Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	02	12	2021		01	12	2022

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	FATHOMS FREE
Other names charity is known by	N/A

Registered charity number (if any)	1196183
Charity's principal address	16 LOWER CLICKER ROAD,
	MENHENIOT
	LISKEARD
	Postcode PL14 3PJ

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	John Kent	Chair of Trustees		
2	Julian Collison	Treasurer		
3	Luke Bullus	Diving Officer		
4	Eleanor Speirs	Secretary		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	**Constitution**
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	**CIO**
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	**Appointed on initial creation of charity - any changes by election**

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Written Risk assessments in place for diving activities and boat usage with site and conditions specific risk assessments completed at each event.
All personnel suitably trained and qualified for the activities they are engaged in.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To preserve and improve the marine environment around the coast of the United Kingdom & to to conserve, relieve the suffering of and promote the bio-diversity of marine wildlife with the use of volunteer divers and surface supporters by, but not limited to:
1. Locating, documenting, retrieving and responsibly disposing of Abandoned, Discarded and Lost Fishing Gear (also known as Ghost Gear), releasing and where possible returning entrapped marine wildlife to its natural habitat.
2. Locating, documenting, retrieving and responsibly disposing of

	underwater, floating and coastal marine litter, focussing on but not limited to Marine Plastics **3. Supporting the local resident population, the significant coastal tourism industry and the resident fishing communities by minimising the litter and ghost gear hazards to make the beaches and coastal seas a safer place to enjoy and minimising unnecessary damage to local fish stocks killed by ghost gear.** **4. Collecting and distributing data on the distribution, nature and quantity of marine litter and ghost fishing gear and its environmental impacts** **5. Spreading awareness of the presence of underwater marine litter and ghost fishing gear along with the environmental threats it poses** **6. Educating water users and the public so as to reduce the input of debris to the sea**
Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)	***Our activities for the reporting period can be summarised into three categories.*** ***1. Retrieval - Retrieving matter from the sea which shouldn't be there, this is our raison d'etre. This was most often done by diving but there was a significant quantity of recovery from beaches.*** ***2. Awareness - We took multiple opportunities to inform the public of the very serious matter of ghost nets and marine litter. This was done by talks, meeting the public at awareness events, social media and mainstream media eg. TV news. If we can educate people to prevent marine pollution then it makes our retrieval job less arduous. A little known fact is that 75% of marine litter starts on land as street litter, reaching the sea via drains and rivers.*** ***3. Maintenance, training and fund raising - These activities are the enabler for the 2 above. The divers become maintenance personnel or teachers/students for these activities. The maintenance work covered work on; our dive RHIB Casper with engine service & electrical upgrades , Caspers trailer received a full rebuild of brakes and suspension units to keep it safe, the pickup truck received servicing and a new towbar as the original had suffered from frequent salt water contact, updates to the navigation equipment including the new Navionics 'relief shading' and a significant amount of search and recovery gear.*** ***One of our core team has attended a specialist dive course and she will then train the rest of the team with her new skills. Our fund-raising is dependent upon our exposure in various media forms, without funds no recoveries would take place. We have a website and an integral shop. Many of the goods in the shop are made by our volunteers from recovered ghost nets and ropes.***

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

All persons engaged with Fathoms Free are volunteers ,including the trustees who all have full time careers and run the charity in their spare time. The charity has no paid staff, contractors or consultants.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Last year the Fathoms Free team recovered 1905 kg of marine debris from the seas around Devon and Cornwall. This activity took 4896 man hours, in direct effort. This recovery was accomplished during 9 dives and 2 beach recoveries.

During the same year 6 awareness events were undertaken, this comprised 2 TV news items, 2 awareness events, one self made video and an announcement about a coalition with similar organisations in the UK.
Fathoms Free are a founding member of the UK Ghost Gear Coalition along with Sea Shepherd UK, Ghost Diving UK and Neptunes Army or Rubbish Collectors (NARC).
This will improve the effectiveness of all the members with the ability to share information, resources and best practice.

