

# THE STEAM TUG CERVIA PRESERVATION TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1201692

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2023-01-24

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

## Contact

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**Address** The Marlowe Innovation Centre  
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**Website** [www.steamtugcervia.co.uk](http://www.steamtugcervia.co.uk)

## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS: TO PRESERVE, CONSERVE AND MAINTAIN FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT THE HISTORIC STEAM TUG CERVIA (NATIONAL HERITAGE SHIP NUMBER 5) AS A HERITAGE ASSET FOR THE BENEFIT AND ADVANCEMENT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION, IN PARTICULAR BY:OPENING HER TO PUBLIC DISPLAY, EITHER AS A WORKING VESSEL IF SHE CAN BE MADE SEAWORTHY, OR OTHERWISE AS A STATIC DISPLAY IN HER PRESENT LOCATION AT RAMSGATE HARBOUR OR ELSEWHERE AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME-TO-TIME THINK FIT. IN EITHER CASE FOR HER TO SERVE ALSO AS A MEMORIAL TO MARINERS IN THE SHIP TOWAGE INDUSTRY WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES IN THE COURSE OF THEIR DUTY AND TO THOSE WHO DIED ABOARD HER WHEN SHE SANK OFF TILBURY LOCK IN 1954. OPENING CERVIA TO THE PUBLIC AT AGREED TIMES IN ORDER TO EDUCATE ON THE IMPORTANCE OF SHIP TOWAGE, ENGINEERING AND STEAM TECHNOLOGY IN THIS CONTEXT. PROVIDING PRACTICAL AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR VOLUNTEERS AND STUDENTS TO LEARN AND PRACTISE ENGINEERING AND OTHER PRACTICAL SKILLS AND TO ASSIST IN CERVIA'S ONGOING PRESERVATION

**Activities:** The object of the CIO is:To preserve, conserve and maintain for the public benefit the historic Steam Tug Cervia (National Heritage Ship number 5) as a heritage asset for the benefit and advancement of public education.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Kent

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£4,016	£2,527	-	-
2023-12-31	£865	£571	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
David Eric Walton	Chair	2022-08-11
Ben Newbury		2025-06-28
Peter Anthony Andon		2025-03-15
Roger Simon Field		2024-08-19
STEPHEN WILLIAM MICHAEL CHAMBERS		2023-07-25

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# Accounts

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**CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1201692**

**The Steam Tug Cervia Preservation Trust**

**Trustees' Annual Report and  
Unaudited Financial Statements  
For period ending 31st December 2024**

# **The Steam Tug Cervia Preservation Trust**

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## **Trustees' Annual Report and Unaudited Financial Statements**

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# The Steam Tug Cervia Preservation Trust

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## Reference and administrative details.

**Registered charity name;** The Steam Tug Cervia Preservation Trust

**Charity registration No.** 1201692

**Principal office** The Marlowe Innovation Centre  
Marlowe Way  
Ramsgate  
CT12 6FA

## The Trustees

Mr D Walton  
Mr S Chambers  
Mr C Phillips  
Mr R Field (appointed 20<sup>th</sup> August 2024)

## Structure, Governance and Management

The Steam Tug Cervia Preservation Trust was registered on 24 January 2023. The Charity was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation No. 1201692

The Trustees are listed on page 3.

The Trustees received no remuneration or other benefits during the year.

The Trustees have the support of the Cervia Volunteer Crew (CVC).

## Audit Exemption Statement

For the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024, the Trust was entitled to exemption from independent audit under Charities Legislation with turnover below required threshold. This will be reviewed annually, decision based upon turnover.

# The Steam Tug Cervia Preservation Trust

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The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2024.

## Trustees' Annual Report

The Trust has continued to consolidate its position, to promote the aims of the charitable trust. To seek and gain support of stakeholders both within and without the community and to organise those volunteers (CVC) to preserve, conserve and maintain the Steam Tug Cervia with the full support of the current title owners; Thanet District Council.

The trustees appointed an additional Trustee R Field on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2024 as a dedicated Treasurer and Secretary, to support the Aims of the Trust.

The registered address was changed to be local to the ship, The Marlowe Innovation Centre, Ramsgate. The current berth in the harbour has no postal address.

The Web site has been finalised and integrates with social media, to help educate and gain support in all forms, inclusive of an online shop facility to sell memorabilia and to provide supporters membership subscription and donation portal, to help raise funds.

As part of its stated aims, the Trust held a Service of Commemoration, at St Georges Church, Gravesend on the 70th anniversary of 'the Tilbury incident 25th October 2054', of the tragic sinking and loss of life. The service was well attended by Family members, Trustee's, Dignitaries and both serving and retired 'tuggies'. A wreath was laid at the Merchant Navy Memorial, Gravesend. A permanent plaque has been commissioned and will be dedicated in the memorial garden. The Cervia is maintained in honour of all Lightermen and Watermen, who have lost their lives at work.

# The Steam Tug Cervia Preservation Trust

## Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31st December 2024

	Note	2024		2023	
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds
<b><u>Income and endowments</u></b>		£	£	£	£
Donations and legacies		2,801.00	0.00	830.00	0.00
Charitable activities	1	215.00	1,000.00	35.13	0.00
Investment income		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total income</b>		<b>3,016.00</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>865.13</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>					
Expenditure on raising funds:		2,527.32			
Costs of other trading activities		0.00	0.00	251.25	0.00
		0.00	0.00	191.97	0.00
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>2,527.32</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>443.22</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b><u>Net income and net movement in funds</u></b>		<b>488.68</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>421.91</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b><u>Reconciliation of funds</u></b>					
Total funds brought forward		421.91	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>£ 910.59</b>	<b>£1,000.00</b>	<b>£ 421.91</b>	<b>£ 0.00</b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

Note/s 1 - Restricted Fund Donation £1,000 towards a permanent memorial stone for Cervia Crew lost 25.10.1954 made by Gravesend Tug Association. £215 was expended on charitable aims towards costs of the memorial service.

**The Steam Tug Cervia Preservation Trust**

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These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 15 March 2025, and are signed on behalf of the Trustee's by:

Signed 

Dated 15/03/2025

Mr D Walton  
Board of Trustee's - Chair

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Mr L Aspinall *resigned*  
Mr B Lane *resigned*  
Mr I Graig *resigned*  
Mr S Chambers  
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Following formation, of the Trust in January 2023 a Heritage Lottery Fund application was compiled and duly submitted, with the intention of moving Steam Tug Cervia to Gravesend. This application was rejected on several grounds, not least being the lack of support for the scheme from Gravesend Borough Council, which resulted in the resignation of three of the four founding trustees.

The remaining founding Trustee then met and appointed two new trustees, with the aim to raise necessary funding to secure and then preserve and maintain Steam Tug Cervia at Ramsgate for the long-term future.

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## Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31st December 2023

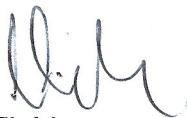
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Mr R Field  
Trustee-Treasurer