

**THE
PORTISHEAD NAUTICAL TRUST**

Report and Financial Statements

Year Ended 31 March 2025

Charity No: 228876

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Foundation Managers

Miss A F McPherson, Chairman
Mr P C Dingley-Brown, Treasurer
Mr C Crossman
Mrs P A M Margerison
Mrs A Stone
Mr C M Woodhead

Registered Office

108 High Street, PORTISHEAD, North Somerset BS20 6AJ

Registered Number

87906 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity Number

228876 (England and Wales)

Independent Examiner

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Bankers

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Investment Managers

Charles Stanley, 16-18 Queen Square, BATH, BA1 2HN

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REPORT OF THE FOUNDATION MANAGERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The board of Foundation Managers present their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Constitution and objects

The Portishead Nautical Trust is a charitable company, limited by guarantee, and registered in England and Wales. Its affairs are managed by Foundation Managers who are registered as Directors of the Company.

The activities of The Trust are governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association, dated 7 July 2009.

The primary object of The Trust is to relieve and assist disadvantaged young people under the age of 25.

Organisation

The Foundation Managers who have served during the year are set out on page 1. The number of Foundation Managers is limited to twelve and new Managers are appointed by the existing Managers as vacancies arise.

Grant making policy

The Foundation Managers meet four times per annum to consider applications for funding. The Trust invites applications from disadvantaged young people, from both individuals and groups assisting them, in North Somerset, Bristol and surrounding areas.

Public Benefit Statement

The Trust aims to relieve and assist young people under the age of 25 whose life chances are limited by difficult circumstances, for example, ill health, poverty or parental neglect. Our support is given in the form of a grant either to the individual recipient or to organisations actively working on specific projects to help disadvantaged young people. Our preferred approach is to give grants that will help young people to improve or alleviate their own situation. We have considered all applications which meet our objectives from young people and organisations giving preference to those based in North Somerset, Bristol and surrounding areas.

In drawing up the above statement, the Managers of The Trust have paid due regard to the guidance published by the Charity Commission concerning reporting on the Public Benefit of the Charity.

Financial review and investment policy

The capital of The Trust arose from the sale of The National Nautical School in Portishead. The National Nautical School had previously been used to train boys from disadvantaged backgrounds until it was closed in 1983. Shortly afterward the school and grounds were sold and the proceeds were invested.

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There are no restrictions on The Trust's power to invest and the Foundation Managers, with the advice of professional investment advisers, select investments to provide a balance between longer term capital growth and income for the distribution of grants and bursaries.

The Trust's investment strategy is to maintain the majority of the funds within an investment portfolio. Some cash is kept in short term or instant access deposit accounts.

The Investment Sub-Committee meet on a quarterly basis with an advisor from stockbrokers Charles Stanley to discuss The Trust's investments. Currently the policy is to keep between 70-80% of the portfolio in equity based investments and 20-30% in fixed interest and lower volatility stocks.

Dividend and interest income from the investment portfolio for the year amounted to £98,037 and this represents a return of 4.8% (2024 : 4.7%) on the total market value of the portfolio as at the close of the financial year.

The year end re-statement of The Trust's investment portfolio to market value resulted in a net loss on revaluation, at that date, of £28,872 (2024 : net loss £38,075).

The cash on deposit has been split to ensure that the maximum held at any bank is £85,000 to ensure it is within the amount guaranteed by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme.

The Foundation Managers consider that they have been successful in achieving their investment objective in the year.

Reserves policy

The Trust aims to maintain the capital invested to ensure sufficient income can continue to be generated to distribute to the charities and individuals making applications and meeting the objects of The Trust.

Risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which The Trust is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to manage these risks.

Achievements and plans

Despite the volatility in world markets The Trust remains in a strong position, financially and structurally, to carry on our work of helping to meet the needs of disadvantaged children and young people. With investment income showing a increase over the previous year, and charitable expenditure being slightly less than income, 30 organisations have benefitted from grants (2024 : 20), together with 4 (2024 : 39) small grants to disadvantaged individuals for specific, fundamental needs. The small grant facility was withdrawn at the meeting on 16 April 2024 following a review of the last financial year. The Portishead Youth Centre continues to be our major single beneficiary. The Trust considers that the Centre's wide ranging work for disadvantaged youth is a much needed resource in the local area.

