



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 15 September 2022 Period start date

To 14 September 2023 Period end date

Charity name: SeaFriends

Charity registration number:1191294

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>Enhancing the wellbeing of Seaford residents experiencing social exclusion through loneliness and isolation by providing person centred support and social opportunities, in the home, community and safe space environments.</p> <p>Creating a culture that supports, empowers, and involves the service user to increase confidence and social interaction. An individually led journey back to participating in social activities enabling people to feel valued within the community.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A telephone befriending service matching volunteer befrienders to residents experiencing the effects of loneliness and social isolation.2. Remote training and a support programme has been established for our volunteers, and a website and Facebook page is in place.3. Weekly coffee mornings have been set up with transport supplied by a mixture of volunteers and taxi services.4. In collaboration with St Peters Church, a memory café has been established offering a safe place for those living with memory issues and their carers.5. Subsidised day trips enabling beneficiaries to interact with the wider environment.6. Seafriends joined Befriending Networks, a national befriending support charity and has benefited from membership of NCVO (National Council for Voluntary

		Organisations), 3VA and SCC (Small Charities Coalition) enabling us to attend many of the online training and awareness sessions.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Throughout this period, trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>1-2-1 Befriending – Our core activity continues to run well with both telephone and face to face befriending. We haven't expanded to matches significantly during the period as after lockdown beneficiaries voiced their desire to get out and meet people. Some of the matches have left the service citing that they feel they are now friends and no longer need the support offered by SeaFriends – achieving a key objective , helping people reengage with the community and feel less socially isolated and lonely.</p> <p>Weekly coffee mornings – held in a local community centre SeaFriends provides a regular welcoming space to meet with other people either living alone, carers or feeling isolated or lonely. This service is free with transport provided for those who otherwise would not leave their home. Service users enjoy refreshments, board games and chat. There are on average 16 – 20 regular users with over half using the provided lifts. These are supplied by a mixture of volunteer drivers and taxis. There are 5 regular volunteers who assist staff on a rota basis with others dropping in to help when they can. The main outcome of this group are the friendships that have grown with service users meeting outside of the group and supporting each other.</p>

		<p>Subsidised Day Trips – These were requested by our service users when asked what they wanted SeaFriends to provide. SeaFriends ethos is that services are user led as much as possible. A Staff member underwent Minibus driver training and alongside another staff member and volunteer escorts provided monthly day trips to local attractions. The main outcome of this was that many beneficiaries were able to leave Seaford for the first time in years and interact with the wider environment.</p> <p>Memory Café – A collaboration between St Peters Church and SeaFriends with SeaFriends providing volunteer training, Safeguarding, admin support and weekly facilitation of the group. This is a purposely volunteer lead group to foster long term sustainability. The Memory Café offers a safe place for those living with memory issues and their carers. It focuses on peer support and building friendships. Run as a drop in with an average of 20 attendees at each session with the support of a bank of 9 volunteers with both personal and professional experience of dementia.</p> <p>Volunteers – During the reporting period SeaFriends reduced from two full time employees to one, and there was an average of 31 volunteers covering a variety of roles including, driving, memory café support, coffee morning support and 1-2-1 befriending. All volunteers receive mandatory training in Safeguarding, Boundaries, Confidentiality, EDI and are DBS checked. Additional role specific training is also provided along with regular social events to foster friendships and peer support between volunteers. It is recognised that during Covid many volunteers came to SeaFriends as they were experiencing social isolation and loneliness. Volunteering proved to be an excellent way to meet people and become</p>
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		engaged with the local community.
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>Cash funds of £43,949.90 at the beginning of the period on 15 September 2022 reflected the National Lottery Grant payment of 26 August 2022 of £37,348.75.</p> <p>Income for the year was £81,522 comprising of:</p> <p>National Lottery grant :</p> <p style="text-align: right;">: £78,698</p> <p>Donations from the public, Easy Fundraising, an insurance refund, Amazon Smile and others</p> <p style="text-align: right;">: £ 2,824</p> <p>Expenditure for the period was £54,644 leaving a surplus of £26,878 for the year.</p> <p>Cash funds at the year end on 14 September 2023 were £71,002, reflecting a National Lottery grant funding payment on 4 August 2023 of £41,348.75 for the next period.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The reserves policy of SeaFriends is that it should retain 3 months expenditure to cover the event of closure of the charity.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£15,000.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The departure of one of the two paid members of staff during the year impacted the draw on funds pending their replacement. The charity therefore remains in close contact with the National Lottery Grant body regarding

		funding management.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	SeaFriends principal source of funding is from the Lottery Fund.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The principal risk facing the charity will be disruption in funding, and the departure of staff.

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	SeaFriends has the Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. This is the third year of operation with charity trustees appointed
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	SeaFriends is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	This is the third year of operation. Replacements will be sought in line with existing guidance for the election of Trustees, but identifying replacements who are prepared to volunteer to fill posts has been challenging.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	SeaFriends
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1191294
Charity's principal address	34 Sutton Park Road, Seaford, BN25 1RP, United Kingdom hello@seafriends.org.uk

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Stephanie Baker	Chairperson		
2	Janet Kent			
3	Mark Forrester	Treasurer		

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees’ report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees

Signature(s)	Stephanie Baker	
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Full name(s)	Stephanie Baker	
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
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Date	29/05/2024
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	15-Sep-22		14-Sep-23

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Lottery Fund	78,698	-	-	78,698	70,697
Donations	2,706	-	-	2,706	3,533
Amazon	45	-	-	45	22
Easy Fundraising	18	-	-	18	15
Insurance refund	55	-	-	55	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	81,522	-	-	81,522	74,267
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	81,522	-	-	81,522	74,267
A3 Payments					
Salaries and NI	46,087	-	-	46,087	57,893
Insurance	636	-	-	636	681
DBS Clearance	38	-	-	38	138
Venue costs	1,917	-	-	1,917	1,593
Training	32	-	-	32	235
IT Equipment	1,146	-	-	1,146	1,100
Communications	494	-	-	494	405
Stationery	302	-	-	302	53
Volunteer costs	2,303	-	-	2,303	796
Office costs	1,338	-	-	1,338	12
Accountancy costs	125	-	-	125	100
Other	226	-	-	226	406
Sub total	54,644	-	-	54,644	63,412
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	54,644	-	-	54,644	63,412
Net of receipts/(payments)	26,878	-	-	26,878	10,855
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	44,124	-	-	44,124	33,269
Cash funds this year end	71,002	-	-	71,002	44,124

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Funds held in SeaFriends Lloyds Bank Business account	70,502	-	-
	Prepaid Card	500	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	71,002	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
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B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	Stephanie Baker	Stephanie Baker	29.05 2024	

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Seafriends (CIO)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Seafriends (the Trust) for the year ended 14 September 2023.

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').

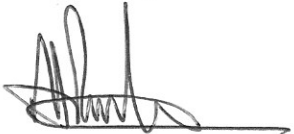
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts do 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 to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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29 May 2024