

MHT The Chair's Annual Review for 2024-5

The process of renewing our mission and widening our perspective on heritage is now well underway and our goal remains to celebrate maritime heritage in all aspects and help our members as they manage change in the great range of projects which they represent.

One illustration of this is the area of school and young person engagement with operational historic craft. No young people equals no future. A few vessels have specialised in youth training or like the Danny host higher education courses and large museums can usually support an education team. A welcome development this year was the Royal Museums Greenwich GCSE day on marine skills and employment in which Maddie Phillips, MHT trustee represented historic vessels. But for the overwhelming majority of preserved craft this is increasingly difficult territory – put off by rules, risk, culture. Thanks to a generous donation from the Lois Cumbers Charitable Foundation, we have established a project with Keystone Heritage <http://www.keystoneheritage.org.uk/> to provide operational guidance for vessels on effective youth engagement and the initial report should be available later this year.

Working with Members on their concerns has continued very successfully led by Victoria Wallworth, MHT's Membership officer and Newsletter Editor (contact Victoria if you have a concern or a project to highlight development@maritimeheritage.org.uk). We were pleased to host an online briefing on the Funding for Historic Vessels Project commissioned by National Lottery Heritage Fund together with National Historic Ships UK. Watch again on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=abhSYx128ts&t=42s> I am also pleased to report our success in attracting substantial and unrestricted funding such as the Lois Cumbers award.

Meanwhile Heritage Harbours (and Inland Ports) continues to be a high priority. We have continued to convene meetings (including the first in person "Awayday") and facilitated sharing of useful approaches such as online trails, social media ideas and joint projects. Two new locations, Gloucester and Ramsgate, joined the network, Ramsgate using the Heritage Harbour concept to great effect, particularly as part of their Dunkirk anniversary events.

The range of experiences in different harbours in World War 2 has enabled creation of "Transformed by war" – online and available for display in large format – based on input from individual harbours and original research by MHT at the National Archives.

<https://maritimeheritage.org.uk/heritage-harbours/transformed-by-war-exhibition> Creating this online has been a volunteer input by Trevor Godbold, MHT Treasurer, who also masterminds the MHT website. The challenge now is to give Heritage Harbours a stronger voice and collective identity. The network has begun the process of thinking how to achieve that and MHT is keen to play a strongly positive role in that discussion. We are grateful for continuing grants in support such as from the Marsh Charitable Trust

This year also sees fulfilment of the MHT renewal of governance that began 3 years ago through attracting new Trustees and widening our mission; However, having been a Board member since 1994, in my case it is time to hand over and I welcome Gareth Maeer of Raybel Charters as Chair Elect. As this will be my last Chair's report, I would like to give especial thanks to my Trustee colleagues for their support and input – to Maddie Philips and Trevor Godbold, Secretary and Treasurer, Richard Albanese, John Evans, Ken Hamilton, Cat Holt, Hannah Hurford and Delphine Jasmin-Belisle. The future is bright!

Henry Cleary, Chair, Maritime Heritage Trust



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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period
from

31 March 2024


To

31 March 2025

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 £
A1 Receipts					
Subscriptions - Full Members	2,430	-	-	2,430	1,956
Subscriptions - Friends	365	-	-	365	430
Donations	16,590	-	-	16,590	525
Interest	354	-	-	354	364
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	19,739	-	-	19,739	3,275
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	19,739	-	-	19,739	3,275
A3 Payments					
Subscription - EMH		-	-	-	1,578
Subscription - HA	210	-	-	210	205
Meetings - room hire and travel	42	-	-	42	90
General Administration	800	-	-	800	1,361
Bank Charges	31	-	-	31	28
Events		-	-	-	-
Consultancy Advice	7,726	-	-	7,726	4,487
NHS UK Photo Sponsorship		-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	8,809	-	-	8,809	7,749
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	8,809	-	-	8,809	7,749
Net of receipts/(payments)	10,930	-	-	10,930	- 4,474
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	24,402	-	-	24,402	28,876
Cash funds this year end	35,332	-	-	35,332	24,402

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 £
B1 Cash funds	NatWest Current	1	-	-
	NatWest Reserve	34,850	-	-
	PayPal	481	-	-
	Total cash funds	35,332		-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B5 Liabilities	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	27/09/2015	