

# WARSHIP HAZARDOUS PROJECT CIO

England & Wales · Charity number 1203039

## Details

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**Other names** WARSHIP HAZARDOUS PROJECT

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2023-05-12

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECT OF THE WARSHIP HAZARDOUS PROJECT CIO IS TO PROVIDE AN INCORPORATED CHARITY TO FURTHER SUPPORT:1. THE PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT OF THE HISTORIC WRECK SITE OF WARSHIP HAZARDOUS PRIZE (1706) AND ITS ARCHAEOLOGICAL HERITAGE IN BRACKLESHAM BAY, WEST SUSSEX AND CONSERVATION, STORAGE, RESEARCH, ANALYSIS, CURATION AND DISPLAY OF ARTEFACTS RECOVERED FROM THE WRECK SITE2. TO ADVANCE EDUCATION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IN THE HISTORICAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE HISTORIC WRECK SITE OF WARSHIP HAZARDOUS PRIZE (1706) IN BRACKLESHAM BAY, WEST SUSSEX AND THE ARTEFACTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE SITE AND IN THE TECHNIQUES OF INVESTIGATION, RECORDING AND MONITORING AT THE SITE.

## Classification

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- **How:** Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Hampshire
- West Sussex

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£9,583	£762	-	-
2024-03-31	£0	£0	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Iain Hayseafeld Grant	Chair	
Daniel Pascoe		
Dr David Annandale Johnston		

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**WARSHIP HAZARDOUS PROJECT CIO**

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# Accounts

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**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

**Trustees' Annual Report for the period**

**From 01 April 2024 To 31 March 2025**

**Charity name: WARSHIP HAZARDOUS PROJECT CIO**

**Charity registration number: 1203039**

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The object of the Warship <i>Hazardous</i> Project CIO is to provide an incorporated charity, with legal identity, to support:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The preservation and protection for the public benefit of the historic wreck site of Warship <i>Hazardous Prize</i> (1706) and its archaeological heritage in Bracklesham Bay, West Sussex and conservation, storage, research, analysis, curation and display of artefacts recovered from the wreck site.</li> <li>1. 2. To advance education for the public benefit in the historical and archaeological significance of the historic wreck site of Warship <i>Hazardous Prize</i> (1706) in Bracklesham Bay, West Sussex and the artefacts recovered from the site and in the development of techniques for investigation, recording and monitoring underwater archaeological sites, especially by volunteer groups.</li> </ol>
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	<p>Following establishment of the CIO as a legal entity and registered CIO in 2023, we have continued to undertake various activities to promote the CIO's objectives as described above. In particular:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Support archaeological work on the wreck of Warship <i>Hazardous</i> including fieldwork, archive and administration</li> <li>(2) Promote and facilitate public access to the archaeological site (access is controlled under the Protection of Wrecks Act (1973))</li> <li>(3) Project outreach and dissemination about the wreck and archaeological project for public benefit.</li> <li>(4) Continued liaison with Historic England and the UK Receiver of Wreck on matters relating to the wreck site and its archive.</li> <li>(5) Continue liaison with, and representation on, various bodies working to raise awareness of maritime archaeology, and develop skills in the discipline.</li> </ol>

		(6) Continue to seek a future permanent home for the project archive and artefacts.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	We confirm that the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	n/a – The CIO does not issue grants. Like most small charities, the CIO is finding it extremely challenging to secure any external funding. Presently its activities are largely supported by its volunteers, plus a small amount of funds inherited from the Warship Hazardous Project Group.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	n/a
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The CIO has no staff, only volunteer Trustees who support the work of the other volunteers who assist us in the archaeological work.
Other		

