

WAY OF THE WHARVES CIO

England & Wales · Charity number 1188912

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2020-04-06

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

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE MARITIME AND INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE OF BIDEFORD, EAST THE WATER AND THE TORRIDGE ESTUARY

Activities: The aims and purpose of Way of the Wharves CIO (WOTW) is to advance the education of the public in the maritime and industrial heritage of Bideford, East the Water and the Torridge Estuary.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Devon

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£6,469	£5,929	-	-
2023-12-31	£2,257	£2,557	-	-
2022-12-31	£4,625	£1,568	-	-
2021-12-31	£6,872	£6,478	-	-
2020-12-31	£61	£81	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Michael Teare	Chair	2019-04-24
Anthony Burt		2019-09-24
Louise Boulter		2019-09-24
Simon Whittam		2019-11-15
Teresa Anne Tinsley		2023-10-14
Tom Maund		2026-05-26

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Way of the Wharves CIO (Charity No 1188912) Report 2024

Aims and Purposes

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Objectives and Activities

WOTW started out researching and promoting the maritime and industrial heritage of the Torridge Estuary and especially the wharves and immediate surrounding area of East the Water. The main focus of charity activity in 2024 has been:

- 1/ the launch and activities promoting heritage harbour status, which was achieved for Bideford and river Torridge in January 2024 under the scheme run by the Maritime Heritage Trust
- 2/ leading a group of heritage organisations from along the river Torridge (River Torridge Heritage Group) focused around heritage harbour status projects

Achievements and Performance

Way of the Wharves CIO (WOTW) was registered as a charity on 6 April 2020 with first trustees: Michael Teare, Louise Boulter, Anthony Burt, Angus Harper, Simon Whittam.

Walks, Talks and Community Events

Since designation of Bideford and the River Torridge as a Heritage Harbour in January 2024, the following activities have been undertaken:

- Launch events - local radio, TV spots, newspaper and journal articles.
- Website www.barthh.org, active with 850 visitors in year. Now includes weekly column in North Devon Journal - Heritage Harbour Blog <https://barthh.org/north-devon-journal/>. The email newsletter with updates on maritime heritage news from along the Torridge is sent to an email list of over 300. Newsletters and other publications are archived on the www.barthh.org site
- Walks and talks plus participation in Bideford Fair, Rotary Water Festival, Heritage Open Days, Appledore Book Festival have reached over 900 people in 2024.
- Two leaflets published - available in Tourist Information and other outlets:
 - 'Walk the Quays' - a self-guided walk map of the maritime heritage in Bideford (complements the earlier Walk the Wharves map produced for East-the-Water).
 - 'Visit, Explore & Discover' - a map/brochure of maritime and industrial heritage sites and organisations along the Torridge
- Weekly column: historical themed stories mixed with local politics and community interest published in North Devon Journal since Dec 2023. Available after publication on www.barthh.org website Heritage Harbour Blog
- Over 250 maps/brochures were distributed to passengers arriving on the heritage paddle ship *Waverley* during visits to Bideford in 2024
- Developing a Heritage Harbour information board to be installed on Harbour Office, Bideford Quay in partnership with Bideford Town Council.
- Prospectus reviewing activities 2024 and future plans has been presented to Harbour Board and Cultural Development at Torridge DC.

- Article 'Heritage Harbours in UK' published in The Journal of the South West Maritime History Society 1984-2024 No. 37 (2024) 231-251. https://barthh.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/heritage-harbours-uk-m-teare2024_compress.pdf

River Torridge Heritage Group and Heritage Harbour status

Much time has been spent in 2024 developing the partnership of local heritage charities from along the river Torridge – River Torridge Heritage Group (RTHG). The RTHG partnership formed in September 2023 and between them these heritage organisations represent about 2000 members/supporters and 200 active volunteers (stewards, engineers, restorers, painters etc). The group, led by WOTW, united around the application and subsequent activities related to recognition by the Maritime Heritage Trust in January 2024 of heritage harbour status for Bideford & River Torridge. The prospectus agreed by RTHG reviews achievements in the first year of heritage harbour status and outlining future plans that has been presented to Torridge DC through the Harbour Board and Cultural Development Officer and will be presented to Bideford, Northam and Torrington Town Councils.

Heritage Harbour status is national recognition of the importance of maritime heritage locally (<https://maritimeheritage.org.uk/heritage-harbours>).

