



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	Jan	2025		31	Dec	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Our Tide
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number (if any)	1195138
Charity's principal address	Alton House 9 Copse Road CLEVEDON Postcode BS21 7QN

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	Amy Elizabeth COLLINS			
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

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)

<p>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.</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>The trustees have had regard to the requirement on public benefit.</p>

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 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:

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;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

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, coecreative Ltd, Frazer-Nash Consultancy Ltd, Clevedon Sailing Club, Clevedon School, and Clevedon Pier. The total estimated value exceeds £7,000.

Section F

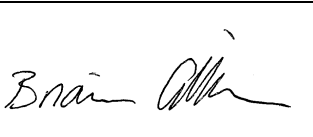
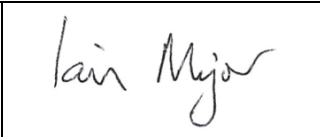

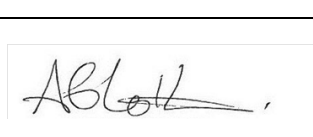
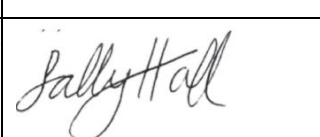
Other optional information

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				
Income total	<u>6849.09</u>		Expenditure total	<u>1098.95</u>	
			Balance at bank c/f	<u>5750.14</u>	[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	