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
<p>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.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p><b>(1) Support archaeological work on the wreck of Warship <i>Hazardous</i> including fieldwork, archive and administration</b></p> <p>The archaeological activity of the Warship <i>Hazardous</i> Project Group, which previously was a separate entity comprising a non-incorporated group of individuals, but which possessed no legal identity, has now been incorporated into the CIO to avoid any confusion and to allow all activity to be undertaken under the auspices of the CIO as a body with legal identity. As part of the incorporation, all funds held by the Warship <i>Hazardous</i> Project Group have been transferred to the CIO and so are reported in this and future CIO annual returns. This incorporation also overcomes some legal hurdles concerning the project archives and greatly facilitates prevention of dispersal of the project archive and artefacts, to preserve them for public benefit.</p> <p>A successful fieldwork season was undertaken on the wreck site (which lies underwater in 6-9m in Bracklesham Bay, West Sussex). Over the winter of 2023-2024, violent stormy conditions resulted in a structural collapse within the main site (where the ship ended up and the remains of the timber hull are found). One of the large iron cannon from the gundeck, which previously was located about 1m off the seabed and was held in place by iron corrosion products, broke away and fell into the hull. In doing so, it gave access to the rear of the surviving gundeck, which previously had been inaccessible. This allowed us to extend the forward gundeck excavation (2023) further aft. We did not complete the excavation in 2024, but progress was recorded by periodic photography, video and photogrammetry before backfilling the excavation with gravel bags to protect the timbers over winter 2024-2025. In total, 12 diving days were undertaken, representing 81 hours of underwater work. 24 artefacts were recovered during the season, across the various archaeological areas. These included sounding weights, brass dividers fittings and buckles, pewter spoons, leather, ceramics and cordage. All are undergoing passive conservation.</p> <p>A new wet store was constructed to securely hold artefacts undergoing passive conservation and artefacts transferred into it.</p> <p>The Warship Hazardous Project Group had previously held grant funding from Historic England for an agreed agenda of fieldwork. A formal closing report for this project was written by the CIO, submitted to Historic England and accepted, resulting in payment of the final instalment of grant funding.</p> <p>A new Project Design for future fieldwork was written, submitted to Historic England and accepted, resulting in re-issue of excavation permissions for the wreck site.</p> <p>The CIO continues to analyse, collate consolidate and archive the historical records of work on the designated wreck site of Warship <i>Hazardous</i>. In particular, documentation on all artefacts recovered from the site has been curated, consolidated and cross referenced to the photograph collection.</p>

**(2) Promote and facilitate public access to the archaeological site**

Under good conditions, the archaeological site of Warship *Hazardous* provides an excellent training site for diving archaeology students and interested divers. A group of students from the University of Southampton were hosted on the site for 2 days, providing them with their first sea dives, first boat dives and first experience of a genuine underwater archaeological site. A new physical diver trail around the site was trialled with the students and will be further developed in 2025. Repeated attempts to run additional visits for groups of sports divers in association with The Nautical Archaeology Society's "Protected Wreck Days" initiative (<https://www.nauticalarchaeologysociety.org/protected-wreck-days>) were thwarted by weather conditions.

**(3) Continue project outreach and dissemination about the wreck and archaeological project for public benefit.**

Project outreach and dissemination was undertaken in a variety of ways including:

- project web site ([www.hazardousproject.info](http://www.hazardousproject.info)) which was updated and moved to a new hosting service under the CIO's direct control.
- social media (especially a series of "dig diaries" on youtube (<https://www.youtube.com/@pascoearchaeology1665/featured>)).
- a talk and artefact handling session for Chichester and District Archaeological Society.
- annual licensee report to Historic England and annual CIO report to the Charity Commission.

**(4) Continue liaison with Historic England and the Receiver of Wreck on matters relating to the wreck site and its archive.**

We have undertaken regular liaison with Historic England and the UK's Receiver of Wreck, to progress resolution of outstanding legal matters concerning the project archive that resulted from the Warship Hazardous Project having no formal legal identity.

**(5) Continue liaison with, and representation on, various bodies working to raise awareness of, and develop skills in, maritime archaeology.**

The CIO, through its chair, continues to represent the wider community who work on the UK's wreck heritage through membership of the committee and working groups of the Nautical Archaeology Society (<https://www.nauticalarchaeologysociety.org/>), and the Protected Wreck Association (<https://protectedwrecks.org.uk/>), where we are able, through our experience on the designated wreck site, to offer information and guidance to those working on other heritage wreck sites.