Phone Box

A planning application has been approved to move the adopted the phone box in Torrington Street (adopted 2021) onto the Bideford Station to be sited as agreed with the land owner Brend Hotel Group. Co-located with Bideford Railway Heritage Centre on the very popular Tarka Trail walking and cycle way plans are in place to raise money to move and refurbish the phone box, installing the audio archive in this 'pocket museum'. See www.phoneeastthewater.co.uk

Book 'A History of East the Water, Bideford'

Sales in 2024 were 76, value £672. The most important sales channels continue to be through local bookshops and promotion at talks.

Financial Review 2022

Way of the Wharves CIO Statement of Financial Activities

Financial year 1 January - 31 December

Way of the Wharves CIO registered as a charity April 2020

	2024	2023
Income		
Grants	£ 5,400.00	£ 1,000.00
Trading	£ 672.35	£ 1,101.05
Donations	£ 395.00	£ 156.18
Interest	£ 1.80	
Personal loan		
TOTAL INCOME	£ 6,469.15	£ 2,257.23
Expenditure		
Suppliers	£ 1,664.14	£ 1,153.60

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Advancing the education of the public in the maritime and industrial heritage of the Wharves at East the Water and the Torridge Estuary.

Travel / Delivery costs	£	-	£	97.00
Office costs	£	-	£	-
General payments	£	-	£	-
Advertising	£	-	£	-
Website development	£	180.00	£	200.64
Insurance	£	-	£	-
Other	£	4,085.40	£	1,106.18
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£	5,929.54	£	2,557.42
Closing balance at Bank	£	3,744.14	£	3,204.53

Notes to accounts

2024 income was made up of grants supplemented by book sales and donations.

The main items of expenditure were graphics and printing costs for production of the self-guided walk map for Bideford and Heritage Harbour map brochure.

Grant income includes £4,300 grants for Bideford Fair Bideford Regeneration Arts Culture Heritage event which WOTW provided admin and payment service.

Expenditure - Other is made up of payments to artists and charity groups at Bideford Fair Bideford Regeneration Arts Culture Heritage event.

Administration of funds for the Bideford Fair Bideford Regeneration Arts Culture Heritage event has distorted income and expenditure. Without this administration work finances would have been comparable to 2023 with income £2167 and expenditure £ 1844.

Grants received in 2024

Bideford Bridge Trust for map printing	£ 1,000.00
Bideford Bridge Trust for Bideford Fair	£ 800.00
Torrige DC for Bideford Fair	£ 3,500.00
Rotary for map printing	£ 100.00

Assets

August 2021 Way of the Wharves adopted the phone box in Torrington Street

Stock and Equipment

Stock 415 books at £3.70	£ 1,535
Gazebo and benches	£ 300

Reserves Policy

At year end 2024 WOTW had a balance of £3,744 in the bank. There are no outstanding invoices to be paid and one invoice for books due from 2024 (£16). Book sales continue to contribute to funds. To achieve objectives in 2025 WOTW will continue to apply for relevant grants and to fund raise.

Volunteers

In addition to Trustees others have supported our activities, followed website and engaged with Facebook page. Currently the charity runs with six trustees and has supporters/followers list of 350+ signed up to the newsletter (mailchimp).

Structure Governance and Management

The running of WOTW is laid out in its governing document.

The trustees are:

Michael Teare Chair

Louise Boulter

Anthony Burt

Simon Whittam

Annemarie Munro

Teresa Tinsley

At the 2023 AGM, held on 30 September 2024, one of the agreed agenda items was to change the name of the charity to Bideford & River Torridge Heritage Harbour. This will better reflect the organisations aims and objectives now that Heritage Harbour status has been realised. It is planned to action this change in 2025. The aims and objects of the charity will not change.

Administrative Information

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Prepared by M Teare.

Michael Teare Chair WOTW

Approved at AGM of WOTW Trustees: 20/05/2025

Proposed: *Teresa Tinsley*

Seconded: *Annemarie Munro*

M Teare

AGM 2024 held on 20/05/25

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Objectives and Activities

WOTW has been researching and promoting the maritime and industrial heritage of the Torridge Estuary and especially the wharves and immediate surrounding area of East the Water. This culminated in the publication of the book 'A History of East the Water, Bideford' in December 2021. The main focus of charity activity in 2023 has been

1/ continued promotion of the book and focus on the wharves site at Barnstaple Street, East the Water

2/ pulling together and leading a group of heritage organisations from along the river Torridge (River Torridge Heritage Group) focused around the application for heritage harbour status for Bideford and River Torridge under the scheme run by the Maritime Heritage Trust

Achievements and Performance

Way of the Wharves CIO (WOTW) was registered as a charity on 6 April 2020 with first trustees Michael Teare, Louise Boulter, Anthony Burt, Angus Harper, Simon Whittam.