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Looking ahead, The Trust's strong financial position enables it to continue its work of providing assistance to disadvantaged young people. It does this by making grants mainly to organisations, having withdrawn its small grants facility as noted above, focusing for the most part on local causes. Applications are carefully considered, with a view to making the most effective use of The Trust's assets in accordance with its Memorandum and Articles of Association. The Foundation Managers remain committed to providing their knowledge and skills in order to comply with regulatory requirements and to meet the purpose of The Trust whose beneficiaries are the focus of our work.

Foundation Managers' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

Company law requires the Foundation Managers to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the surplus or deficit of the company for that period. In preparing those accounts, the Foundation Managers are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practices have been followed subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that The Trust will continue in business.

The Foundation Managers are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of The Trust and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of The Trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The Foundation Managers consider that the Independent Examiner has been provided with all relevant information.

Independent Examiner

The criteria for requiring a statutory audit have relaxed, and the Foundation Managers resolved to amend the Memorandum and Articles of Association to require an Independent Examination of the accounts.

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The above Report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

These accounts were approved by the Foundation Managers and authorised for issue on 11 November 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

.....
Miss A F McPherson
Chair of Trustees

Company Registration No 87906

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

To the Foundation Managers of The Portishead Nautical Trust

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 7 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of Foundation Managers and examiner

The Foundation Managers (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Foundation Managers consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Foundation Managers concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS 102)

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Christopher R Brown BA (Hons) FCA
Tickton Lodge, 8 Bellevue Road
CLEVEDON
North Somerset BS21 7NR

11 November 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2024

		2025		2024	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources					
Dividends and interest		98,037		92,279	
Bank deposit interest		8,132		3,296	
Other Income	10	<u>11,800</u>		<u>55</u>	
Total Incoming Resources			117,969		95,630
Resources Expended					
Direct charitable expenditure:	4	69,307		60,200	
Support costs	5	<u>26,614</u>		<u>34,063</u>	
Total Resources Expended			95,921		94,263
Other recognised Gains and Losses					
(Losses)/Profits on investments	6		<u>(1,704)</u>		<u>(34,839)</u>
(Outgoing)/Incoming Resources for the year			20,344		(33,472)
Net movement in Accumulated Fund					
Fund balance brought forward 1 April 2024			<u>2,284,088</u>		<u>2,317,560</u>
Fund balance carried forward at 31 March 2025			<u>2,304,432</u>		<u>2,284,088</u>

The notes on pages 9 to 12 form part of these accounts.

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Statement of Financial Position as at 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Investments	8	2,039,021		1,961,736	
Cash on deposit		<u>238,079</u>		<u>212,469</u>	
			2,277,100		2,174,205
Current Assets					
Debtors & prepayments		22,214		103,597	
Cash at bank		<u>11,409</u>		<u>16,945</u>	
		<u>33,623</u>		<u>120,542</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		<u>6,291</u>		<u>10,659</u>	
Net Current Assets			<u>27,332</u>		<u>109,883</u>
Total Assets			<u><u>2,304,432</u></u>		<u><u>2,284,088</u></u>
Financed by:					
Accumulated Fund – unrestricted funds			<u>2,304,432</u>		<u>2,284,088</u>
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The company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Foundation Managers acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with SORP (FRS 102).

Signed on behalf of the board of Foundation Managers:

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Miss A F McPherson
Chair of Trustees

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Mr P C Dingley-Brown
Treasurer

11 November 2025

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 GENERAL INFORMATION

The company is a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is 108 High Street, Portishead, Bristol BS20 6AJ.