The CIO, through its chair, continues to act as a representative of the Protected Wreck Association on the UK's Joint Nautical Archaeology Policy Committee (<https://jnapc.org/>) where it is able,

		<p>through its experience on the designated wreck site, to assist the Committee in its deliberation, policy making, consultation responses and lobbying efforts.</p> <p><b>(6) Continue to seek a future permanent home for the project archive.</b></p> <p>The CIO continues to explore options for a future permanent home for the entire project archive (documents and artefacts) in an accredited museum which would facilitate access for research and display. Dispersal of the archive is proscribed by the Annex to the UNESCO Convention on Underwater Cultural Heritage, which the UK Government follows, and whilst the CIO, as a legal entity, can hold title to the artefacts and hold them in trust to prevent dispersal, it is not in a realistic position to establish and run an accredited museum of its own.</p>
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**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

<p>Achievements against objectives set</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	<p>With the caveats that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) the CIO's fieldwork aims and objectives are dependent on weather conditions being benign enough to allow safe diving from small boats, and underwater conditions being good enough to undertake archaeological work to the highest standards,</li> <li>(2) site changes resulting from natural forces mean that responsive-mode fieldwork often takes priority over preplanned activities,</li> </ul> <p>we believe that we have made positive progress on many fronts. We have continued site fieldwork, project outreach and dissemination and work on the artefacts and archive and we have successfully completed a Historic England-funded project and developed an ambitious Project Design for the next decade that Historic England has agreed to.</p> <p>Where progress is slower than we would wish is in those areas where we are dependent on the actions of other agencies; in particular, in re-uniting the project artefacts as a complete assemblage, acquiring their title in trust for the public benefit and securing a permanent home for them in an accredited museum.</p>
<p>Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	<p>No specific formal fundraising activities were planned or undertaken in the reporting period. The new Project Design that has been accepted by Historic England for ongoing research and management of the archaeological site contains some work</p>

		packages which will require external funding once they are started.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	n/a, none undertaken
Other: Relationship between CIO and WHPG		<p>During its first reporting period (2023-2024), the CIO maintained a separate identity, distinct from the group of volunteers who formed the Warship Hazardous Project Group (WHPG). From the start of the current reporting period, it was mutually-agreed to incorporate the WHPG and its activities into the CIO and to transfer the WHPG's funds and bank account to the CIO. Those funds comprised a cash float which is used to pay for boat fuel, unrestricted funds in the bank account and restricted funds in the bank account (being the remainder of Historic England grant funding for project HE7210MAIN awarded to WHPG). Project HE7210MAIN was formally closed in February 2025, when the remaining restricted funds became unrestricted, though our intention is to still use them to finance those aims of project HE7210MAIN which remain to be completed.</p>

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>No specific formal fundraising activities were planned or undertaken in the reporting period. However, during the reporting period, we received the final (formal grant closure) payment from Historic England for project HE7210MAIN and a donation from Chichester and District Archaeology Society for a talk given. We also received regular small voluntary donations from members of the project team specifically to cover boat fuel costs. These kept the CIO in a healthy financial position with the funds needed to continue its work.</p> <p>Whilst some components of the work contained in our new Project Design agreed with Historic England will require funding at some future stage, we are not yet at that stage.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Currently the CIO has no formal reserves policy or formal reserve level.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	No formal reserves are set / held
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	As a small, volunteer-run CIO with no premises or paid staff, it is not deemed necessary to hold a reserve - our funds exist to support our ongoing work.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A - the CIO is run by volunteers, and its initial aims and objectives are not inherently financial in nature, although the CIO's constitution does allow for such activity when relevant.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The principal risk to the CIO remains the backlog of uncleared droits in the Receiver of Wreck's office (over a decade), which is outside of our control and if the Receiver declines to transfer title to artefacts to the CIO (though such eventuality is deemed unlikely as it would be in breach of salvage law under the Merchant Shipping Act).