Website and newsletters

The website www.thewharves.org with shopfront for book sales has continued to work well. The regular email newsletter continues 6-8 weekly and contains updates on maritime heritage news from along the Torridge as well as progress on works at the wharves site Barnstaple Street. The mailing list is now over 300 and FB posts regularly continue to get engagements of over 100. An archive has been created at <https://phoneeastthewater.co.uk/archive-newsletters-and-publications/>

Phone Box

A planning application has been made to move the adopted the phone box in Torrington Street (adopted 2021) onto the Bideford Station run by Bideford Railway Heritage Centre, to be sited as agreed with them and the land owner Brend Hotel Group. Co-located with Bideford Railway Heritage Centre on the very popular Tarka Trail walking and cycle way this will attract much more footfall and make it worthwhile refurbishing the phone box and installing the audio archive in this 'pocket museum'. See www.phoneeastthewater.co.uk

Walks, Talks and Community Events

During 2023 WOTW gave presentations to Bideford WI, High Bickington History Group, Bideford Macular Group, Taw U3A, Bideford TC, Torridge DC and hosted the Devon History Society Day Out in Bideford. A series of three public talks, in co-operation with the Burton at Bideford, were very well supported with over 100 attendees.

WOTW supported local East the Water school with their history group and produced a poster summarising the school history. WOTW took part in events with charity Steamship

Freshspring and at Bideford Fair, Bideford Water Festival and Cardboard Boat Race and Appledore Book Festival Seafaring Day. In total these activities resulted in over 365 contacts with members of the public and local schools in addition to contact made through website and social media.

Heritage Maps and Reprint Article

The successful 'Walk the Wharves Heritage Maps' have continued to be made available, free of charge, through Tourist Information and other outlets. A similar self-guided walk map is in preparation for Bideford.

Book 'A History of East the Water, Bideford'

Sales in 2023 were 72, value £387. The most important sales channels continue to be through local bookshops and promotion at talks.

River Torridge Heritage Group and application for Heritage Harbour status

Much time has been spent in 2023 developing the partnership of local heritage charities from along the river Torridge – River Torridge Heritage Group (RTHG). The RTHG partnership formed in September 2023 and between them these heritage organisations represent about 2000 members/supporters and 200 active volunteers (stewards, engineers, restorers, painters etc). The group, led by WOTW, has united around the application for heritage harbour status.

WOTW has also been identifying and communicating with local stakeholders, in addition to the heritage groups that now partners in RTHG. Other stakeholders include Bideford Town Council and Torridge District Council and Taw Torridge Estuary Forum. Presentations were made to both councils and other meetings attended.

Heritage Harbour status is national recognition of the importance of maritime heritage locally and is run by the Maritime Heritage Trust (<https://maritimeheritage.org.uk/heritage-harbours>). WOTW was informed by MHT on 24 December 2023 that Bideford and River Torridge would be recognised as a heritage harbour effective 05 January 2024.

A Maritime Heritage Centre for Bideford

This project has taken a back seat due to the application for heritage harbour status but still remains a longer-term ambition. <https://maritimeheritagebideford.org>

Financial Review 2022

Way of the Wharves CIO Statement of Financial Activities

Financial year 1 January - 31 December

Way of the Wharves CIO registered as a charity April 2020

	2023	2022
Income		
Grants	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,750.00
Trading	£ 1,097.83	£ 2,585.13
Donations	£ 156.18	£ 290.00
Personal loan	£ -	
Interest /Credits	£ 3.22	
TOTAL INCOME	£ 2,257.23	£ 4,625.13
Expenditure		
Suppliers	£ 1,153.60	£ 1,480.77
Travel / Delivery costs	£ 97.00	£ -
Office costs	£ -	£ -
General payments	£ -	£ -
Advertising	£ -	£ -
Website development	£ 200.64	£ 88.00
Insurance	£ -	£ -
Other	£ 1,106.18	£ -
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£ 2,557.42	£ 1,568.77
Closing balance at Bank	£ 3,204.53	£ 3,504.72

Loan

The personal loan £1000 provided by M Teare in 2021 for printing 'A History of East the Water, Bideford' was repaid in 2023

Grants received in 2023

Bideford Bridge Trust	£500.00
Torrige DC Councillor Grant	£500.00

Assets

August 2021 Way of the Wharves adopted the phone box in Torrington Street

Stock and Equipment

Stock 490 books at £3.70	£1,813.00
Gazebo and benches	£300.00

Notes to accounts

2023 income was made up of grants supplemented by book sales, ticket sales for public talks and donations.

