

# FRIENDS OF M.V. FREEDOM

England & Wales · Charity number 283955

## Details

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<b>Other names</b>	THE FRIENDS OF M. V. FREEDOM BOAT FOR THE DISABLED, THE FRIENDS OF M.V.FREEDOM (THE ACORNS)BOAT FOR THE DISABLED, THE FRIENDS OF M.V.FREEDOM BOAT FOR THE DISABLED, THE FRIENDS OF THE ACORNS
<b>Status</b>	Registered
<b>Legal form</b>	Other
<b>Registered</b>	1982-04-28
<b>Register</b>	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

## Contact

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<b>Address</b>	8 Bedford Terrace Long Bredy Dorchester DT2 9HW
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<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.mvfreedom.co.uk">www.mvfreedom.co.uk</a>

## Activities

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**Objects:** TO ASSIST IN CHARITABLE WORKS DIRECTED TOWARDS THE RELIEF OF PERSONS LIVING WITH DISABILITY BY THE PROVISION AND RUNNING OF A SPECIALLY ADAPTED SEA GOING MOTOR VESSEL THAT ENABLES THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN SEA GOING ACTIVITIES ON THE DORSET COAST.

**Activities:** We provide and maintain a motor catamaran with trained and qualified volunteer skippers and crew, and deliver a positive sea going experience with lasting benefits for people living with disability, including wheelchair users. Sailing from Weymouth harbour along the Dorset Jurassic coast, we offer 2 trips 5 or 6 days a week in the summer months (April to October). The charity has NO paid staff.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Disability, Environment/conservation/heritage, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Dorset

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£45,280	£16,174	-	-
2024-03-31	£43,404	£19,113	-	-
2023-03-31	£62,231	£17,697	-	-
2022-03-31	£54,169	£18,744	-	-
2021-03-31	£77,922	£255,713	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Adrian Belcher MBE		2023-06-22
Adrian Crook		2025-06-19
Martyn Simmons		2023-05-25
Michael Garrett		2025-06-19
Nicola Plumb		2025-06-19
Peter York		2023-05-25

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# Accounts

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# FRIENDS of M.V. FREEDOM



Providing access to the sea for people  
living with disability  
Encourage - Enjoy - Empower



## TRUSTEES CHARITY COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1<sup>st</sup> APRIL 2024 TO 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2025

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**Charity Name:- Friends of MV Freedom**

**Charity Registration Number: 283955**

**Charity's Principal Address: 8, Bedford Terrace, Long Bredy,  
Dorchester DT2 9HW**

### **Summary of the purpose of the charity as set out in the Governing Document.**

To assist in charitable works directed towards the relief of persons living with disability by the provision of a specially designed sea-going motor vessel that enables them to participate in sea going activities on the Dorset Coast

### **Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public good.**

The object of the charity is to make it possible for people living with disability to have access to the sea by the provision and operation of a custom designed sea-going boat that can deliver not only enjoyable but also therapeutic trips along the Dorset Jurassic Coast.

### **Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the CC on public benefit.**

The trustees remain mindful of the Charity Commissioner's requirement to have regard to their guidance on public benefit.

The experience of having access to the sea can result in long lasting benefits. Our passengers not only experience the pleasure of being out at sea but often

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benefit from a range of differing outcomes from improved confidence, communication, friendship, relaxation and escape from isolation.

The feedback comments from passengers, their relatives and careers are a constant inspiration to the charity members.

## **Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of it's beneficiaries and to any benefits to the wider society as a whole.**

The season 2024 - 2025 has seen bookings comparable with previous years. The charity continues to run boat trips, from the berth in Weymouth, twice a day Monday to Friday from the beginning of April to early October. The operation of the boat is governed by the MCA regulations with a maximum number of passengers limited to 12. The boat is designed to take a maximum of 6 wheelchairs and is always crewed by two fully trained crew members and a suitably qualified skipper.

In total, over 1800 passenger trips were made during the season although the number could have been higher without some cancellations due to poor weather.

Repeat bookings from care homes and day care organisations in the Weymouth, Portland and Dorchester areas continue to provide a significant number of our passengers. With information widely available on our website and on social media we continue to receive individual bookings, not only from local people but also, increasingly, from holiday makers visiting the area. Leaflets and brochures are widely available in local hotels and guest houses.

