

# OURTIDE

England & Wales · Charity number 1195138

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2021-07-12

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC AND IN PARTICULAR OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE REGION SURROUNDING THE SEVERN ESTUARY AND BRISTOL CHANNEL BY DELIVERING WORKSHOPS AND ON-LINE RESOURCES IN THE SUBJECTS OF TIDAL POWER, THE SCIENCE OF TIDAL POWER AND ITS IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE APPLICATION OF ENGINEERING IN HARNESSING TIDAL ENERGY.

**Activities:** Our aim is to advance the education of the public and in particular of young people in the region surrounding the Severn Estuary and Bristol Channel by delivering workshops and on-line resources in the subjects of tidal power, the science of tidal power and its impact on the environment and the application of engineering in harnessing tidal energy.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Bristol City
- Cardiff
- Newport City
- North Somerset

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£6,293	£1,099	-	-
2024-12-31	£1,011	£752	-	-
2023-12-31	£0	£203	-	-
2022-12-31	£500	£0	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Dr Brian John Gribben</b>	Chair	2021-07-12
Amy Elizabeth Collins		2023-03-30
Bernard Kenneth James		2026-04-27
Iain David Blewett Major		2021-07-12
James Kieran Geldart		2021-07-12
Sally Rachel Hall		2023-03-20

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

<b>From</b>	Period start date			<b>To</b>	Period end date		
	01	Jan	2025		31	Dec	2025

## Section A Reference and administration details

<b>Charity name</b>	Our Tide
<b>Other names charity is known by</b>	
<b>Registered charity number (if any)</b>	1195138
<b>Charity's principal address</b>	Alton House
	9 Copse Road
	CLEVEDON
	<b>Postcode</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>BS21 7QN</b></span>

### 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	Brian John GRIBBEN			
2	James Kieran GELDART			
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5	Sally Rachel HALL			

### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
N/A	

### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
N/A		

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

N/A
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## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

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### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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#### Policies

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#### Risks

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**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)**

OurTide has organised and delivered a workshop for young people of secondary school age at Clevedon Sailing Club in October 2025, for which there were ~10 participants. This continued the programme of tidal energy themed STEM engagement workshops which OurTide has delivered to secondary school students since 2021. The volunteers for this workshop were staff from Frazer-Nash Consultancy.

The collaboration with Swansea University and Clevedon Pier continued throughout 2025 and is ongoing. A group of final year engineering students from the university completed the concept design of a tidal stream turbine for Clevedon Pier as their final year project, which is being facilitated by Our Tide. This has been very useful in progressing our vision, which was formalised into the launch of a Community Energy Hub concept in September 2025. This took the form of a business engagement event to attract support for our aims to locate 3 forms of renewable energy on Clevedon Pier: solar, wind and of course tidal. These will be at “demonstrator” rather than “utility” scale, with the firm intention of involving the public and boosting community understanding of green energy issues. The launch event was financially supported by Clevedon Town Council via the Clevedon Climate and Nature Partnership and attracted financial support from 3 local businesses.

OurTide continue to advocate for the consideration of tidal energy in the Severn Estuary. Towards this end, OurTide provided a community Outreach Event with three expert speakers in November 2025. This was provided at very low cost and sold out a local community theatre “The Theatre Shop”. This was a major event for OurTide, and is considered to have been a great success as bringing the community into a dialogue with the best possible tidal energy experts was achieved in this unique and widely appreciated event. The event was supported by a grant from the Clevedon Community Bookshop.

The trustees have had regard to the requirement on public benefit.

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

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Our Tide does not make grants.

## Section D Achievements and performance

### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Key milestones are arranged chronologically as follows:

April 2025	Tidal turbine concept design project with Swansea University students completes
25 Sept 2025	Business Engagement Event, Clevedon Pier
27 Oct 2025	Secondary School Student Workshop, Clevedon Sailing Club
25 Nov 2025	Power from the Tides, Community Outreach Event

As in all previous years, our student workshops remain at the heart of what we do and 2026 was no different.