The main items of expenditure were graphics costs and photography for production of a self-guided walk map for Bideford and use on website.

Other expenditure includes the personal loan of £1000, taken out in 2021 to cover production costs for printing the book, that was repaid in 2023 and donations collected on behalf of Charity Steamship Freshspring

Reserves Policy

At year end 2023 WOTW had a balance of £3,204 in the bank. There are no outstanding invoices to be paid and one invoice due (£16). Book sales continue to contribute to funds. To achieve objectives in 2024 WOTW will continue to apply for relevant grants and to fund raise.

Volunteers

In addition to Trustees others have supported our activities - especially with engagement on the Facebook page. Currently the charity runs with six trustees and has a supporters/followers list of 200+ on Facebook and 300+ signed up to the newsletter (mailchimp).

Structure Governance and Management

The running of WOTW is laid out in its governing document. The governing document Aims were amended in 2023 as covered in Aims and Purposes section of this report.

Trustee Kim Jones resigned in February 2023. New trustees Annemarie Munro and Teresa Tinsley were appointed in August and October 2023 respectively.

The trustees are:

Michael Teare Chair

Louise Boulter

Anthony Burt

Simon Whittam

Annemarie Munro

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Proposed: Teresa Tinsley

Seconded: Simon Whittam

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Aims and Purposes

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Objectives and Activities

WOTW is researching and promoting the maritime and industrial heritage of the Torridge Estuary and especially the wharves and immediate surrounding area of East the Water.

The book 'A History of East the Water, Bideford' was published in December 2021 and during 2022 considerable time and effort has been spent on promotion and sales. The main focus of charity activity in 2022 has continued to be on the wharves site on Barnstaple Street, East the Water

Achievements and Performance

Way of the Wharves CIO (WOTW) was registered as a charity on 6 April 2020 with first trustees Michael Teare, Louise Boulter, Anthony Burt, Angus Harper, Simon Whittam.

Website and newsletters

The updated website www.thewharves.org with shopfront for book sales has worked well. Red Earth allowed WOTW to host the archaeology report about the wharves site in Barnstaple Street on the website.

The regular email newsletter has continued at a frequency of about 6-8 weeks. It contains updates on maritime heritage news from along the Torridge as well as progress on works at the wharves site Barnstaple Street. The mailing list is now over 300 and FB posts regularly continue to get engagements of over 100. There is an archive at <https://phoneeastthewater.co.uk/archive-newsletters-and-publications/>

Phone Box

Work on the adopted the phone box in Torrington Street (adopted 2021) has proceeded slowly. Bideford Men's Shed have undertaken some repairs and installed a notice board and artwork of phone apparatus. It is now ready for the information and links for audio archives of phone box stories. See www.phoneeastthewater.co.uk for more information.

Walks, Talks and Community Events

During 2022 WOTW gave guided walks to: Torrington History Society and Devonshire Association AGM and made presentations to Bideford Probus Group, Bideford Library, Torrington History Society, Bideford Parkinson's Group, Bideford Bridge Rotary, Devon Rural Archive and at Appledore Book Festival. WOTW supported local schools with the donation of a copy of their book, cost of which was covered by a grant from Bideford Bridge Trust. WOTW were invited to give talks to St Mary's First School and provided material to Bideford Library for a creative writing event for East the Water First School. WOTW had stands at Bideford Fair, Bideford Water Festival and Cardboard Boat Race and Chudleigh Fort Picnic and supported the Fun Palaces event at Bideford Library with photographs and a quiz.

Heritage Maps and Reprint Article

The very successful 'Walk the Wharves Heritage Maps' have continued to be made available, free of charge, through Tourist Information and other outlets.