The enjoyment and benefits gained by our passengers is obvious in the post trip comments received not only verbally, by email or letter but also on Trip Adviser.

## **Financial Review.**

Full details of the charity's finances are detailed on form CC16A which has been audited and already submitted to the Charity Commission.

## **Type of governing document.**

Constitution (adopted 2020 and CC informed)

# FRIENDS of M.V. FREEDOM

## **How is the charity constituted?**

Association

## **Trustee selection methods**

Trustees are appointed unless there are more applicants than vacancies in which case trustees will be elected by members at the Charity at a general meeting.

## **Names of Trustees who managed the Charity for the year under review.**

Adrian Belcher MBE - Chair and Membership Sec.- Appointed 22/06/2023

Michael Garrett- Treasurer - Appointed 31/05/2022

Martyn Simmons- Bosun- Appointed 25/05/2023

Peter York - Appointed 25/05/2023

Adrian Crook - co-opted.

A Belcher, M Simmons and P York had held the role of co-opted trustee prior to appointment.

The Hon Secretary is Steve Evans

No trustee holds title to property belonging to the charity

No funds are held as custodian trustees on behalf of others.

## **Declarations.**

# FRIENDS of M.V. FREEDOM

The Trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature S.J Evans

Name Stephen J Evans

Position Hon. Secretary

Signature

Name

Position

Date 18?9/2025

Signed on behalf of and with the authority of the Board of Trustees





CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	283955	283955
Friends of MV Freedom		

CC16a

## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	1st April 2024	To	Period end date
			31st 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Trip donations	14,661	-	-	14,661	10,029
Collection pots	1,195	-	-	1,195	505
One off donations	15,353	-	-	15,353	12,846
Fund raising events	5,128	-	-	5,128	3,441
HMRC tax relief on gift aid and fuel	457	-	-	457	9,906
GoodHub/IMC/Easy FR/SumUp	2,537	-	-	2,537	2,472
Bank interest	5,949	-	-	5,949	4,142
PayPal	-	-	-	-	63
Grants & large donations	45,280	-	-	45,280	43,404
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>45,280</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>45,280</b>	<b>43,404</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Insurance	3,371	-	-	3,371	3,306
Harbour fees	942	-	-	942	1,016
Boat fuel	4,387	-	-	4,387	4,469
Boat running costs	5,801	-	-	5,801	8,784
Administration costs	1,114	-	-	1,114	1,416
Fund raising costs	90	-	-	90	-
Crew clothing	242	-	-	242	104
Petty cash	63	-	-	63	18
Booking telephone	164	-	-	164	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>16,174</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,174</b>	<b>19,113</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>16,174</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,174</b>	<b>19,113</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>29,106</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>29,106</b>	<b>24,291</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>160,251</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>160,251</b>	<b>135,960</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>189,357</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>189,357</b>	<b>160,251</b>

## 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>	Barclays community account	13,558	-	-
	Pety cash	45		
	Barclays investment account	103		
	Skipton Building Society	37,581		
	United Trust Bank charity bond	85,000	-	-
	Redwood Bank	53,071	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>		<b>189,358</b>	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))		Agreement Error	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
	HMRC Gift Aid Tax relief	4,784	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	<b>Details</b>	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	MV Freedom boat		-	260,000
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	<b>Details</b>	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	
		Mr A. Belcher	12th June 2025	
		Mr M. J. Garrett	12th June 2025	



**Section A Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Friends of M.V Freedom

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31 March 2025

**Charity no  
(if any)**

283955

**Set out on pages**

1 and 2

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/03/2025**.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, 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 all 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 (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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 accounts to be reached.

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

**Signed:**

*R Evans*

**Date:**

04/06/2025

**Name:**

Rhys James Evans

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)

**Address:**

12 Castle Hill Road, Weymouth, Dorset, DT4 9NQ


**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**

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England & Wales - Charity number 283955

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# Accounts

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## FRIENDS OF MV FREEDOM

### TRUSTEES CHARITY COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2023 TO 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024

Charity Name:- Friends of MV Freedom

Charity Registration number:- 283955

Charity's Principal Address:- 8, Bedford Terrace , Long Bredy, Dorchester.  
DT2 9HW

#### 1.17 - Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in the governing document.

To assist in charitable works directed towards the relief of persons living with disability by the provision of a specially designed sea going motor vessel that enables them to participate in sea going activities on the Dorset Coast.

