant from **Fleetwood Town Council** which enabled us to order a second Sandcruiser chair and a smaller Sandpiper chair, great for children. We have built up a great working relationship with our supplier **Ross Handling**, and look forward to working with them on expanding our range in the future

We also have a MoLift 205 hoist to assist the safe transfer of people between chairs, removing another obstacle to being able to access the beach. Within two weeks of launch, the family of one of our visitors, **Amy-Rose Brown**, set up a fund-raising page on our behalf which soon reached its target and we were able to order a Firefly Go To seat insert, a very popular and useful accessory.

Further kind donations from the public were gratefully received and with careful management and negotiation, we were able to order a 5th chair, a DeBug which arrived in October.

By now Fleetwood was under Tier 3 restrictions and the service was adapted as appropriate. In effect from this time on we have not been able to operate the service to the level we would have wished. With the health of our visitors and volunteers a priority, Fleetwood Beach Wheelchairs is suspended while the lockdown continues.

Work does go on behind the scenes. Volunteers continue to carry out security checks on the premises and maintenance on the chairs to ensure we comply with our obligations as a tenant and for the insurance policies.

Support for the service also remains strong and as the new year began we were thrilled to accept another kind donation, this time from **The Rotary Club of Blackpool Palatine** which allowed us to order a sixth chair, a DeBug EZ Roller.

At the time of writing our 7th chair, another Sandpiper, is en-route. The cost of this equipment has been provided by a successful bid to **Sport England / Active Lancashire** for projects which help disadvantaged members of the community enjoy outdoor activities for their health and wellbeing.

When we can operate again, our intention is to rotate our fleet of seven chairs so as to enable us to put six chairs on the beach for public use and have a seventh chair as an eye-catching demonstrational and promotional opportunity to support our fundraising and public awareness activities.

Summary

We set ourselves several goals and I am delighted to say that in our first year we have achieved many of them ahead of schedule:

- we have a secure and practical venue to operate from
- we have an extensive fleet of chairs, suitable for a wide range of needs
- we are financially sound, sufficient to cover our operating costs for the next 12 months
- we are building relationships with local authorities, organisations and businesses that will underpin our plans for the future
- we have an amazing cohort of volunteers who, when the restrictions ease, cannot wait to welcome our visitors again
- we have the tremendous sense of just how important our service is, changing lives and making memories

As we look to the future the Trustees will ensure the charity remains true to our aims and is financially viable. We want to expand the range of facilities and opportunities available to individuals with disability and their families. We will raise awareness of issues affecting those living with disability and will establish partnerships encouraging more visitors to Fleetwood in a post-COVID world.

I would like to offer my personal thanks to my fellow Trustees, the many volunteers, our partners, suppliers, everyone who has made a donation and of course our wonderful visitors who make everything so worthwhile. Thank you all.

Michael Gray

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February 2021

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Ross Handling

A beach wheelchair is a specialised piece of equipment, well-engineered, reliable and robust, and of course designed to give easy and comfortable access to the beach and other difficult terrain. We are pleased to be partnering with Ross Handling as our preferred supplier and look forward to working with them in the future, taking advantage of developments in the technology and their range of products.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Fleetwood Beach Wheelchairs - Charity Number: 1187870

Income & Expenditure for the year ended 10 February 2021

Fixed Assets	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Income Funds £	Total Funds £
Income			
Donations	15,663		15,663
Grants		11,234	11,234
Total Income	15,663	11,234	26,897
Expenditure			
Advertising	251		251
Equipment	5,366	9,976	15,342
Insurance	1,089		1,089
Legal Costs	605		605
Maintenance & Repairs	2,046		2,046
Stationery	26		26
Total Expenditure	9,383	9,976	19,359
Net Income	6,280	1,258	7,538

FINANCIAL REPORT


Fleetwood Beach Wheelchairs - Charity Number: 1187870

Balance Sheet for the year ended 10 February 2021

Fixed Assets	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Income Funds £	Total Funds £
Beach Wheelchairs	4,504	9,976	14,480
Accum. Depreciation	0	0	0
Total Fixed Assets	4,504	9,976	14,480
Current Assets			
Bank	5,846	1,258	7,104
Debtors	434	0	434
Total Current Assets	5,846	1,258	7,538
Current Liabilities			
Creditors	0	0	0
Net Current Liabilities	0	0	0
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	11,234	10,350	21,584

FINANCIAL REPORT

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A		Independent Examiner's Report	
Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name Fleetwood Beach Wheelchairs		
	On accounts for the year ended	10 th February 2021	Charity no (if any) 1187670
Set out on pages	Pages 1 and 2 <small>(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)</small>		
	I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.		
Responsibilities and basis of report	As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").		
	I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.		
Independent examiner's statement	I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or the accounts do not accord with the accounting records 		
	I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached. * Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.		
Signed:		Date:	2 nd March 2021
Name:	James Christopher Wight		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	-		
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GALLERY



These images, and the photo of Matt on the cover of this report, say far more than any words can about the benefits of our service and the simple joy of being on the beach.

Feedback

Just some of the comments we have received from visitors to Fleetwood ...

"Had a brilliant time, threw stones into the sea for the first time. Loved the water, touching the waves. All said, Matthew loved the chair!"

"Wonderful experience that gave my husband a sense of freedom and a unique experience."

"Thank you for making Archie's day amazing!"

"Felt like normality being able to get down to the sea. Brilliant idea. Will visit again! Keep it up, good luck."

"Great to be able to go onto beach with the grandchildren."

"Fabulous! First time on the beach for 22 years."

"Fantastic day. Ellie loved the chair, easy to use and very comfortable. The staff were excellent and very helpful."

"Sarah really enjoyed her time on the beach and she will definitely be back!"

"Fabulous day out on the beach. Amazing to have this available to access the beach when otherwise we'd be sat on the side. My 11 year old son loved it as did his family. Fantastic experience. Loved it. Will be back. Thanks."

"Brilliant. Never used one before and Thomas absolutely loved it. Fantastic, thank you for setting this up."

"Amazing to have the chance to get to the water's edge. It was bliss."

"First time on the beach at 24 years old! Fantastic service."

From our official opening date in September 2020 to the suspension of service due to the COVID restrictions we have welcomed over 50 visitors to use the beach wheelchairs.

TRUSTEES & OFFICERS

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Vice-Chair:	Lorraine Beavers
Treasurer:	Julie Sandham
Secretary & digital / marketing:	David Gore
Trustee & volunteer officer:	Janet Simpson
Trustee & press officer:	Malcolm Lewis
Trustee:	Cheryl Raynor
Trustee:	Karen Murdoch
Trustee:	Reece Slater

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