



## The Maritime Heritage Trust

### MHT The Chair's Annual Review for 2023-4

As we continue to face big challenges for the sector, our goal remains to help its members develop new approaches and reach more people to share our enthusiasm and enjoy the maritime past.

In 2023-4 our lead project has continued to be helping establish the **Heritage Harbours (and Heritage Inland Ports)** movement because of its potential to reach a wide community (not just vessel enthusiasts), to generate local support for retaining and improving harbour facilities and to promote enjoyment of the wider waterside environment. MHT (which works alongside NHS UK and HE on this) hosted 3 meetings of the 25+ member national group, provided additional promotion with creation of new Facebook pages and agreed criteria and the "Ten Aims" for the scheme. In January, two new Heritage Harbours joined the scheme – Bideford and Ipswich – bringing the total to 12 (and it is still developing). As well as using our own funds on this, we gratefully acknowledge support received from <https://www.marshcharitabletrust.org/> For more see the dedicated MHT webpages at <https://maritimeheritage.org.uk/heritage-harbours/about-heritage-harbours>

**Working with members** and highlighting new approaches is a key activity led by our part time Membership Officer, Victoria Wallworth (also with National Historic Ships). Victoria has developed a "Powered vessels group" meeting regularly online, informally, to discuss current problems and share possible solutions. This work includes a series of Members' talks highlighting new approaches, a good example being the work of SS Freshspring on harnessing VR and games technology to create a portable tour of the vessel and others, including the Newport Ship, can be seen on the MHT Youtube for Members. We have also continued our joint series with National Historic Ships with the key governance topic "Would your maritime heritage project stand up to scrutiny?" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WcmFR2aC7Ic&t=16s>

**Threats** As the year progressed it has become clear that more and more operating vessels are under threat due to increased costs of maintenance, decline in income etc – the number of Thames Sailing Barges up for sale, withdrawal of sail training vessels – and other cases where the owning preservation trust just cannot continue. The problems are not universal; the Paddle Steamer Waverley continues to be a major success <https://waverleyexcursions.co.uk/supporting-waverley/the-paddle-steamer-preservation-society/> as well as her sister the PS Kingswear Castle (celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year). However overall the situation is really concerning. We very much welcomed the decision of National Heritage Memorial Fund (and their partner NLHF) to commission a major consultancy on this issue (currently awaiting publication). MHT had a meeting with Gareth Maeer, the lead consultant, including Maddie Phillips, Richard Albanese and the Chair providing evidence and commentary on costs and issues facing individual vessels and operations.

**European Maritime Heritage (EMH)** has now been completely reconstructed on an open membership basis with a new Board elected at the General Assembly in Lisbon on 14 January. This includes Scott Pereira (MHT Vice President) as EMH Secretary. We await news of further progress.

For many, the first experience of **sailing** is on a dinghy but the famous designs of their day are often discarded when outmoded and much of this heritage is lost or at risk. MHT Trustee, John Evans, is keen to reverse this. If you can help on this or have other concerns please contact us [info@maritimeheritage.org.uk](mailto:info@maritimeheritage.org.uk)

My thanks in particular to our **Trustees** without whom MHT would fold and in particular Maddie Phillips as Secretary, Trevor Godbold as Treasurer and webmaster, and to Hannah Hurford, Delphine Jasmin-Belisle, John Evans, Cat Holt and Richard Albanese.



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

31 March 2023

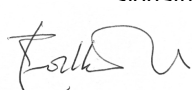
To

31 March 2024

### 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>					
Subscriptions - Full Members	1,956	-	-	1,956	1,086
Subscriptions - Friends	430	-	-	430	370
Donations	525	-	-	525	1,288
Interest	364	-	-	364	124
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)	3,275	-	-	3,275	2,868
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	3,275	-	-	3,275	2,868
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Subscription - EMH	1,578	-	-	1,578	-
Subscription - HA	205	-	-	205	190
Meetings - room hire and travel	90	-	-	90	216
General Administration	1,361	-	-	1,361	361
Bank Charges	28	-	-	28	27
Events	-	-	-	-	-
Consultancy Advice	3,540	947	-	4,487	3,928
NHS UK Photo Sponsorship	-	-	-	-	250
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	6,802	947	-	7,749	4,972
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	6,802	947	-	7,749	4,972
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	- 3,527	- 947	-	- 4,474	- 2,104
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	27,929	947	-	28,876	30,980
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	24,402	-	-	24,402	28,876

## 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>	NatWest Current	1	-	-
	NatWest Reserve	24,126	-	-
	PayPal	275	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>24,402</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	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	-	
		-	-	
		-	-	
		-	-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			Trevor Godbold	28/9/24