### 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	<p>N/A at this point in time, although the CIO's constitution allows for such activity when relevant.</p> <p>Members of the project team are all unpaid volunteers who give regular, small donations to the CIO to cover boat fuel costs (break-even level).</p> <p>The CIO largely benefits from "in kind contributions" by members of the volunteer project team, who donate time and pay their own travel and diving costs (personal equipment, equipment servicing, air fills</p>
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		<p>etc.). Additionally, the CIO's chair owns and maintains a rigid inflatable boat which is used by the diving team, free of charge, (annual value to the project of marina fees, insurance, servicing etc. are circa £4,800).</p> <p>When the new Project Design agreed with Historic England moves to objectives that require grant funding to support costs, the CIO will become responsible for fund raising to support this work. The principal source of funding for this will be through grants from heritage agencies and other sympathetic funders.</p>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A - it is unlikely that the CIO would ever hold sufficient funds to require an investment policy.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<p>The CIO's aims and objectives are not inherently financial in nature, although its constitution does allow for financial activities like fundraising activity when relevant.</p> <p>The chief risks to the CIO are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) cutbacks in government and other funding to support heritage through grants. This will restrict the CIO's ability to record and analyse the wreck site for public benefit before nature destroys it.</li> <li>(2) if title to the artefact collection is not ultimately vested in the CIO. Should that situation arise, a primary objective of the CIO, namely, to be a legal entity to secure the future of the site archive and artefact collection for public benefit will cease, and the CIO will have a reduced function.</li> </ol>
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution approved by The Charity Commission
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Foundation model CIO
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	<p>For specific legal reasons described below, trustee selection for the CIO does not follow conventional practice.</p> <p>The Warship <i>Hazardous</i> Project COI was established specifically to support the team of volunteers who perform underwater archaeological work and historical research into the wreck of Warship <i>Hazardous Prize</i> (1706). In particular, the CIO is a legally-recognised entity with the legal authority to own, hold, manage, promote, disseminate and secure the future of the project archive for public benefit.</p> <p>The wreck site is designated under the Protection of Wrecks Act (1973) (PoWA) and all work on the site is undertaken by volunteers under licence from the Secretary of State at the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, managed through Historic England. The PoWA licence (annually renewed) appoints a principal licensee for the wreck site and Historic England nominates an archaeological advisor to oversee the project work.</p> <p>In order to fulfil legal obligations under the PoWA, the CIO constitution specifies that both of the following shall, at all times, be appointed as trustees, provided that they are otherwise eligible to be charity trustees and not prohibited by law from being so:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the person appointed under the PoWA (1973) or any successor legislation as the Principal Licensee of the Warship <i>Hazardous</i> Protected Wreck Site (as CIO Chair).</li> <li>• the person appointed under the PoWA (1973) or any successor legislation as the Nominated Archaeological Advisor for the Warship <i>Hazardous</i> Protected Wreck Site (as CIO Vice Chair).</li> </ul> <p>On retiring from these roles, the persons concerned shall be required to stand down as charity trustees but are free to stand again as general trustees and be appointed</p>

		by the successor Principal Licensee and Nominated Archaeological Advisor and other trustees.
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### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

### Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	WARSHIP HAZARDOUS PROJECT CIO
Other name the charity uses	n/a
Registered charity number	1203039
Charity's principal address	Warship Hazardous Project CIO c/o Dr David Johnston, 15 Pointout Close, Southampton, SO16 7LS.

**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Office (if any)</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	<b>Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)</b>
1	Dr David Johnston	Chair		
2	Dr Daniel Pascoe	Vice Chair		
3	Mr Iain Grant	Trustee		
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**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

<b>Director name</b>		

**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

### Additional information (optional)

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

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

No staff
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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A
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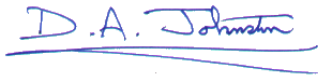
## Other optional information

N/A
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## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Dr David A Johnston	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	28/12/2025	



**Receipts and payments accounts**

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For the period  
from

4/1/2024

To

3/31/2025

**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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Banked funds from Warship Hazardous Project Group	8,228	-	-	8,228	-
Cash funds from Warship Hazardous Project Group	325	-	-	325	-
Donation from Chichester and District Archaeological Society (for talk provided)	50	-	-	50	-
Closing payment from Historic England for grant HE7210MAIN	500	-	-	500	-
Donations from team to cover boat fuel	480	-	-	480	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total(Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>9,583</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,583</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>9,583</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,583</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
boat fuel	469	-	-	469	-
website fees	293	-	-	293	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>762</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>762</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>762</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>762</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>8,821</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,821</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>8,821</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,821</b>	<b>-</b>

## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank Account	8,486	-	-
	Cash	336	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>8,822</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK


Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Dr David A Johnston	12/28/2025

**WARSHIP HAZARDOUS PROJECT CIO**

England & Wales - Charity number 1203039

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# Accounts

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**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

**Trustees' Annual Report for the period**

**From 12 May 2023 To 31 March 2024 (partial year as CIO was first registered on 12 May 2023)**

**Charity name: WARSHIP HAZARDOUS PROJECT CIO**

**Charity registration number: 1203039**

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>This has been a very busy and successful first (setup) year for the CIO. The object of the Warship Hazardous Project CIO is to provide an incorporated charity, with legal identity, to support:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The preservation and protection for the public benefit of the historic wreck site of Warship <i>Hazardous Prize</i> (1706) and its archaeological heritage in Bracklesham Bay, West Sussex and conservation, storage, research, analysis, curation and display of artefacts recovered from the wreck site.</li> <li>2. To advance education for the public benefit in the historical and archaeological significance of the historic wreck site of Warship <i>Hazardous Prize</i> (1706) in Bracklesham Bay, West Sussex and the artefacts associated with the site and in the techniques of investigation, recording and monitoring at the site.</li> </ol>
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"> <li>(1) Establishment of the CIO as a legal entity and registered CIO with the ability to hold the project archive in order to secure its future, to disseminate the information it contains and to prevent its physical dispersal and loss from public benefit.</li> <li>(2) Ongoing logistical support for the Warship <i>Hazardous</i> Project Group (WHPG) who undertake the archaeological work on the wreck site.</li> <li>(3) Liaison with Historic England and the UK's Receiver of Wreck on behalf of the CIO &amp; project volunteers (WHPG).</li> <li>(4) Dissemination of information about the wreck site and efforts to investigate and record it. This is achieved through the CIO website, social media, talks, publications and the formal, annual report to Historic England on the site of the designated historic wreck.</li> <li>(5) The CIO continues to represent the wider community who work on the UK's protected wrecks through the committee of the Protected Wreck Association (PWA), where it is able, through its experience on the designated wreck site, to assist the Association in its work and to offer information and guidance to other designated sites.</li> <li>(6) The CIO continues to act as representative of the PWA on the UK's Joint Nautical Archaeology Policy Committee,</li> </ol>

		<p>where it is able, through its experience on the designated wreck site, to assist the Committee in its deliberation, policy making and lobbying efforts.</p> <p>(7) The CIO has continued to liaise with the UK's Receiver of Wreck and the National Museum of the Royal Navy concerning the possibility of the Museum acquiring the site's artefact collection from the designated wreck by donation from the CIO and such discussions are ongoing.</p> <p>(8) The CIO continues to analyse, collate and archive the records of work on the designated wreck site of Warship <i>Hazardous Prize</i>.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	We confirm that the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	n/a – The CIO does not presently hold any funds, or issue grants. Like most small charities, the CIO is finding it extremely challenging to secure any external funding. Presently its activities are supported entirely by its volunteers.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The CIO has no staff, only volunteer Trustees who support the work of the volunteers who form the Warship <i>Hazardous</i> Project Group
Other		