A direct of this has been the supply on long term loan of a much larger twin-engined Humber Ocean Pro RHIB from Sea Shepherd, 'Shadow' enabling us to carry more divers to a greater amount of locations and carry more recovered ghost gear. Shadow will work as flagship alongside our smaller RHIB Casper for the foreseeable future.

The boat trailer was attended to with a weekend working party to replace wheels, bearings and brakes. The boat had a new fuel tank installed and navionics chart software upgraded during another weekend working party.

A new storage location for the two boats, pickup truck and events trailer was secured which has hardstandings rather than grass and is far more secure.

Our funding has been secured for the forthcoming year by donations from both personal and corporate donors and the sale of goods in our online shop. This was augmented over the christmas period when a Crowdfunding campaign secured match funding from the Cornwall Council Grow Nature Fund.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	**The charity does not currently have a policy on reserves since it was created from very humble beginnings. The trustees realise that the charity is growing and whilst at the moment it is in a comfortable financial position, the trustees will during the next financial year develop a reserves policy in order to prepare for unexpected and schedules repairs or replacement to key assets, namely the boats (Casper & Shadow) and pickup truck**
Details of any funds materially in deficit	**There are no funds in deficit**

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about: ● the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising); ● how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity; ● investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.	**The charity, in common with others operating in the same conservation arena, does not receive any government funding and relies on the generous donation of members of the public and corporate donors.** **The charity does not currently have an investment policy - monies raised are used to fund ghost gear recoveries including charter boat hire where necessary, fuel and maintenance of charity assets and maintaining a balance available for repairs as and when necessary. The funds of the charities are fairly modest, having raised £15960 in the last reporting year (2nd December 2021 - 1st December 2022).** **Of these £5623 were raised by personal donations, £8513 by corporate donation (including match funding), £1753 from Gift Aid and £71 from the online shop.** **Expenditure for the year was £15747 with the largest expense being £6257 on boat, trailer and truck maintenance (a significant increase on last year down to now running two vessels) , followed by £2475 on the charter of hardboats for some larger recoveries.** **Now we have Shadow it is expected that Hardbpat charter will be far reduced in the next year.** **All expenditure has been directly connected to the ongoing objects of the charity, particularly the ghost gear recovery and the accounts show a balanced sheet with a very small surplus adding to the charities operating funds of £213**

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	John Kent	Julian Collison
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	19/09/2022	

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
Fathoms Free	1192613

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	02/12/2021		01/12/2022

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Personal Donations	5,623	-	-	5,623	11,875
Company ./ Sponsor Donations	8,513	-	-	8,513	10,186
Sales of items in web shop	71	-	-	71	449
HMRC Gift Aid Payments	1,753	-	-	1,753	790
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total *(Gross income for AR)*	15,960	-	-	15,960	23,300
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
NONE	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	15,960	-	-	15,960	23,300
A3 Payments					
Boat, Truck & Trailer Storage	1,395	-	-	1,395	820
Hardboat charter	2,475	-	-	2,475	1,800
Insurance & Vehicle Tax	1,776	-	-	1,776	1,718
Truck & Boat repair & upgrades	6,257	-	-	6,257	2,054

Fuel	1,469	-	-	1,469	487
Gear recovery equipment	1,903	-	-	1,903	847
Charity admin (website etc)	472	-	-	472	541
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	15,747	-	-	15,747	8,267

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
NONE	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	15,747	-	-	15,747	8,267
Net of receipts/(payments)	213	-	-	213	15,033
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	19,719	-	-	19,719	1,301
Cash funds this year end	19,931	-	-	19,931	16,334

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	**NatWest Bank Account**	18,313	-	-
	Soldo prepaid debit card balance	1,618	-	-
	PayPal Account	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	19,931	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds	**Restricted funds**	**Endowment funds**

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
NONE	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
NONE		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
6.5m Humber RHIB with engine,trailer & electronics	**Unrestricted**	-	**14,000**
Mitsubishi L200 Pickup Truck		-	**7,000**
Twin axle van trailer		-	**1,000**
Gazebo & display equipment		-	**2,500**
Ghost gear recovery equipment		-	**5,000**
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
None		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	**Julian Collison (Treasure)**	**19/09/2023**
	**John Kent (Chair)**	**19/09/2023**