In 2026, our more ambitious programme included the launch of our Community Energy Hub project with a Business Engagement Event. A working group is now underway with funding resulting from that event.

The Community Outreach event really succeeded in providing our community with access to the best possible tidal energy expertise and up-to-date news on progress.

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity has no policy on reserves since to date commitment to future spending has been effectively zero.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

There are no funds materially 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;
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Income in year came from:

- Clevedon Climate and Nature Network (£500 for the Business Engagement Event)
- Clevedon Community Bookshop Community Grant (£500 for the Community Outreach Event)
- Direct business sponsorship for the Community Energy Hub (£4000 from Churngold, £1000 from Ecosurety and further funds pledged.
- Smaller amounts were also received from community donations and ticket sales for the Community Outreach Event

It is noted that some interest-free loans from trustees are in place, and trustees are content that the charity does not guarantee their repayment.

Our Tide has benefitted significantly from in-kind contribution in the form of free facility access, technology access, and expert time from Nuvola Ltd, cocreative Ltd, Frazer-Nash Consultancy Ltd, Clevedon Sailing Club, Clevedon School, and Clevedon Pier. The total estimated value exceeds £7,000.

## Section F

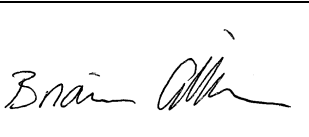
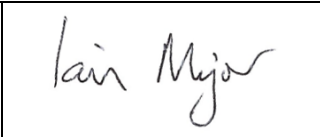

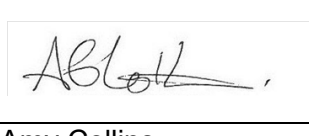

## Other optional information

## 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)	Brian Gribben	Iain Major	James Geldart
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	Trustee	Trustee
Signature(s)			
Full name(s)	Amy Collins	Sally Hall	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	Trustee	
Date	23 March 2026		



**Income and Expenditure Account for period:**

**01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025**

Income (£)			Expenditure (£)		
Item	Amount	Note	Item	Amount	Note
Balance at bank b/f	556.23		2025 Workshop Costs	327.75	[5]
Clevedon Community Bookshop Co-operative Community Fund	500.00		Business Event Costs	500.00	
Clevedon Town Council	500.00	[2]	Engagement event costs	30.00	[6]
Donations (Hub)	5000.00	[3],[4]	Charity Insurance	241.20	
JustGiving Donations	81.58				
Ticket Sales	211.28				
<b>Income total</b>	<b><u>6849.09</u></b>		<b>Expenditure total</b>	<b><u>1098.95</u></b>	
			Balance at bank c/f	<b><u>5750.14</u></b>	[7],[8]

**Notes**

- [1] Our Tide was registered as a charity in England (Charity number: 1195138) on 12 July 2021
- [2] Climate and Nature Fund (CAN).
- [3] Donations from Quartet Community Fund / Churngold (£4000) and Ecosurety (£1000) towards Community Energy Hub
- [4] Received further pledges of £500 which we expect to receive in 2026
- [5] £157.42 : Workshop costs to be refunded to volunteers (will appear as expenditure in 2026)
- [6] £252.84 : Estimate of engagement event cost to be invoiced and refunded to volunteers (will appear as expenditure in 2026)
- [7] As noted in previous FY accounts, a number of cost items has been covered by members and are noted here as interest free loans, total value £1,182.03. These will be repaid as funds allow.
- [8] £500.00 is the estimated value of assets - the replacement cost - held by Our Tide in the form of workshop materials and equipment.

**Accounts approved by Our Tide Trustees on 2 February 2026:**

Signed Brian Gribben Trustee	
Signed Iain Major Trustee	
Signed Amy Collins Trustee	
Signed Sally Hall Trustee	
Signed James Geldart Trustee	

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**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)**

OurTide has organised and delivered workshops for young people of secondary school age. Firstly, at Nailsea School in July 2024, for which there were approximately 60 student participants. Second, at Clevedon Sailing Club in November 2024, for which there were ~15 participants. These continued the programme of tidal energy themed STEM engagement workshops which OurTide has delivered to secondary school students since 2021. In addition, in October 2024, staff from Frazer-Nash Consultancy used OurTide resources to deliver a STEM workshop in collaboration with EqualEngineers for adults aspiring to return to a career in STEM. This workshop took place at Frazer-Nash offices in Leatherhead.