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
<p>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.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p><b>(1) Establishment of the CIO as a legal Identity to secure the project archive for public benefit.</b>  Under the Merchant Shipping Act 1995 (MSA) any item raised from a wreck site (or believed to have originated from one) is legally classified as wreck, is covered by the wreck and salvage provisions of the MSA and must be declared to the Receiver of Wreck to allow its legal ownership to be investigated. Moreover, the UK Government has adopted the Annex to the UNESCO Convention on Underwater Cultural Heritage 2001 as policy for Underwater Cultural Heritage. This states that all artefacts from a site should be kept together as a unified, single collection and not dispersed. The CIO reports wreck recovery to the Receiver with the intent of holding title to these items to ensure that the collection is not dispersed but held together for the public benefit.</p> <p><b>(2) Provision of logistic support for archaeological work on the wreck site conducted for the CIO by the WHPG volunteers.</b>  Over winter 2022-2023, winter storms had removed protective sediments from an area of the wreck site, exposing ship structure, especially a well-preserved gun port, and placing it at risk of decay. The CIO provided ongoing logistical support for the WHPG to undertake underwater archaeological work to excavate and record the forward section of the gundeck.</p> <p><b>(3) Ongoing liaison with Historic England and the UK's Receiver of Wreck</b> to inform them of physical changes to the wreck site, updated survey data and recoveries of artefacts.</p> <p><b>(4) Dissemination of information about the wreck site and efforts to investigate and record it.</b>  In late 2023 the 3 trustees published a major, peer-reviewed academic report on the previous 30 years of work on the archaeological site/ (Pascoe, D., Grant, I., &amp; Johnston, D. (2023). <i>The Warship Hazardous Prize – Site Investigations 1992–2022. International Journal of Nautical Archaeology</i>, 53(1), 74–102. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1080/10572414.2023.2255294">https://doi.org/10.1080/10572414.2023.2255294</a>). The article was published under open access provisions, making it available in perpetuity and without charge. Additionally, work on the site was disseminated through a public www site (<a href="http://www.hazardousproject.info">www.hazardousproject.info</a>) and social media.</p>

**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	This was the first (and partial) year of the CIO's existence, so no specific activities were set other than the continuation of existing work as described above.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	No fundraising activities were undertaken.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	n/a
Other: Relationship between CIO and WHPG		During its first reporting period, the formal CIO has deliberately maintained a separate identity, distinct from the group of volunteers who form the Warship Hazardous Project Group (WHPG). The CIO chose to not set up a bank account because the WHPG operates its own bank account and the intent is to absorb the WHPG, its activities and its finances into the CIO at the earliest practical opportunity. During the 2023-2024 reporting period the WHPG was in the final phase of a specific grant from Historic England to undertake specific project activities. That grant represented restricted funding awarded to WHPG and it was deemed appropriate to let the WHPG complete that grant before it becomes incorporated into the CIO. That grant funding to WHPG comes to an end in late 2024 / early 2025 at which point its activities and finances will be incorporated into the CIO and reported as part of the CIO's annual return.

## Financial Review

<p>Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period</p>	<p>Para 1.21</p>	<p>During the reporting period the CIO did not set up and operate a bank account its initial operations, aims and objectives did not require one. As noted above, once the WHPG's current grant funding from Historic England ends, its activities and finances (including its bank account and reserves) will be incorporated into the CIO.</p> <p>Neither did the CIO hold any assets during the reporting period. Due to legal errors by the UK Receiver of Wreck Office going back decades, title to recovered artefacts had been vested in the WHPG, which had no legal identity and so could not actually own anything). Consequently, title to all artefacts from the wreck site has been revoked by, and currently resides with, the Receiver. One of the purposes behind setting up the CIO was to be able to legally hold title to the artefact collection as part of the project archive. We have no control over the Receiver's timelines for transferring the artefacts to the CIO.</p>
<p>Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held</p>	<p>Para 1.22</p>	<p>Currently the CIO has no reserves.</p> <p>As noted above, once the WHPG's current grant funding from Historic England ends, its activities and finances (including its bank account and reserves) will be incorporated into the CIO. Those reserves will be used to support the ongoing work on the wreck site and archive should grant funding not be available.</p>
<p>Amount of reserves held</p>	<p>Para 1.22</p>	<p>Nil</p>
<p>Reasons for holding zero reserves</p>	<p>Para 1.22</p>	<p>The CIO is run by volunteers and its current aims and objectives do not require it to hold any reserves.</p> <p>As noted above, once the WHPG's current grant funding from Historic England ends, its activities and finances (including its bank account and reserves) will be incorporated into the CIO.</p>
<p>Details of fund materially in deficit</p>	<p>Para 1.24</p>	<p>n/a - the CIO is run by volunteers and its initial aims and objectives were not inherently financial in nature, although its constitution does allow for such activity when relevant.</p>
<p>Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern</p>	<p>Para 1.23</p>	<p>The principal risk to the CIO remains the backlog in the Receiver of Wreck's office, which is outside of our control and if the Receiver declines to transfer title to artefacts to the CIO (though this would likely be in breach of salvage law).</p>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