#### 1.17 & 1.19 - Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public good.

The object of the charity is to make it possible for people living with disability to have access to the sea by the provision and operation of a special designed sea going boat, crewed by qualified and trained volunteers that can deliver not only enjoyable but also therapeutic trips along the Dorset Jurassic coast from its base in Weymouth.

#### 1.18 - Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

The Trustees remain mindful of the Charity Commissioners requirement to have regard to their guidance on public benefit. The Charity Trustees have also been mindful of the Charity Commission guidance when preparing the three year business plan.

The experience of having access to the sea often results in long lasting benefits. Apart from the simple pleasure of being out at sea our passengers often benefit from a range of differing outcomes from improved confidence, communication, friendships, relaxation, escape from isolation, and new skills such as basic navigation and helming the boat.

The comments given from carers, letters of thanks, testimonials, repeat visits and the enormous appreciation received from the many differing communities of Weymouth, Portland and beyond remain an inspiration to the entire charity.

1.20 - Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference charity's work has made to the circumstances of it's beneficiaries and to any benefits to wider society as a whole.

The season 2023-2024 has seen bookings back to pre-covid levels. Boat trips left the berth in Weymouth twice a day, Monday to Friday, from the beginning of April to early October. In total over 1700 passenger trips were made during the season and the number could have been much higher were it not for cancellations which were as a result of unsuitable weather.

The fund-raising and PR team have been very active throughout the year which has resulted in an increase in bookings from outside the immediate geographical area. With information widely available via the website and with brochures in most of the local hotels and B & Bs there has been an increase in demand from holiday makers visiting the area. There is no other organisation based in the Weymouth and Portland area that can provide access to the sea specially tailored for people living with disabilities. The boat has been specifically designed to accommodate up to six wheelchairs and has a fully accessible toilet facility. The service that the charity offers continues to be used extensively by care homes and day care providers for the enjoyment of their clients.

1.21 - 1.22 - 1.23 - 1.24. Financial Review.

Full details of the charity's finances are detailed on form CC16A which has been audited and already submitted to the Charity Commission.

1.25 - Type of governing document

Constitution (adopted in 2020 and Charity Commission informed)

1.25 - How is the charity constituted ?.

Association

1.25 - Trustee selection methods.

Trustees are appointed unless there are more applicants than vacancies in which case, trustees will be elected by members of the Charity at a General Meeting.

Names of Trustees who managed the Charity for the year under review.

Michael Garrett - Treasurer - appointed 31/05/2022

Adrian Belcher MBE - Membership Sec. Appointed 22/06/2023

Martyn Simmons - Bosun - Appointed 25/05/2023

Peter York - Appointed 25/05/2023

Grahame Knott - co opted.

A Belcher, M Simmons and P York had held the role of co-opted trustee prior to appointment.

The Hon. Secretary is Steve Evans.

No trustee holds title to property belonging to the charity.

No funds are held as custodian trustees on behalf of others.

### Declarations

The Trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:-

Signature A. Belcher  
Name A BELCHER  
Position Hon Chairman  
Signature M. J. Garrett  
Name M. J. GARRETT  
Position TREASURER

Date:-



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Friends of MV Freedom

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	1st April 2023	To	March 31st 2024
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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>					
Trip donations	10,029	-	-	10,029	11,625
Collection pots	805	-	-	805	1,648
One off donations	12,848	-	-	12,848	7,913
Fund raising events	3,441	-	-	3,441	8,710
HMRC tax relief on gift aid and fuel	9,906	-	-	9,906	-
GoodHub/IMC/Easy FR/Misc	2,472	-	-	2,472	3,426
Bank interest	4,142	-	-	4,142	1,284
PayPal	63	-	-	63	345
Grants & large donations	-	-	-	-	27,300
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>43,404</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>43,404</b>	<b>62,231</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>43,404</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>43,404</b>	<b>62,231</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Insurance	3,306	-	-	3,306	3,075
Harbour fees	1,016	-	-	1,016	959
Boat fuel	4,489	-	-	4,489	6,639
Boat running costs	5,784	-	-	5,784	5,889
Administration costs	1,416	-	-	1,416	1,075
Fund raising costs	-	-	-	-	-
Crew clothing	104	-	-	104	60
Petty cash	18	-	-	18	-
Legal costs	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>19,113</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>19,113</b>	<b>17,897</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>19,113</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>19,113</b>	<b>17,897</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>24,291</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24,291</b>	<b>44,534</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>135,960</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>135,960</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>160,251</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>160,251</b>	<b>44,534</b>