Working with Clevedon Pier, Our Tide is aiming to design and install a working tidal turbine on the Pier, as a focal point for renewable energy in the community. In June/July 2024 we achieved a key milestone of measuring a month of tidal current data on the pier, with the help of Swansea University who allowed us to borrow £15k of measurement equipment free of charge. The data is used in our student workshops and is necessary to further progress the “turbine on the pier” concept. This high quality, professional standard measurement data allows accurate calculations of the real energy that may be extracted from the Clevedon Pier location.

The collaboration with Swansea University and Clevedon Pier continued into Autumn 2024 and is ongoing. A group of final year engineering students from the university have the concept design of a tidal stream turbine for Clevedon Pier as their final year project, which is being facilitated by Our Tide.

One of the main achievements of the year is in advocacy for the existing tidal lagoon at Oldbury to be considered as a demonstrator site for a tidal energy impoundment scheme. Towards this end, Our Tide organised initial contact and a meeting (which took place on 4 Sept 2024) between the Offshore Renewable Energy Catapult (OREC) and Nuclear Restoration Services (NRS). This is significant because OREC are prospecting for a suitable tidal energy impoundment scheme demonstrator site (and were previously unaware of the Oldbury lagoon) and NRS have responsibility for the Oldbury lagoon (and were previously unaware of its tidal energy potential).

OurTide continue to advocate for the consideration of tidal energy in the Severn Estuary. Towards this end, OurTide provided a speaking slot and Q&A session at the inaugural “Green Shift Festival” held in Clevedon in April 2024. OurTide representatives also contributed to Transitions Clevedon and Clevedon Town Council meetings on environmental themes in November and December 2024.

The trustees have had regard to the requirement on public benefit.

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

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Our Tide is wholly staffed by volunteers – Trustees, Project Leads, Managers and all other staff make contributions according to their skills, interests and available time. Volunteering at OurTide is open to all. A particularly important team is the workshop delivery team. In each workshop the students meet different (usually) young professionals to guide them through the workshop activities. We encourage diversity in our workshop delivery teams so that the students can experience that diversity of personality and background which we believe is helpful in bringing to life STEM careers as genuine prospects – i.e. creating the circumstances where students may identify at some level with a professional scientist or engineer can broaden perspectives on career possibilities.

Our Tide does not make grants.

## Section D Achievements and performance

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

Key milestones are arranged chronologically as follows:

1 Feb 2024	“All hands” volunteers meeting, Clevedon Sailing Club
Feb 2024	OurTide receive grant from Clevedon Community Bookshop Cooperative
April 2024	OurTide contribute to Green Shift Festival
June/July 2024	Tidal Current measurements at Clevedon Pier
July 2024	Secondary School Student Workshop, Nailsea School
September 2024	Oldbury lagoon meeting between OREC and NRS
October 2024	STEM workshop with EqualEngineers
October 2024	Tidal turbine concept design project with Swansea University students begins
November 2024	Secondary School Student Workshop, Clevedon Sailing Club
November 2024	OurTide receive grant from Clevedon Town Council

The most important achievements are the **student workshops**. As well as benefiting the student participants directly, they also leave us with a valuable set of resources (lesson plans, videos, presentations, technology kit, model tidal turbines, floating test rig) which will form the basis of future student workshops.

Key amongst our relationships going forward are that with: Clevedon Pier, Clevedon School, Swansea University, Frazer-Nash Consultancy Ltd., Nuvola Ltd.

We end the year with confidence in our ability to continue to deliver student workshops, and with increased ambition to extend our outreach activities to including working tidal turbine demonstrations facilities.

## Section E

## Financial review

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

The charity has no policy on reserves since to date commitment to future spending has been effectively zero.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

There are no funds materially in deficit.

