

Charity registration number 262995 (England and Wales)

Company registration number 00960329

SOLENT SKY LTD
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025

SOLENT SKY LTD

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees

J G U Clark
N L Hallett
Mr A Jones
Mrs K E Jones
N D S Boulting

(Appointed 3 February 2025)

Secretary

Mrs K E Jones

Charity number (England and Wales)

262995

Company number

00960329

Registered office

Albert Road South
Southampton
Hampshire
SO14 3FR

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 May 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Charity's memorandum and articles of association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

The principal activity of the Charity is to advance the education of the public in matters relating to aviation by the maintenance of a museum as a permanent memorial to R.J Mitchell the designer of the Spitfire aircraft and the Schneider Trophy S6 Seaplane and the 26 aircraft companies in the Solent Area.

The Charity also continues to host on the site the exhibits and memorabilia from Hampshire Police and Fire Trust, also contributing to the overall ethos of the Museum.

The main purpose of the Charity is to keep the Museum open for public viewing and to promote its educational opportunities. All other activities are directed towards raising funds to supplement the income from admission charges and the Museum shop and to pay for new exhibits and exhibitions.

The Board of Trustees have registered their complete satisfaction in the way the Solent Sky Ltd is managed but are mindful of the fact that to maintain the high standard all activities in the Museum (Solent Sky Ltd) are reviewed on a regular basis.

Public benefit

The Trustees consider that they have considered the Charity Commission's published guidance on the public benefit requirement under the Charities Act 2011.

Achievements and performance

Significant activities and achievements against objectives

The Company continues to fulfil its charitable obligations which are to maintain a public exhibition honouring the works of R.J.Mitchell and in particular his Spitfire Aircraft.

In addition to the above the Company has expanded its brief to cover additional allied activities such as Southampton and District Industrial Heritage and as a result have saved a number of threatened artefacts and collections. This includes the 170-ton Calshot Light-ship, the police, fire and tram collections plus the Trislander aircraft.

The Trustees continue to offer the Solent Sky Museum as a major educational resource through schools, colleges and the University.

Financial review

The buildings occupied by the Museum are a continual financial challenge to the Company. In the last year there was a great deal of expenditure in complying with new regulations in public buildings and to bring the electrical and fire protection installations into compliance.

The Company continues to raise revenue over and above that which is taken on the front of house and this is dealt with applications made to grant giving bodies, such as the Heritage Lottery Fund, Arts Council, the Wolfson Foundation and Garfield Weston Foundation.

The Company is in the fortunate position of having a little over 100 years left on its lease with Southampton City Council for site and buildings.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025

Reserves policy

The trustees are satisfied that the level of reserves maintained by the Charity, of approximately three to six months of total expenditure, are sufficient to meet its needs.

The trustees consider that the balance sheet value does not correctly reflect the true fixed asset value of the Charity, which they consider to be nearer £2.5 million, as there is a lease value with a little over 100 years left to run and museum exhibits and archives worth in excess of £2 million.

In addition, the museum artefacts and the displays and equipment have been donated and restored over many years and are therefore likely to exceed their value shown in the financial statements. As a result of this, the trustees have agreed these assets should not be depreciated.

Structure, governance and management

The Charity was incorporated on the 15th of August 1969 and is governed by Memorandum and Articles of Association. It was also registered as a charity no 262995. The Charity's working name is Solent Sky Ltd.

One Trustee has retired from the Board of Directors and at present there is a potential of three new Directors all of whom could bring expertise which will benefit the Company.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

J G U Clark	
N L Hallett	
Mr A Jones	
Mrs K E Jones	
R A R Little	(Resigned 22 October 2025)
N D S Boulting	(Appointed 3 February 2025)

The interest of the directors at the year end in the share capital of the company were as follows:-

£1 ordinary shares
at the beginning and end of the period

J G U Clark	£1
A Jones	£1

The Companies House registered number is: - 960329

The Charity registration number is: - 262995

The Charity operates from: - Albert Road South, Southampton, Hampshire, SO14 3FR, which is also the Charity's registered office.

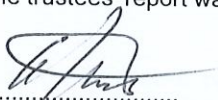
Risk Management Statement

The trustees are satisfied that the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, as identified by the trustees, are being reviewed, and systems are being established to mitigate those risks.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



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Mr A Jones
Trustee

Date: 17.3.26

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SOLENT SKY LTD

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Solent Sky Ltd (the Charity) for the year ended 31 May 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the Charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 386 of the Companies Act 2006.
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a true and fair view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- 4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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

HJS Incorporating David Gamblin Limited

Chartered Accountants

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Dated:

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	3	67,059	160,690
Charitable activities	4	133,012	135,441
Investments	5	1,983	2,073
Total income		<u>202,054</u>	<u>298,204</u>
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	6	19,921	14,856
Charitable activities	7	242,128	267,516
Total expenditure		<u>262,049</u>	<u>282,372</u>
Net income/(expenditure) and movement in funds		<u>(59,995)</u>	<u>15,832</u>
Reconciliation of funds:			
Fund balances at 1 June 2024		<u>408,177</u>	<u>392,345</u>
Fund balances at 31 May 2025		<u>348,182</u>	<u>408,177</u>

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

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MAY 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	13		160,077		165,322
Current assets					
Stocks	14	19,219		19,219	
Debtors	15	2,795		53,515	
Cash at bank and in hand		191,791		179,467	
		213,805		252,201	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	(25,700)		(9,346)	
Net current assets			188,105		242,855
Total assets less current liabilities			348,182		408,177
The funds of the Charity					
Share capital	18		2		2
Unrestricted funds	19		348,180		408,175
			348,182		408,177