43,404

19,113

160,251

**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>	Barclays community account	16,245	-	-
	Pety cash	68	-	-
	Barclays investment account	101	-	-
	Skipton Building Society	58,847	-	-
	United Trust Bank charity bond	85,000	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>		<b>160,261</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			



Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	MV Freedom boat		-	270,000
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	M. J. Garrett	26-6-2024
	P. York	26/06/24



**Section A Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Friends of M.V Freedom

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31 March 2024

**Charity no  
(if any)**

283955

**Set out on pages**

1 and 2

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/03/2024**.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, 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 all 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 (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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 accounts to be reached.

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

**Signed:**

*R Evans*

**Date:**

02/07/2024

**Name:**

Rhys James Evans

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)

**Address:**

12 Castle Hill Road, Weymouth, Dorset, DT4 9NQ


**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**

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England & Wales - Charity number 283955

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# Accounts

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# FRIENDS of M.V.FREEDOM



Providing access to the sea for people living with disability

Encourage - Enjoy - Empower

Hon President: Councillor Kate Wheller

Hon. Chairman: Dirk Aldous Q.P.M.

Hon. Treasurer: Michael Garrett

Hon. Secretary: Steve Evans. [secretary@mvmfreedom.co.uk](mailto:secretary@mvmfreedom.co.uk)

## TRUSTEES CHARITY COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL 2022 TO 31ST MARCH 2023

### Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Friends of M.V.Freedom

Other names charity is known by M.V.Freedom

Registered charity number (if any) 283955

Charity's principal address

8, Bedford Terrace,	
Long Bredy,	
Dorchester	
Postcode	DT2 9HW

# FRIENDS of M.V.FREEDOM

## Names of the Trustees who manage the charity:-

- |    |                    |                      |
|----|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1. | Dirk Aldous Q.P.M. | Chairman and Skipper |
| 2. | Michael Garrett    | Treasurer            |
| 3. | Sheila Collins     | Fundraiser           |
| 4. | Meridy Phillips    | Fundraiser           |
| 5. | Keith Tyndall      | Bosun                |
| 6. | Martyn Simmons     | Co-opted             |
| 7. | Peter York         | Co-opted             |
| 8. | Gary Hepburn       | Co-opted             |

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees) - NONE

## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

- |                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Type of governing document:     | Constitution (Amended and Adopted in 2020 and Charity Commission informed)  |
| How the Charity is constituted: | Association   |
| Trustee selection method:       | Trustees and co-opted trustees are appointed unless there are more applicants than vacancies in which case there is an election |

### Additional Governance issues (Optional Information)

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## **BUSINESS PLAN:**

The Charity adopted a three year Business Plan in 2021, and it has now been redrafted to meet the perceived needs of the next three years. The trustees decided that in the interests of our passengers and crew selected Covid hygiene protections should remain in force on the boat for the time being. Despite these additional responsibilities all four of the planned Strategic Aims were either achieved or exceeded. Fundraising was continued and where a surplus above normal running costs is received, a set aside provision is now being made towards the provision of the next boat. The supporting priorities of the Marketing, Business, and Fundraising strategies are under constant review by the trustees.

The Charity has NO paid staff and the trustees, treasurer, skippers, fundraisers, maintenance team, and other volunteers all give their time and experience free of charge.

We do not at present keep records of the amounts of time volunteers commit to the charity but they are considerable, and the lifetime skills they possess are invaluable to the overall success of our work.

## **INDUCTION TRAINING:-**

Of the three new skippers inducted during the past year, two were unable to continue due to the demands of their full time roles. However, one new qualified MCA/RYA Yachtmaster (Off-shore) was recruited and three more have indicated an interest in joining the charity. As always new arrivals will receive a series of induction sessions to familiarise them with our new boat and our various anchoring locations, and the passenger handling policies used by the charity during our sea going trips. All crew members maintain a centrally held portfolio of competencies that demonstrates and evidences their ongoing training.

## **STRATEGIC RISKS:-**

The new Business Plan continues to identify four major risks - and procedures to manage the risks namely:-

1. Loss of boat through major breakdown - regular maintenance.
2. Loss of local support and finance through reputational damage - good communications.
3. Loss of suitable trustees or inability to recruit same - succession planning.
4. Loss of sufficient qualified skippers and crew - succession planning.