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

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The charity's primary source of funds to date has been from the Clevedon Community Bookshop's Community Grant scheme. Two awards have been received of £500 to date and a third is pending. This has covered a substantial portion of the costs incurred in delivering the workshops. Recently the charity has also received a £500 grant award from Clevedon Town Council. Fundraising activity has been modest to date as the workshop costs are modest, and trustees have been pleased to fund shortfalls. It is noted that some interest-free loans from trustees are in place, and trustees are content that the charity does not guarantee their repayment. As the charity's ambition increases, the needs for funds increases, and there will be increased fundraising effort going forward.

Our Tide has benefitted significantly from in-kind contribution in the form of free facility access, technology access, and expert time from Nuvola Ltd, cocreative Ltd, Frazer-Nash Consultancy Ltd, Clevedon Sailing Club, Clevedon School, and Clevedon Pier. The total estimated value exceeds £6,000.




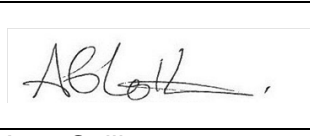

## Section F

## 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

<b>Signature(s)</b>			
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Brian Gribben	Iain Major	James Geldart
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Trustee		
<b>Signature(s)</b>			
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Amy Collins	Sally Hall	
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Trustee		
<b>Date</b>	2 January 2025		



# Our Tide

**Income and Expenditure Account for period:**

**01 January 2024**

**to**

**31 December 2024**

Income (£)			Expenditure (£)		
Item	Amount	Note	Item	Amount	Note
Balance at bank b/f	296.80	[2]	2023 Workshop Costs	28.91	[5]
Clevedon Community Bookshop Co-operative Community Fund	500.00	[3]	2024 Workshop Costs	217.46	
			Annual Insurance	241.20	
			Battery for velocimeter	264.00	
Clevedon Town Council	500.00	[4]			[6],[7]
Donations	11.00				
<b>Income total</b>	<b><u>1307.80</u></b>		<b>Expenditure total</b>	<b><u>751.57</u></b>	
			<b>Balance at bank c/f</b>	<b><u>556.23</u></b>	

**Notes**

- [1] Our Tide was registered as a charity in England (Charity number: 1195138) on 12 July 2021
- [2] OurTide moved its banking to Co-op bank during this period
- [3] This grant was awarded in February 2024
- [4] This grant was awarded on 21 November 2024
- [5] This repays an interest free loan from a volunteer member as noted in previous FY accounts
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Our Tide has organised and delivered a series of workshops for young people of secondary school age. These workshops took place in autumn 2023, and were themed on tidal energy. There were five individual events, the first four held at Clevedon School and the last at Clevedon Sailing Club, which also made use of outdoor locations at Clevedon Pier and Marine Lake. The workshops were delivered by science and engineering professionals with specifically developed content and materials. The number of students benefitting varied in number, averaging around 8 (this is down on previous years as many students in the local community had already been reached). The students benefitted from participating in the workshops, developing their skills and experience related to tidal energy and the STEM subjects that are important in that context. Participation in these workshops has varied benefits to the students which have importance varying with individual circumstances: development of STEM skills; positive interaction with young science and engineering professionals to develop career path awareness; CV building for future university and job applications; and confidence building by engagement in a new community in a positive and supportive environment.

On 12 January 2023 a public engagement event on the topic of tidal energy was held at Clevedon Pier. Our Tide contributed one of the three expert speakers and organised the contribution of the two other expert speakers from Cardiff University. The event was a success in reaching a large number of members of the public – the meeting room was at capacity – from whom feedback was very positive.

In April 2023, Our Tide began to advocate for consideration of the existing tidal lagoon at Oldbury as a tidal range energy demonstrator site. To support this advocacy, Our Tide developed a web site article (<https://www.ourtide.org/oldbury-lagoon/>) and have had meetings with both the Nuclear Restoration Services company which operates the site, and the Offshore Renewable Energy Catapult. This supports the objective of advocating for tidal energy generation.

In July 2023 Our Tide staff conducted a ‘walk down’ of a prospective site for a tidal stream turbine demonstrator, on Clevedon Pier. This supports the objective of having a tidal energy focal point in the community to aid clean energy engagement and education.