The article 'Wool wharves and water' was edited, updated and reprinted. Available to download at <https://thewharves.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/WoolwharveswaterA4.pdf>

Book 'A History of East the Water, Bideford'

The major achievement for 2022 has been to increase sales of the book 'A history of East-the-Water, Bideford.' (published 14 December 2021). The objective was to cover costs of printing by end of 2022 and with sales now at 393 books and £3,500 since launch that has very nearly been achieved. The most important sales channels have been through local bookshops followed by cash sales at talks and events and through the website.

In October 2022 WOTW received the Devon History Society 'Book of the Year Award' in the Local History Society category. The award was presented by Prof French at the Devon History Society AGM.

A Maritime Heritage Centre for Bideford

Working with representatives from The Burton, Local Councils and members of the community WOTW has established a steering group campaigning for a maritime heritage centre for Bideford. A presentation was made to Bideford Town Council and the steering group has compiled a list of sites that might be suitable/available. The website <https://maritimeheritagebideford.org> gives more details. The cost of website and publicity for this campaign has been supported by a councillor grant from Torridge DC.

Financial Review 2022

Way of the Wharves CIO Statement of Financial Activities

Financial year 1 January - 31 December 2022

Way of the Wharves CIO registered as a charity April 2020

	2022	
Income		
Grants	£	1,750.00
Trading	£	2,585.13
Donations	£	290.00
Personal loan		
TOTAL INCOME	£	4,625.13
Expenditure		
Suppliers	£	1,480.77
Travel / Delivery costs	£	-
Office costs	£	-
Advertising	£	-
Website development	£	88.00
Insurance	£	-
Other	£	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£	1,568.77
Closing balance at Bank	£	3,504.72

Grants received in 2022

Bideford TC	£	500.00
Bideford Bridge Trust	£	1,000.00
Torrige DC	£	250.00

Assets

August 2021 Way of the Wharves adopted the phone box in Torrington Street

Stock and Equipment

Stock 600 books at £3.70	£	2,220.00
Gazebo and benches	£	320.00

Notes to accounts

2022 income was principally made up of book sales. Together with the grant which allowed for donations to local schools, library and other history groups book sales are now £3,500, This is just short of the £3,700 cost of typesetting and printing. It will allow for repayment of personal loan (taken out in 2021 to cover production costs) in 2023.

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The book planned for 2021 'A History of East the Water, Bideford' was published in December 2021 and pulls together the large amount of research, carried out over the last years.

The focus in 2021 has continued to be on the wharves site on Barnstaple Street. This has lain virtually unused since the early 1980s when ownership transferred to Torridge District Council. In Spring 2021 Torridge District Council approved plans submitted by Red Earth Developments for demolition of existing buildings and construction of a mixed development of commercial and residential units. This site has a long and complex history and WOTW has campaigned for interpretation panels, artwork and appropriate naming. The developer has taken note of this and interpretation panels are part of approved plans.

WOTW continue to be in dialogue with the developer about progress of work on site and communicating that to their supporters using a newsletter update and facebook posts.

Achievements and Performance

Way of the Wharves CIO (WOTW) was registered as a charity on 6 April 2020 with first trustees Michael Teare, Louise Boulter, Anthony Burt, Angus Harper, Simon Whittam.

With the easing of covid restrictions and lockdowns WOTW could start to plan and carry out a programme of activities in 2021. There have been a number of meetings of trustees and supporters to organise these events.

WOTW successfully asked for funding from local councillor's locality grants allowing the update and re-print of the popular Walk the Wharves Heritage Map. This has been available free of charge in Tourist Information and other outlets.

A weekly guided walk programme was carried out over the summer starting from Tourist Information. A total of 42 walkers were taken around East the Water including one group of 21 from Bideford Rotary.

Once again, we accompanied students from Learn Devon learning outside of their usual classroom at Bideford Arts Centre, due to Covid restrictions. They made great use of our Walk the Wharves maps to learn more about the history of East the Water.

The website www.thewharves.org was updated to include new information and a shopfront for book sales. The monthly email newsletter was restarted and regular

positive feedback received. The mailing list is now over 300 and FB posts continue to get engagements of over 100.

Regular contact has been maintained with Simon Friend from Red Earth Developments to keep updated on progress. Our supporters have been kept informed via newsletter and facebook posts. Demolition of buildings is now completed; archaeological work is underway during December/January. Repair work on the sea wall is planned for early 2022 and main contractors on site not before summer 2022.