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## SECTION C – OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

### SUMMARY OF THE OBJECTS WITHIN THE GOVERNING DOCUMENT:-

“To assist in charitable works directed towards the relief of persons living with disability by the provision of a specially designed sea going motor vessel that enables them to participate in sea going activities on the Dorset Coast.”

### MAIN ACTIVITIES FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT

The formal objective of the charity is to make it possible for people living with disability to have access to the sea by the provision of a specially designed boat that can deliver enjoyable but also therapeutic trips around Weymouth Bay, the Isle of Portland, Durdle Door, Lulworth Cove and the World Heritage site of the Dorset Jurassic Coast. The aim being wherever possible to leave our passengers with some lasting benefits from the experience. The Charity continues its formal collaboration with the MCA/RYA Green Blue environmental project, that enables charity members, our crews and passengers, to learn more about the environmental problems of the sea, and sea life. We can then in turn make a contribution towards the preservation of clean sea water in the interests of its inhabitants and our area. The MCA/RYA interactive educational resources are superb and we are encouraging our crews to engage with our passengers in their use. In addition, our new vessel has been equipped with smaller horsepower engines than previously, special engine room filters to prevent accidental spillage of oils and other contaminants into the sea. All our cleaning, and COVID required sanitisation fluids, are approved by the RYA as environmentally friendly.

### PUBLIC BENEFIT:-

The Trustees remain mindful of the Charity Commissioners requirement to have regard to their guidance on public benefit. The Charity trustees read the Charity Commission guidance PB1 and PB2 when preparing and reviewing their 3 year Business Plan.

This guidance is at the heart of all our charity's activities which are specifically designed and directed at assisting those members of the public who are living with disability to gain access to the sea, and whenever possible experience long-lasting benefits. This can be demonstrated in a range of differing outcomes from improved confidence, communication, friendships, relaxation, escape from isolation, and new skills such as basic navigation and helming the boat, greater knowledge of the seas environmental problems, and occasionally complete lifetime changes.

These simple pleasures, and in many cases the outstanding lasting benefits that a boat trip can provide for our passengers are evidenced regularly. The comments of carers, letters of thanks, testimonials, repeat visits and the enormous appreciation that the many differing communities of Weymouth and Portland demonstrate for MV Freedom, combined with the high level of financial support that is so willingly forthcoming from all quarters, and so often by those who can least afford it, remain an inspiration to the entire charity.

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## MAIN ACTIVITIES:-

During the 2022 - 2023 season our services to those living with disability were fully regained after the constraints of the Covid epidemic. A reformed fundraising group continued to meet regularly to monitor their strategy and identify new initiatives, and new recruits have brought extra skills and energy to the fundraising initiatives. Whilst the Charity benefitted considerably from successful corporate donation applications during 2019, the criteria for grant applications have continued to change during more recent years as many new initiatives emerged that are aimed at the growing financial crisis and the needs arising from it. This has created change in our fundraising priorities, but the Charity has continued to benefit from the loyal financial support raised from every element of our local communities, local authorities, businesses, hotels, clubs, individual residents and holiday makers. The main focus of our fundraising strategy remains to ensure that our programme continued to meet our maintenance and running costs of between £15k-£17k annually, and to provide for the growing demand for our enjoyable and empowering seagoing experiences. In future, we shall whenever possible "feed" a long term savings plan for the replacement of the new boat to ensure the longevity of the Charity.

## Additional details of objectives and activities:-

Our Business Plan had four strategic aims:-

- a) To increase the throughput of those persons living with disability on the sea going excursions and to engage with those wherever possible who are often excluded from such activities.  
**ACHIEVED AND EXCEEDED ALL PREVIOUS YEARS NUMBERS**
- b) To widen our client base to include all those who are living with disability from the age of 5 years upwards.  
**BEING ACHIEVED AND CONTINUING**
- c) To ensure our fundraising income is sufficient to maintain and cater for the maintenance and running costs of the new vessel, and to make provision for its eventual replacement.  
**ACHIEVED DESPITE CONTINUING SELECTED COVID PRECAUTIONS.**
- d) To equip our new vessel with the best possible facilities to ensure maximum enjoyment and therapeutic outcomes for our passengers and especially including their safety  
**ACHIEVED! - NEW BOAT DELIVERED 15TH APRIL, 2021.**

## VOLUNTEERS

- The massive and willing contribution of unpaid time, labour and experience from our volunteers is at the very heart of the charity, and without which nothing could be achieved. The Charity is so fortunate to have phenomenal community support from Weymouth and Portland in particular. The recognition and appreciation of the service provided by M.V. Freedom, is constantly apparent by the ever increasing level of bookings received. That together with the arrival of our new specially designed motor catamaran will ensure the longevity of the Charity for many years to come.

