



The Royal Town of Sutton Coldfield Unit 42 of the Sea Cadet Corps

Trustee's Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 2024-2025

Registered Charity Number: 1207616



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Report of the Trustees of 'The Royal Town of Sutton Coldfield Unit 42 of the Sea Cadet Corps'

The Charity Trustees present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 2024-2026. The financial statements comply with both the Charity's Constitution and the Charities Act 2011.

Aim of the Sea Cadet Corps

The aim of the Sea Cadets Corps is to give young people the best possible head start in life, through nautical adventure and fun.

Charitable Purpose

The charitable purpose of the Unit is to promote the development of young people in achieving their physical, intellectual and social potential as individuals and as responsible citizens. This is achieved by the provision of education and leisure time activities using a nautical theme, based on the traditions of the Royal Navy and in accordance with the principles, ethos and practices of the Marine Society & Sea Cadets (MSSC).

In furtherance of the Purpose, the Unit offers young people a structured environment in which to develop; provides access to education and training including sailing, rowing, windsurfing, paddle sports, powerboating, seamanship, navigation, marine engineering, cooking, music, first aid, drill, piping, and public services. It provides opportunities for young people to obtain a range of qualifications and a wide range of opportunities for community involvement.

Public Benefit

The trustees continue to give regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit 'Charities and Public Benefit' provided by the Unit in relation to the charitable purpose of the Sea Cadets movement as set out in the activities and achievements as outlined in this report.

To achieve its aim the Unit encourages recruitment of young people from all backgrounds and abilities including where possible, and within the realms of Health and Safety, those with disabilities, and develops their skills and abilities by:

- Regular structured activities with a nautical theme,
- Enabling young people to take part in activities connected with the wider Sea Cadet Corps,
- Movement such as waterborne activities, events and competitions at district, area and national levels,
- Availability of formal achievements whilst completing courses to earn badges and promotions, and qualification

Trustee's Reports

As Chairman, I am pleased to present my report for the 2024–2025 year and to reflect on the progress made by Sutton Coldfield Sea Cadets and Royal Marines Cadets during this period.

Throughout the year, the unit has continued to demonstrate its strong commitment to developing young people through a broad and engaging programme of activities. The dedication shown by both cadets and volunteers has ensured that opportunities remain varied, inclusive, and of a consistently high standard, supporting personal development, teamwork, and community engagement.

Community Engagement and Profile

The unit's increasing involvement in community activities has been a notable success this year. Participation in local events has helped to raise the profile of Sutton Coldfield Sea Cadets within the community and has strengthened relationships with local organisation and residents. These activities have provided cadets with valuable opportunities to represent the unit publicly and to demonstrate the values, skills, and discipline that the Sea Cadet experience promotes.

Training, Development and Retention

From a governance perspective, it is encouraging to see continued progress in training delivery, including an increase in boating activity and strong engagement across all sections. Cadet retention remains high, reflecting the positive environment created within the unit and the quality of the program being delivered. These outcomes provide reassurance that the unit is meeting its charitable objectives effectively.

The committee recognises the importance of continuing to support a diverse and accessible program, particularly in enabling more Junior Sea Cadets and Royal Marines Cadets to access activities from the outset of the training year.

Sections and Cadet Experience

Across all sections, cadets have benefited from a balanced mix of in-unit training, external activities, and practical experiences. The committee is encouraged by the consistent standards being maintained and the positive contribution made by cadets across unit life and community engagement. This breadth of opportunity is central to delivering a rewarding and impactful cadet experience.

Fundraising and Financial Support

Fundraising activity during the year has been strong, with a notable unit-wide effort demonstrating excellent teamwork and collective commitment. The funds raised will play an important role in supporting training, activities, and the ongoing development of facilities, helping to ensure the long-term sustainability of the unit.

Facilities and Volunteer Support

The committee acknowledges the challenges faced during the year in relation to facilities and maintenance. Despite these pressures, the commitment of the volunteer team has remained exceptionally high. The willingness of volunteers and supporters to contribute their time and skills has been vital in maintaining momentum and ensuring that cadet activities continue to run successfully.

Standards and Assurance

The outcomes of the Unit Review provide clear assurance that Sutton Coldfield Sea Cadets continues to operate to a high standard. The score achieved and the continued award of a Burgee reflect the consistent professionalism, dedication, and hard work of both cadets and volunteers, and the strong culture embedded within the unit.

Looking Ahead

Looking forward, the committee's priorities include supporting the recruitment, training, and integration of new volunteers, alongside maintaining high standards of governance and oversight. These priorities are essential to sustaining growth, managing future challenges, and ensuring that the unit continues to deliver high-quality opportunities for young people.

Closing Remarks

In closing, I would like to thank all cadets, volunteers, parents, and supporters for their continued commitment throughout the year. Their collective efforts underpin the success of the unit and ensure that Sutton Coldfield Sea Cadets and Royal Marines Cadets remain a positive and valued presence within the community.

Mr Nigel Smith
Chair of the Board of Trustees

Statement from the Commanding Officer

It has been a privilege to serve as the Officer in Charge of Sutton Coldfield Sea Cadets and Royal Marines Cadets. Over this period, we have seen great progress, with both cadets and staff actively engaging in a wide variety of activities that reflect our commitment to developing young people and enhancing their skills, discipline, and community spirit.

Community Engagement and Profile: One of the highlights of this period has been the increased participation in community activities. Our unit has been involved in numerous local events that have significantly raised our profile within Sutton Coldfield. This has strengthened our relationship with the local community and showcased the values and skills that our cadets represent.