In August 2021 WOTW adopted the phone box in Torrington Street (next to the Bethel Chapel). Working together with East the Water in Bloom this will be conserved and transformed into a heritage and horticulture centre. WOTW will install heritage information whilst the exterior will take on a different look with the planned floral input from East the Water in Bloom. WOTW are collecting phone box stories and oral histories and plan to create these into an audio archive. See www.phoneeastthewater.co.uk for more information.

On 30 October 2021 WOTW held the Bideford BIG DRAW, a community event on the quay as part of this the biggest worldwide celebration of drawing. Looking across the water artists of all experience and ages were encouraged to draw the East the Water shore and wharves. The day was mainly dry and enjoyed by the 35 artists who registered and entered drawings, plus many other supporters and well-wishers. Art entries and summary of the day can be seen on <https://phoneeastthewater.co.uk/way-of-the-wharves/>. This event was funded by a grant from Heritage Lottery Community Fund.

WOTW made presentations, in person or on zoom, to Devonshire Association (Bideford Branch), Devon Family History Association, Buckland Brewer History Group. Articles were submitted to the magazines of Freshspring, North Devon Maritime Museum, North Devon Archaeology, Rolle Canal Society and Devonshire Life.

The major achievement for 2021 has been to publish the book 'A history of East-the-Water, Bideford.' on 14 December 2021. Sales have been made through the WOTW website as well as local bookshop Walter Henry's and the Burton at Bideford. Being so close to Christmas together with concerns over covid meant we were unable to hold any launch events. Book sales were 159 in 2021. Free copies went to authors, trustees, artists, graphic designer and were sent to British Library, Bideford Library, Pollyfields Centre East the Water and Devon History Society for review.

Financial Review 2021

In 2021, reflecting the increased activity of the charity, there was much more financial activity with grants from local councillors, Bideford Bridge Trust and Heritage Lottery Community Fund. Additionally, there were donations from walks and talks plus the first income from book sales. A personal loan of £1000 from M. Teare enabled funding of the book printing.

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Income	
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Trading	£ 741.51
Donations	£ 350.91
Personal loan	£ 1,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	£ 6,872.42
Expenditure	
Suppliers	£ 5,823.62
Travel / Delivery costs	£ -
Advertising	£ -
Website development	£ 385.85
Insurance	£ 269.00
Other	£ -
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£ 6,478.47
Closing balance at Bank	£ 450.15

Notes to accounts

Way of the Wharves CIO became a charity in April 2020. This is the second year of accounts.

Major expenditure in 2021 was printing of the book 'A history of East the Water, Bideford' published in December 2021. A personal loan covered some of this cost. Launch sales are included in 2021 trading and break-even is expected during 2022. The other major items of expenditure included: reprinting the Walk the Wharves Heritage Map (funded by locality grants), Public Liability Insurance and Bideford Big Draw community event (funded by Heritage Lottery Community Fund).

Grants received 2021

Devon CC locality grant	£ 435
Torrige DC locality grant	£ 250
Heritage Lottery Community Fund	£2095
Bridge Trust	£2000

Assets

August 2021 Way of the Wharves adopted the phone box in Torrington Street

Stock and equipment

Stock 800 books @ £3.70	£2960
Gazebo and benches	£ 320

Reserves Policy

At year end 2021 WOTW had a balance of £450 in the bank. There is one outstanding invoice for office services to TTVS (£85). Sales of the book are already contributing to funds and promotion will continue through 2022 when breakeven is anticipated. To achieve other objectives in 2022 WOTW will continue to apply for relevant grants and to fund raise.

Volunteers

In addition to Trustees others have supported our activities - especially with engagement on the Facebook page.

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Structure Governance and Management

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The trustees are:

Michael Teare Chair

Louise Boulter

Anthony Burt

Simon Whittam

Kim Jones

Angus Harper resigned in 2021, he has moved to Wales.

Kim Jones became a trustee in February 2021.

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Approved at AGM of WOTW Trustees 22/09/2022

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WAY OF THE WHARVES CIO Registered Charity Number 1188912

Advancing the education of the public in the maritime and industrial heritage of the Wharves at East the Water and the Torridge Estuary.

WAY OF THE WHARVES CIO

England & Wales - Charity number 1188912

Accounts

Way of the Wharves CIO (Charity No 1188912) Report 2020

Aims and Purposes

The aims and purpose of Way of the Wharves CIO (WOTW) is to advance the education of the public in the maritime and industrial heritage of the Wharves at East the Water and the Torridge Estuary.