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## SECTION D - ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE:-



The honour of receiving the Queen's Award for Voluntary service on the 2nd June, 2021 in the Queen's Birthday Honours list was an enormous boost for the morale of our charity, its supporters and passengers. It was presented by the Lord Lieutenant Angus Campbell during a formal naming ceremony for our new boat on the 22nd September, 2021. Our charity has carried tens of thousands of delighted passengers over the years, and for this tremendous recognition on top of the delivery of a brand new boat for the 2021 season after nine years of fundraising, could not have come at a better time. It was a huge tribute to the hard work and commitment of our volunteers over many years, and particularly to the generous donations received from every element of the local communities and many corporate donors. We hope that all our supporters will feel able to share our delight and pride in this wonderful moment in the Charity's history!

Photographic memories.



[www.mvfreedom.co.uk](http://www.mvfreedom.co.uk) or facebook.

## SUMMARY OF ADDITIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS:-

1. Visited by the High Sheriff of Dorset (September 2022) and awarded a certificate of appreciation.
2. Retained and increased the financial support from all elements of the community of the Weymouth and Portland areas and far beyond.
3. Increasing and maintaining the availability of a choice of trained volunteer crew to provide uninterrupted cover for two trips a day, for 5-6 days a week from April to October inclusive.
4. Continued to increase our passenger bookings beyond all previous records.(Over 3000).

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## SECTION E: FINANCIAL REVIEW

### BRIEF STATEMENT ON CHARITY RESERVE POLICY:-

The trustees have reviewed the continuing success of our fundraising activities and improved cash balances, and have again decided that we will seek to hold £20,000 in reserve, but available for allocation to any unforeseen or planned event. This figure remains slightly in excess of expenditure recorded in the last full operational year. We shall continue the charity's fundraising activities, and when possible deposit any surpluses in a reserve account as a long term savings plan towards the provision of the next boat to ensure the longevity of the charity.

### DETAILS OF ANY FUNDS MATERIALLY IN DEFICIT:-

None.

### FURTHER FINANCIAL REVIEW DETAILS:-

As we have NO paid staff, premises or road vehicles to maintain, all monies donated are used exclusively towards supporting the key objectives of the charity.

The Charity does not receive any statutory funding, and is reviewing its fundraising strategy to take account of the current financial and health crises. Future fundraising maybe more difficult for our usual donors and wide range of supporters e.g. passenger donations, almost 100 collection pots placed around Weymouth establishments, quiz nights, sponsored swims, paddle board events, Rotary club support and events, talks to various organisations, collaboration with other charities and the provision of our volunteers to assist them, as well as more specific donations from local businesses, public authorities and individuals.

See our website [www.myfreedom.co.uk](http://www.myfreedom.co.uk)



We are extremely fortunate to continue receiving the support of the Weymouth and Portland District Councils, through the present Mayor, and our President a past Mayor of Weymouth. The Charity is also grateful for the continuing support of the Weymouth Harbour Master.

All funds, that are not "earmarked" for specific purchases or needed for the day to day running of the charity are invested in secure interest bearing accounts, at the best rates available at the time.

## SECTION F:- OTHER OPTIONAL INFORMATION.

Weymouth and Portland are in the top 10% of areas of UK deprivation, with many other community problems within the population. Our voluntary service is a valuable addition to the statutory services, and in helping to reduce their costs. However, the increasing needs of those liv

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ing with disability, is growing, and the contribution that M.V. Freedom can make to enhancing their lives, will remain a considerable challenge for the foreseeable future. Recognising the different make up of our communities, and the needs and expectations of individuals within them can bring real benefits to all those concerned. Every community is made up of individuals and if M.V. Freedom is to improve the enjoyment and lives of those living with disability, then making every effort to meet their different needs is essential.