2 STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with the provisions of FRS 102, Section 1A, "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

3 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis. The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice : Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Taxation

The Trust is a non profit making organisation and a registered charity and is generally exempt from taxation under the Taxes Act. There is no taxation charge for the year (2024 : £nil).

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4 DIRECT CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE

	2025	2024
	£	£
Ablaze	3,000	-
ACTA Community Theatre	3,000	-
Addiction Recovery Agency	1,000	-
Bridge Foundation	3,000	3,000
Bristol Music Trust	2,000	2,000
Caring in Bristol	3,000	-
Children's Scrapstore	1,000	-
Circus Starr Show	1,000	1,492
Crackerjacks Children's Trust	300	250
Douglas Bader Foundation	1,000	1,000
Dream Holidays	1,700	-
Dyslexia Portishead	2,079	1,274
Empire Fighting Chance	-	2,000
Equine Reflections	780	500
Go Beyond (return of unused grant)	-	(3,300)
Grants to Individuals	1,334	11,328
Green House	3,000	-
Gympanzees	3,000	3,750
Handicapped Children's Action Group	-	1,118
Happy Days Children's Charity	3,960	2,000
Heart of Bristol	1,500	-
Lifeskills – Learning for Living	3,000	3,000
Living Paintings Trust	2,500	2,500
Made for Movement Ltd	1,000	-
Portishead Youth Centre	10,000	15,000
Re:Work Ltd	1,500	3,000
Shallowford Trust	2,000	-
Springboard Opportunity Group	1,654	1,588
St Katherine's School Youth Fund	-	1,700
St Peter's Hospice	1,000	-
St Werburgh's City Farm	2,000	-
Tall Ships Youth Trust	-	3,000
Tall Ships Youth Trust re Martyn Cruse Bursary Fund	2,500	-
The Harbour	-	3,000
Wellspring Counselling Ltd	1,500	-
Wheels Project	3,000	-
Whizz Kidz	-	1,000
Winston's Wish	2,000	-
	<u>69,307</u>	<u>60,200</u>

Grants approved by the Foundation Managers at the balance sheet date but not yet expended amounted to £0 (2024 : £0).

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5 SUPPORT COSTS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Administration	9,986	16,595
Accountancy	2,054	2,745
Insurance	1,840	2,216
Independent examination	1,200	1,080
Investment advisers	11,135	10,911
Bank charges	75	121
Sundries	324	395
	<u>26,614</u>	<u>34,063</u>

6 PROFITS/(LOSSES) ON INVESTMENTS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Profits/(losses) realised on disposal of investments	27,168	3,236
Unrealised (losses)/gains on revaluation of investments	(28,872)	(38,075)
	<u>(1,704)</u>	<u>(34,839)</u>

7 INVESTMENT ADVISERS COMMISSION

During the year the investment advisers earned commission of £2,490 (2024 : £1,383) on the purchase and sale of Trust investments.

8 INVESTMENTS

	Fixed Interest	Quoted Shares	Total
	£	£	£
As at 1 April 2024	189,847	1,771,889	1,961,736
Additions	149,832	83,383	233,215
Disposals	-	(154,226)	(154,226)
Gains/(losses) realised on disposal	-	27,168	27,168
Unrealised gains/(losses) on revaluation	2,111	(30,983)	(28,872)
As at 31 March 2025	<u>341,790</u>	<u>1,697,231</u>	<u>2,039,021</u>
Historical cost	<u>347,683</u>	<u>1,442,641</u>	<u>1,790,324</u>

9 SHARE CAPITAL

The company is limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. The liability of members in the event of winding up is limited by guarantee to an amount not exceeding £1 per member.

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10 TRUST CHATTELS AND SALE OF CANNON

The Trust owns various small chattels which are items of historical interest, which the Foundation Managers decided should be retained as a reminder of the former function of The Trust as a Nautical School. The chattels are not valued on the balance sheet. At the balance sheet date the chattels were insured for £26,850.

During the year a pair of cannon included in The Trust Chattels, previously stored but no longer displayed at HMS Flying Fox, were sold at auction for £11,800. No sale costs were incurred by The Trust.