Objectives and Activities

WOTW is researching and promoting the maritime and industrial heritage of the Torridge Estuary and especially the wharves and immediate surrounding area of East the Water.

The focus in 2020 has been on the wharves site on Barnstaple Street. This has lain virtually unused since the early 1980s when ownership transferred to Torridge District Council. The planning authorities are now assessing a planning application for the re-development of the site, by Red Earth Developments. Adjudication of the proposed plan is due in Spring 2021. This site has a long and complex history and WOTW are liaising with stakeholders (including planning, public, developers) to ensure the history is reflected in the development with interpretation panels, artwork and naming of buildings.

As part of this promotion WOTW are well advanced with a book on the history of East the Water and its wharves, which will pull together the large amount of research, carried out over the last years.

Achievements and Performance

Way of the Wharves CIO (WOTW) was registered as a charity on 6 April 2020 with first trustees Michael Teare, Louise Boulter, Anthony Burt, Angus Harper, Simon Whittam.

Covid restrictions and lockdowns prevented meetings of trustees and also most of the planned guided walks and talks, which had to be postponed or cancelled. Communications have been maintained by phone and email.

One guided walk for a group of 11, including some trustees and supporters, was held in September 2020 during the relaxation of lockdown but new restrictions prevented further events.

We accompanied a group of students from Learn Devon who, due to the current pandemic, was learning outside of their usual classroom at Bideford Arts Centre. As part of their programme about the history and heritage of Bideford they made great use of our Walk the Wharves maps to learn more about the history of East the Water.

Some website updates were completed and a number of FB posts made. WOTW continues to get regular post visits and engagements of up to 100 on FB posts.

An on line survey was completed. There were 26 respondents. There was support expressed for siting interpretation panels on the wharf redevelopment and for permanent home for WOTW on the wharf site. Useful ideas and feedback were received.

A meeting was held in February with Simon Friend from Red Earth Developments to review the proposed plans for the £20million re-development of the site and WOTW ambitions regarding siting of interpretation panels and having a permanent place on the wharves. WOTW have continued the dialogue with Red Earth during the year. WOTW submitted a statement to Torridge District Council regarding the planning application for the re-development. (Appendix 2). Adjudication of the planning application by Torridge District Council is due in March 2021, unless it is delayed.

The Walk the Wharves self-guided walk map was distributed to Tourist Information and other outlets. There are now about 200 maps left in stock. Revisions were made to artwork preparatory for re-print. Funding is required to re-print.

The major achievement for 2020 has been to start the writing and editing of the book on the history of East the Water and its wharves including sourcing and gaining approval for use of images. Editing is on going and we aim for a 2021 publication. Working title 'A history of East-the-Water and its wharves.'

Financial Review 2020

In 2020 there was very little financial activity reflecting the limited activity of the group. This was because of the limited interaction with public and other history groups / societies, which would have been expected to contribute to funds and costs.

There was no income in 2020 - money in bank coming from donations made in 2019.

There were only two payments:

- membership of TTVS (local charity supporting, promoting and representing voluntary organisations in Torridge)
- purchase of images for book from Farr collection and paid for by a donation

Income

		Cheques / BACS	Cash	TOTAL
Date	Item	Income	Income	Income
25/09/20	donation to images	£61.00		£61.00
				£-
TOTAL		£61.00	£-	£61.00

Expenditure

		Cheques / BACS	Cash	TOTAL
Date	Item	Expenditure	Expenditure	Expenditure
25/11/20	TTVS membership	£20.00		£20.00
25/09/20	images Farr collection	£61.00		£61.00
				£-
TOTAL		£81.00	£-	£81.00

Closing bank balance 31 Dec 20

£85.00

Notes to accounts

Way of the Wharves started the application for charity status in 2019. As part of the application a bank account was opened in 2019 with a £100 donation.

Way of the Wharves CIO became a charity in April 2020. This is the first year of accounts.

The Covid pandemic stopped many plans and activities of the charity in 2020.

There was no possibility to fundraise from donations at guided walks and talks.

No grants were applied for during 2020.

Reserves Policy

WOTW has reserves of less than £100 in the bank. There are no outstanding debts. Sales of the book are intended to help contribute to funds. To achieve other objectives in 2021 WOTW will need to fund raise.

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