The trustees have had regard to the requirement on public benefit.

**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.

Our Tide is wholly staffed by volunteers – Trustees, Project Leads, Managers and all other staff make contributions according to their skills, interests and available time. Volunteering at Our Tide is open to all. A particularly important team is the workshop delivery team. Each day the students meet two to three different (usually) young professionals to guide them through the workshop activities. We encourage diversity in our workshop delivery teams so that the students can experience that diversity of personality and background which we believe is helpful in bringing to life STEM careers as genuine prospects – i.e. creating the circumstances where students may identify at some level with a professional scientist or engineer can broaden perspectives on career possibilities.

Our Tide does not makes grants.

## Section D Achievements and performance

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

Key milestones are arranged chronologically as follows:

12 January 2023	<b>Outreach event : Tidal Energy Lectures, Clevedon Pier</b>
April 2023	Advocacy for tidal range demonstrator at Oldbury begins, and article written <a href="https://www.ourtide.org/oldbury-lagoon/">https://www.ourtide.org/oldbury-lagoon/</a>
July 2023	Clevedon Pier walk down – prospective tidal stream turbine site
Sept - Oct 2023	<b>Third series of student workshops held</b>
October 2023	Clevedon Community Bookshop Community Grant application submitted

The most important achievements are the **student workshops**. As well as benefiting the student participants directly, they also leave us with a valuable set of resources (lesson plans, videos, presentations, technology kit, model tidal turbines, floating test rig) which will form the basis of future student workshops.

The **public outreach event** has also been very effective, reaching an estimated 100 people. They have also attracted volunteers and consolidated our network of contacts and supporting organisations – businesses, community organisations, schools and local government.

Key amongst our relationships going forward is that with Clevedon Pier.

We end the year with confidence in our ability to continue to deliver student workshops, and with increased ambition to extend our outreach activities to including working tidal turbine demonstrations facilities.

## Section E

## Financial review

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

The charity has no policy on reserves since to date commitment to future spending has been effectively zero.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

There are no funds materially 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's only source of funds to date has been from the Clevedon Community Bookshop's Community Grant scheme in 2022. This has covered a substantial portion of the costs incurred in delivering the workshops. Fundraising activity has been modest to date as the workshop costs are modest, and trustees have been pleased to fund shortfalls. It is noted that some interest-free loans from trustees are in place, and trustees are content that the charity does not guarantee their repayment. As the charity's ambition increases, the needs for funds increases, and there will be increased fundraising effort going forward.

Our Tide has benefitted significantly from in-kind contribution in the form of free facility access, technology access, and expert time from Nuvola Ltd, coecreative Ltd, Frazer-Nash Consultancy Ltd, Clevedon Sailing Club, Clevedon School, and Clevedon Pier. The total estimated value exceeds £3,000.

## Section F




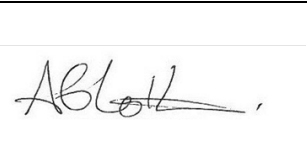

## Other optional information

## Section G

## Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>			
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Brian Gribben	Iain Major	James Geldart
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Trustee		
<b>Signature(s)</b>			
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Amy Collins	Sally Hall	
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Trustee		
<b>Date</b>	30 October 2024		



# Our Tide

**Income and Expenditure Account for period:**

**01 January 2023**

**to**

**31 December 2023**

Income (£)			Expenditure (£)		
Item	Amount	Note	Item	Amount	Note
Balance at bank b/f	500.00		Annual Insurance	203.20	[2]
Income total	<u>500.00</u>		Expenditure total	<u>203.20</u>	
			Balance at bank c/f	<u>296.80</u>	

**Notes**

- [1] Our Tide was registered as a charity in England (Charity number: 1195138) on 12 July 2021
- [2] Other costs incurred to date have been met by trustees as described in [3],[4] below. Once some administrative issues with online banking have been resolved, grant funds to date will be used to partially repay the loans.
- [3] £1,182.03 is the total value of interest free loans Our Tide has with trustees, carried forward from previous accounts and described therein
- [4] £28.91 is the total value of interest free loans Our Tide has with a volunteer member, due to costs incurred for 2023 workshop.
- [5] £500.00 is the estimated value of assets - the replacement cost - held by Our Tide in the form of workshop materials and equipment.