Key achievements include:

- Participation in local runs, triathlons, and summer fêtes
- Achievement of one Lord Lieutenant's Cadet appointment
- Achievement of one Mayor's Cadet appointment

Training, Development and Boating: In terms of training and development, I am proud to report a slight increase in the number of boating hours achieved this year. This is a testament to the dedication of both cadets and staff, who have invested considerable time and effort into delivering a robust and comprehensive training program.

Looking ahead, our boating season can be more diverse from the start, enabling more Royal Marines Cadets (RMC) and Junior Sea Cadets (JSC) to be afloat at the beginning of the season.

Our cadet retention rates remain high, demonstrating the positive impact of our programs and the supportive environment we have cultivated.

Section Highlights:

Junior Sea Cadets (JSC):

Our Junior Sea Cadets have benefited from several local visits, providing valuable hands-on experiences that complement their in-unit training.



Sea Cadet Corps (SCC):

Our Sea Cadets have continued to engage strongly in unit life, contributing positively across training and community activity. The unit has maintained high standards and strong participation, supporting our overall delivery of a consistent and rewarding Sea Cadet experience.

Royal Marines Cadets (RMC):

Our Royal Marines Cadets have made full use of the natural resources in Sutton Park for training exercises, effectively utilising the park's terrain to enhance their skills and preparedness. Through community engagement and expanded online presence we have seen an increase in cadet enrolment and, more importantly, higher retention rates. We have built a strong sense of belonging and commitment within our unit.

Fundraising: A unit fundraising effort in August saw all sections represented and raised almost £3,000, demonstrating excellent teamwork and strong support for the unit's continued development.

Facilities and Volunteer Commitment: We have faced challenges related to resources, including funding, equipment, and facilities. These limitations have required creative solutions which has led to the unit's ambition to rebuild in order to provide the best experience for our cadets.

Priorities for the Year Ahead: Looking ahead, one of our key priorities is the training and integration of new volunteers. Training plans are being put in place to ensure new team members are fully equipped to contribute effectively and continue to uphold the high standards of the unit.

Closing Remarks and Thanks: I am immensely proud of what we have achieved so far and remain committed to building on these successes in the months and years ahead. Together, we are making a meaningful difference in the lives of young people and strengthening the presence of the Sea Cadets and Royal Marines Cadets in our community.



Legal and Administrative Information

Charity Name: The Royal Town of Sutton Coldfield Unit 42 of the Sea Cadet Corps

Charity Status: Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Charity Number: 1207616

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

The Royal Town of Sutton Coldfield Unit 42 of the Sea Cadet Corps

On accounts for the
period ended

31st March 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1207616

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the period ended 31 / 06 / 2024

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

30 / 01 / 2025

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Section A Receipts and payments

The Royal Town of Sutton Coldfield Unit 42 of the Sea Cadet Corps

Charity number: 1207616

For the period from 1 July 2024 to 31 March 2025

Cash Basis

Account	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
A1 Receipts			
Cadet Contribution	13,675	-	13,675
Charitable Donations	2,870	-	2,870
Other Revenue	19,956	-	19,956
Rent Income	14,000	-	14,000
Course Fee Transit	30	-	30
Grants Received	138	-	138
Travel	1,803	-	1,803
Cash funds introduced from previous charity	1,883	3,267	5,150
Total A1 Receipts	54,355	3,267	57,622
Total receipts	54,355	3,267	57,622
A3 Payments			
Charitable and Political Donations	100	-	100
Course Payments	(209)	-	(209)
General Expenses	2,699	-	2,699
Insurance	1,801	-	1,801
IT Software and Consumables	48	-	48
Marine Vehicle Expense	129	-	129
Motor Vehicle Expenses	3,228	-	3,228
Nutty purchases	30	-	30
Printing & Stationery	454	-	454
Rates	119	-	119
Rent	14,000	-	14,000
Repairs & Maintenance	698	-	698
Staff Training	321	-	321
Subscriptions	250	-	250
Telephone & Internet	435	-	435
Travel - Fuel	663	-	663
Travel - Rail	185	-	185
Unit Training Expense	748	-	748
Utilities	5,410	-	5,410
Waste Disposal	1,067	-	1,067
Total A3 Payments	32,176	-	32,176
A4 Asset and investment purchases			
Unit Redevelopment	-	-	-
Total A4 Asset and investment purchases	-	-	-
Total payments	32,176	-	32,176
Net of receipts/(payments)	22,179	3,267	25,446
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-
Cash funds this period end	22,179	3,267	25,446

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities

The Royal Town of Sutton Coldfield Unit 42 of the Sea Cadet Corps

Charity number: 1207616

As at 31 March 2025

Account	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
B1 Cash funds			
Current Bank Acc (Old Charity)	14,946	-	14,946
Current Bank Account (New Charity)	2,233	3,267	5,500
Saving Bank Acc	5,000	-	5,000
Total B1 Cash funds	22,179	3,267	25,446
B2 Other monetary assets			
Accounts Receivable	400	-	400
Total B2 Other monetary assets	400	-	400
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			
Buildings	11,896	-	11,896
RMC equipment	266	-	266
Training equipment	1,332	-	1,332
Unit redevelopment	-	100,121	100,121
Total B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	13,494	100,121	113,615
Gross Assets	36,073	103,388	139,461
B5 Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	1,098	-	1,098
Total B5 Liabilities	1,098	-	1,098
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	34,975	103,388	138,363
Net Assets	34,975	103,388	138,363

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of Approval