Sources:- Office of National Statistics - Gov.uk - English indices of multiple deprivation. Dorset County Council - Policy and Research Dept.

## SECTION G - DECLARATION:-

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report.

Signed on behalf of the trustees:-

Chairman


Full name: Dirk Aldous



(Signature)

Treasurer.

Full name: Michael Garrett



(Signature)

Date: 3rd July, 2023



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Friends of MV Freedom

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	1st April 2022	To	31st March 2023
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<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
Sale of old boat	-	-	-	-	-
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Boat running costs	5,889	-	-	5,889	7,688
Administration costs	1,075	-	-	1,075	917
Fund raising costs	-	-	-	-	332
Crew clothing	60	-	-	60	390
Petty cash	-	-	-	-	20
Legal costs	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>17,697</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,697</b>	<b>18,744</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Stage payments New Boat	-	-	-	-	-
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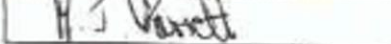
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		-	-	-

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

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On accounts for the year  
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31 March 2023

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2023.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
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I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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### Description of the charity's trusts

- |                                 |   |
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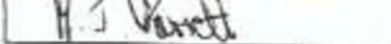
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## TRUSTEES CHARITY COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL 2021 TO 31ST MARCH 2022

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Charity name Friends of M.V.Freedom

Other names charity is known by M.V.Freedom

Registered charity number (if any) 283955

Charity's principal address

8, Bedford Terrace,	
Long Bredy,	
Dorchester	
Postcode	DT2 9HW

# FRIENDS of M.V.FREEDOM

## Names of the Trustees who manage the charity:-

- |    |                    |                      |
|----|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1. | Dirk Aldous Q.P.M. | Chairman and Skipper |
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| 4. | Sheila Collins     | Fundraiser           |
| 5. | Meridy Phillips    | Fundraiser           |
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## Additional details of objectives and activities:-

Our Business Plan had four strategic aims:-

- a) To increase the throughput of those persons living with disability on the sea going excursions and to engage with those wherever possible with those who are often excluded from such activities.  
**ACHIEVED AND EXCEEDED ALL PREVIOUS YEARS NUMBERS**
- b) To widen our client base to include all those who are living with disability from the age of 5 years upwards.  
**BEING ACHIEVED AND CONTINUING**
- c) To ensure our fundraising income is sufficient to maintain and cater for the maintenance and running costs of the new vessel  
**ACHIEVED DESPITE REMAINING COVID RESTRICTIONS.**
- d) To equip our new vessel with the best possible facilities to ensure maximum enjoyment and therapeutic outcomes for our passengers and especially including their safety  
**ACHIEVED! - NEW BOAT DELIVERED 15TH APRIL, 2021.**

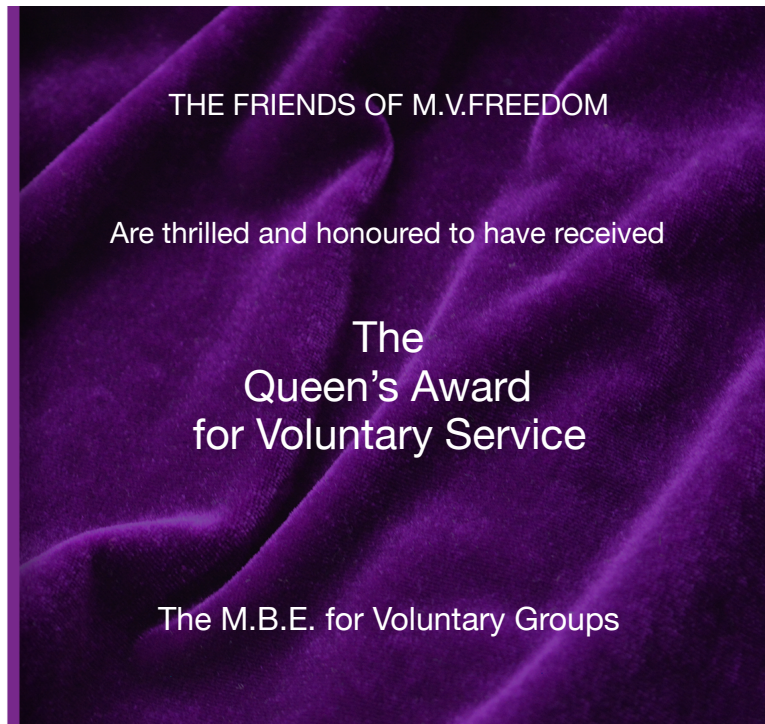
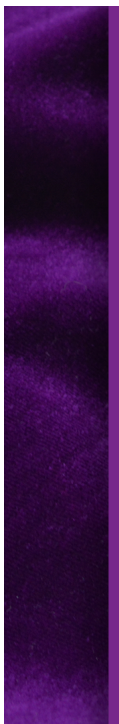
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## VOLUNTEERS