<p>The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)</p>	<p>Para 1.47</p>	<p>n/a at this point in time, although its constitution allows for such activity when relevant.</p> <p>Once the WHPG becomes incorporated within the CIO, the CIO will become responsible for fund raising to support its work. The principal source of funding will be through grants from heritage agencies.</p>
<p>Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted</p>	<p>Para 1.46</p>	<p>n/a - it is unlikely that the CIO would ever hold sufficient funds to require an investment policy.</p>
<p>A description of the principal risks facing the charity</p>	<p>Para 1.46</p>	<p>The CIO's aims and objectives are not inherently financial in nature, although its constitution does allow for financial activities like fundraising activity when relevant.</p> <p>The chief risks to the CIO are:</p> <p>(1) cutbacks in government and other funding to support heritage through grants, which will restrict the CIO's ability to record the wreck site before nature destroys it.</p> <p>(2) if title to the artefact collection is not vested in the CIO, as a primary function will cease, and the CIO will have a much-reduced function.</p>
<p>Other</p>		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution approved by The Charity Commission
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Foundation model CIO
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	<p>For specific legal reasons described below, trustee selection for the CIO does not follow conventional practice.</p> <p>The Warship <i>Hazardous</i> Project COI was established specifically to support the work of a team of volunteers (The Warship <i>Hazardous</i> Project Group (WHPG)) who perform underwater archaeological work and historical research into the wreck of Warship <i>Hazardous Prize</i> (1706). In particular, the CIO is a legally-recognised entity with the legal authority to own, hold, manage, promote, disseminate and secure the future of the project archive for public benefit.</p> <p>The wreck site is designated under the Protection of Wrecks Act (1973) (PoWA) and all work on the site by the WHPG is undertaken under licence from the Secretary of State at the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, managed through Historic England. The PoWA licence (annual renewal) appoints a principal licensee for the wreck site and Historic England nominates an archaeological advisor for the project work.</p> <p>In order to fulfil legal obligations under the PoWA, the CIO constitution specifies that both the following shall, at all times, be appointed as trustees, provided that they are otherwise eligible to be charity trustees and not prohibited by law from being so:</p> <p>(a) the person appointed under the PoWA (1973) or any successor legislation as the Principal Licensee of the Warship <i>Hazardous</i> Protected Wreck Site (as CIO Chair).</p> <p>(b) the person appointed under the PoWA (1973) or any successor legislation as the Nominated Archaeological Advisor for the Warship <i>Hazardous</i> Protected Wreck Site (as CIO Vice Chair).</p> <p>On retiring from these roles, the persons concerned shall be required to stand down</p>

		as charity trustees but are free to stand again as general trustees and be appointed by the existing trustees.
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### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

### Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	WARSHIP HAZARDOUS PROJECT CIO
Other name the charity uses	n/a
Registered charity number	1203039
Charity's principal address	Warship Hazardous Project CIO c/o Dr David Johnston, 15 Pointout Close, Southampton, SO16 7LS.

**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Office (if any)</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	<b>Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)</b>
1	Mr Iain Grant	Chair	12 May 2023 – 31 Dec 2023	
2	Dr David Johnston	Chair	1 Jan 2024 – 31 Mar 2024	
3	Dr Daniel Pascoe	Vice Chair	12 May 2023 – 31 Mar 2024	
4	Dr David Johnston	Trustee	2 May 2023 – 31 Dec 2023	
5	Mr Iain Grant	Trustee	1 Jan 2024 – 31 Mar 2024	
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**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

<b>Director name</b>		

**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	n/a
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	n/a
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	n/a

### Additional information (optional)

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

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

No staff

## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

n/a

## Other optional information

n/a

## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

D.A. Johnston

Full name(s)

Dr David A Johnston

Position (eg Secretary,  
Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

04/05/2025



CHARITY COMMISSION  
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Charity Name <b>WARSHIP HAZARDOUS PROJECT CIO</b>	No (if any) <b>1203039</b>
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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 5/12/2023	To	Period end date 3/31/2024
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### 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Sub total</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total receipts</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Sub total</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Sub total</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total payments</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

## 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 £	
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
				0.00	0.00
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
				0.00	0.00
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
				0.00	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval	
	#VALUE!	Dr David Annandale Johnston	5/4/2025		