Accounts approved by Our Tide Trustees on 29 October 2024:

Signed Brian Gribben Trustee	
Signed Iain Major Trustee	
Signed Amy Collins Trustee	
Signed Sally Hall Trustee	
Signed James Geldart Trustee	

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	12	07	2021		31	12	22

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Postcode

### 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	Brian John GRIBBEN			
2	James Kieran GELDART			
3	Iain David Blewett MAJOR			
4				
5				

### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
N/A	

### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
N/A		

### 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)	Charitable incorporated organisation (CIO)
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	New trustees to be appointed by a resolution passed by existing trustees

### 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.

#### Policies

Our Tide has existing policies as follows: Code of Conduct, Safeguarding, Recruitment, Anti-Bullying, Whistle Blowing and Volunteer Induction.

#### Risks

The primary risks are associated with safeguarding as holding workshops with young people is the primary activity. It is the responsibility of the Workshop Lead that a Risk Assessment is carried out and approved by a Trustee. The H&S Officer is in a support and advisory role.

#### Organisational Structure

The Trustees agree objectives and activities with Project Leads and Managers who are in turn supported by Volunteers. Project Lead and Manager roles vary with requirements. At the time of writing, those in place are as follows:

Project Leads: Workshops; Model kit; Tidal stream Demonstrator; Tidal range Demonstrator; Materials Consolidation.

Managers: Secretary; H&S Officer; Volunteers; Communications; Schools Liaison; Fundraising.

## Section C Objectives and activities

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

To advance the education of the public and in particular of young people in the region surrounding the Severn Estuary and Bristol Channel by delivering workshops and on-line resources in the subjects of tidal power, the science of tidal power and its impact on the environment and the application of engineering in harnessing tidal energy.

**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 Tide has organised and delivered two workshops for young people of secondary school age. Each workshop took place over a four day duration, was open to all, and was delivered by experts with specifically developed content and materials. In total 26 students benefitted from participating in the workshops, developing their skills and experience related to tidal energy and the STEM subjects that are important in that context. The workshops were open to all, but to encourage gender diversity and to encourage involvement of students from less advantaged backgrounds, Our Tide worked with the local secondary school (Clevedon School) to encourage particular cohorts to participate. This had good success: notably, in each workshop, female participation was just over 50%. Participation in these workshops has varied benefits to the students which have importance varying with individual circumstances: development of STEM skills; positive interaction with young science and engineering professionals to develop career path awareness; CV building for future university and job applications; and confidence building by engagement in a new community in a positive and supportive environment.

The major element of public benefit was delivered via the workshops as described above. Our Tide also contributed to tidal energy awareness raising – opportunities and challenges - to the general public via speaking events at Clevedon School, Clevedon Pier, and Clevedon Town Council. Also, other opportunities were taken to offer personal development experience for local young people as follows. In developing logos, branding and artwork for Our Tide, A-level Art students at secondary school were coached by a professional graphic design business. Similarly, in developing the website for Our Tide, A-level Computer Science students from secondary school were coached by a professional software business.

The trustees have had regard to the requirement on public benefit.

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During 2021 preparation and outreach activity was heavily restricted due to COVID-19 pandemic control measures in place, and likewise the number of students accommodated in the first workshop was also reduced from the ideal level. The achievements of the volunteers in that year are remarkable.