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BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)

AS AT 31 MAY 2025

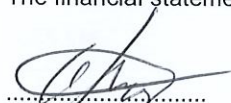
The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 May 2025.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 17.3.26



Mr A Jones

Trustee

Company registration number 00960329 (England and Wales)

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Solent Sky Ltd is a private company limited by shares incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Albert Road South, Southampton, Hampshire, SO14 3FR.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)". The Charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a statement of cash flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the Charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the Charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the Charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the Charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Museum Buildings	2.5% straight line
Motor Vehicles	15% reducing balance
Displays & Equipment	£nil (as of 2023)
Museum Artefacts	£nil (as of 2022)

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the Charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost comprises direct materials and, where applicable, direct labour costs and those overheads that have been incurred in bringing the stocks to their present location and condition. Items held for distribution at no or nominal consideration are measured the lower of replacement cost and cost.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price less all estimated costs of completion and costs to be incurred in marketing, selling and distribution.

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.10 Financial instruments

The Charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the Charity's balance sheet when the Charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.11 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the Charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.12 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

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2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Donations and gifts	67,059	130,690
Grants	-	30,000
	<u>67,059</u>	<u>160,690</u>

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Advancement of education		
Admission fees	113,151	118,343
Sale of goods	19,861	17,098
	<u>133,012</u>	<u>135,441</u>

5 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Interest receivable	<u>1,983</u>	<u>2,073</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025

6 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Fundraising and publicity		
Subcontracted costs	11,002	2,517
Advertising	960	3,623
Other fundraising costs	7,959	8,716
	<u>19,921</u>	<u>14,856</u>

7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Advancement of education 2025 £	Advancement of education 2024 £
Direct costs		
Staff costs	98,330	93,293
Depreciation and impairment	5,245	5,252
Motor and travel	2,050	1,470
Postage and stationery	9,403	7,501
Subscriptions	1,325	436
Telephone	3,109	2,845
Sundry	257	53
Marketing and promotion	22,508	24,568
Other staff costs	1,315	861
Planning costs	8,751	10,714
Rates	5,842	5,261
Light and heat	14,663	37,246
Insurance	8,769	9,932
Repairs	47,528	53,207
Storage	7,950	7,200
Other premises costs	654	936
Refuse	561	189
Other charitable expenditure	868	3,552
	<u>239,128</u>	<u>264,516</u>
Share of support and governance costs (see note 8)		
Governance	3,000	3,000
	<u>242,128</u>	<u>267,516</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	<u>242,128</u>	<u>267,516</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025

8 Support costs allocated to activities

	Advancement of education 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Governance	3,000	3,000

9 Net movement in funds

	2025 £	2024 £
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	3,000	2,950
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	5,245	5,252

10 Trustees

Transactions with Trustees are included within the related party transactions note (see note 20).

11 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2025 Number	2024 Number
Museum attendants	1	1
Part-time office staff	3	3
Total	4	4

Employment costs

	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	97,014	92,347
Other pension costs	1,316	946
	98,330	93,293

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

12 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025

13 Tangible fixed assets

	Museum Buildings £	Motor Vehicles £	Displays & Equipment £	Museum Artefacts £	Total £
Cost					
At 1 June 2024	208,304	5,939	202,629	116,415	533,287
At 31 May 2025	208,304	5,939	202,629	116,415	533,287
Depreciation and impairment					
At 1 June 2024	151,792	5,689	149,550	60,934	367,965
Depreciation charged in the year	5,208	37	-	-	5,245
At 31 May 2025	157,000	5,726	149,550	60,934	373,210
Carrying amount					
At 31 May 2025	51,304	213	53,079	55,481	160,077
At 31 May 2024	56,512	250	53,079	55,481	165,322

In the opinion of the trustees, the current market value of the museum building, museum artefacts and displays & equipment is significantly in excess of the net book values shown above.

The trustees undertake an annual impairment review of the museum property. The trustees have agreed not to revalue the museum property at this time.

14 Stocks

	2025 £	2024 £
Finished goods and goods for resale	19,219	19,219

15 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	2,795	53,515

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Other taxation and social security	628	2,181
Trade creditors	20,070	1,611
Other creditors	2,052	2,654
Accruals and deferred income	2,950	2,900
	25,700	9,346

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17 Retirement benefit schemes

	2025	2024
	£	£
Defined contribution schemes		
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	1,316	946

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Charity in an independently administered fund.

18 Share capital

	2025	2024
	£	£
Ordinary share capital		
Issued and fully paid		
2 Ordinary shares of £1 each	2	2

19 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 June 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31 May 2025 £
General funds	408,175	202,054	(262,049)	348,180
Previous year:				
	At 1 June 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31 May 2024 £
General funds	392,343	298,204	(282,372)	408,175

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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20 Related party transactions

Transactions with related parties

During the year the Charity entered into the following transactions with related parties:

Payments of £45,960 (2024: £45,960) were made to Retroplan Ltd, a management company engaged for the day to day management of the museum. Mr A Jones is a shareholder and Mrs K Jones is a director and shareholder of Retroplan Ltd.

Mr A Jones provides workshop accommodation, container storage and open storage for Solent Sky museums reserve collection. The service is provided at £7,200 per year as a gesture at an amount which the Trustees believe is well below the commercial rate.

Mr A Jones holds a £1 share in Solent Sky Limited, but cannot derive any financial benefit from this shareholding as it is barred by the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Mr JGU Clark holds a £1 share in Solent Sky Limited, but cannot derive any financial benefit from this shareholding as it is barred by the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