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

Key milestones are arranged chronologically as follows:

July 2021	Our Tide CIO was formed
July – Oct 2021	Materials, lesson plans and policies developed for first workshop
Aug 2021	Logo and branding developed
Aug 2021	'First float' of model turbine floating test platform
October 2021	Website goes live
25 – 28 Oct 2021	<b>First student workshop held</b>
8 Dec 2021	<b>Our Tide address Clevedon Town Council</b>
9 Feb 2022	<b>Outreach event : Clevedon School Student Parliament</b>
March 2022	Grant funding awarded by Clevedon Community Bookshop Community Scheme
7 July 2022	Volunteers' planning meeting at Clevedon Sailing Club
30 Aug – 2 Sept 2022	<b>Second student workshop held</b>
13 Sept 2022	Innovation Funding Service application with collaborators Clevedon Pier, and Universities of Cardiff, Exeter and Plymouth

The most important achievements are the **student workshops**. As well as benefiting the 26 student participants directly for four half-day sessions, they also leave us with a valuable set of resources (lesson plans, videos, presentations, technology kit, model tidal turbines, floating test rig) which will form the basis of future student workshops.

The **public engagement events** have also been very effective, reaching an estimated 100 people. They have also attracted volunteers and consolidated our network of contacts and supporting organisations – businesses, community organisations, schools and local government.

Key amongst our relationships going forward is that with Clevedon Pier: we now have a shared aim of installing a demonstrator tidal stream turbine on the pier.

Although we were unsuccessful in our bid for a Community Research Networks grant from the Innovation Funding Service, the bidding activity brought with it significant support from three universities.

We end the year with confidence in our ability to continue to deliver student workshops, and with increased ambition to extend our outreach activities to including working tidal turbine demonstrations facilities.

## Section E Financial review

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

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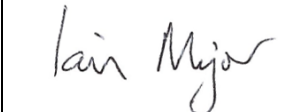

## Section F Other optional information

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## Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.  
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

		
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Full name(s)

Brian Gribben	Iain Major	James Geldart
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Trustee		
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Date

5 June 2023



**Income and Expenditure Account for period:**

**12 July 2021**

**to**

**31 December 2022**

Income (£)			Expenditure (£)		
Item	Amount	Note	Item	Amount	Note
Balance at bank b/f	0	[2]			
Clevedon Community Bookshop Co-operative Community Fund	500	[3]			[4]
Income total	<u>500</u>		Expenditure total	<u>0</u>	
			Balance at bank c/f	500	

**Notes**

- [1] Our Tide was registered as a charity in England (Charity number: 1195138) on 12 July 2021
- [2] The Our Tide bank account was opened with NatWest on 7 October 2021
- [3] This grant was awarded on 14 February 2022
- [4] Costs incurred to date have been met by trustees as described in [5] to [8] below. Once some administrative issues with online banking have been resolved, grant funds to date will be used to partially repay the loans.
- [5] £564.40 is the expenditure on materials for the October 2021 Student workshop. These costs were covered by trustee Brian Gribben. Correspondingly, Our Tide has an interest free loan with Brian Gribben for £564.40 which will be repaid at a future date when funds allow and with trustee agreement.
- [6] £368.45 was the cost of insurance for Our Tide, being one year of cover including both October 2021 and August 2022 workshops. This cost was met by trustee James Geldart. Correspondingly, Our Tide has an interest free loan with James Geldart for £368.45 which will be repaid at a future date when funds allow and with trustee agreement.
- [7] £166.68 is the expenditure on materials for the August 2022 Student workshop. These costs were incurred by an Our Tide volunteer and re-imbursed by trustee Brian Gribben. Correspondingly, Our Tide has an interest free loan with Brian Gribben for £166.68 which will be repaid at a future date when funds allow and with trustee agreement.
- [8] £82.50 is the expenditure for Clevedon Sailing Club hire for a workshop preparation event, and for entry to Clevedon Pier, both for the August 2022 student workshop. These costs were covered by trustee Brian Gribben. Correspondingly, Our Tide has an interest free loan with Brian Gribben for £82.50 which will be repaid at a future date when funds allow and with trustee agreement.
- [9] £1,182.03 is the total value of interest free loans Our Tide has with trustees.
- [10] £500.00 is the estimated value of assets - the replacement cost - held by Our Tide in the form of workshop materials and equipment.

**Accounts approved by Our Tide Trustees on 9 May 2023:**

Signed Brian Gribben Trustee	
Signed Iain Major Trustee	
Signed James Geldart Trustee	