- The massive and willing contribution of unpaid time, labour and experience from our volunteers is at the very heart of the charity, and without which nothing could be achieved. The Charity is so fortunate to have phenomenal community support from Weymouth and Portland in particular. The recognition and appreciation of the service provided by M.V. Freedom, is constantly apparent by the ever increasing level of bookings received. That together with the arrival of our new specially designed motor catamaran will ensure the longevity of the Charity for many years to come.



## SECTION D - ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE



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## Main achievement:-

This significant honour was awarded on the 2nd June, 2021 in the Queen's Birthday Honours list. It was presented by the Lord Lieutenant Angus Campbell during a formal naming ceremony for our new boat on the 22nd September, 2021. Our charity has carried tens of thousands of delighted passengers over the years, and for this tremendous recognition on top of the delivery of a brand new boat for the 2021 season after nine years of fundraising, could not have come at a better time. It is a huge tribute to the hard work and commitment of our volunteers over many years, and particularly to the generous donations received from every element of the local communities and many corporate donors. We hope that all our supporters will feel able to share our delight and pride in this wonderful moment in the Charity's history!

For further details and photographic memories. See [www.mvfreedom.co.uk](http://www.mvfreedom.co.uk) or [facebook](#).

## SUMMARY OF ADDITIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS:

1. Finally achieving the Charity's financial target after 9 years of fundraising to deliver a brand new 10 metre motor catamaran, now arguably the best motor vessel of its size and type delivering services to those living with disability on the South Coast, if not in the UK.

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2. Managing to equip the new vessel with state of the art electronics to enable wheelchair users to steer the boat from their seated position.
3. Recruiting two more experienced volunteer MCA/RYA skippers.
4. Increasing and maintaining the availability of a choice of trained volunteer crew to provide uninterrupted cover for two trips a day, for 5-6 days a week from April to October inclusive.
5. Providing our service to both military veterans clubs in our area.
6. Retained and increased the financial support from all elements of the community of the Weymouth and Portland areas and far beyond.
7. Maintained our volunteer membership levels.
8. Continued to increase our passenger numbers.

## SECTION E: FINANCIAL REVIEW

### BRIEF STATEMENT ON CHARITY RESERVE POLICY:-

The trustees have reviewed the continuing success of our fundraising activities and improved cash balances, and have decided that we will seek to hold £20,000 in reserve, but available for allocation to any unforeseen or planned event. This figure remains slightly in excess of expenditure recorded in the last full operational year. We shall continue the charity's fundraising activities, and when possible deposit any surpluses in a reserve account as a long term savings plan towards the provision of the next boat to ensure the longevity of the charity.

### DETAILS OF ANY FUNDS MATERIALLY IN DEFICIT:-

None.

### FURTHER FINANCIAL REVIEW DETAILS:-

As we have NO paid staff, premises or road vehicles to maintain, all monies donated are used exclusively towards supporting the key objectives of the charity.

The Charity does not receive any statutory funding, and is reviewing its fundraising strategy to take account of the current financial and health crises. Future fundraising maybe more difficult for our usual donors and wide range of supporters e.g. passenger donations, over 100 collection pots placed around Weymouth establishments, quiz nights, sponsored swims, paddle board events, Rotary club support and events, talks to various organisations, collaboration with other charities and the provision of our volunteers to assist them, as well as more specific donations from local businesses and public authorities and individuals.

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We shall continue to apply in the months ahead for donations towards important extra equipment for our new boat that is specifically designed to improve the safety and longer term benefits for our passengers, as well as assisting with on-going running costs.

We are extremely fortunate to continue receiving the support of the Weymouth and Portland District Councils, through the present Mayor, and our President, a past Mayor of Weymouth. The Charity is also grateful for the continuing support of the Weymouth Harbour Master.

All funds, that are not "earmarked" for specific purchases or needed for the day to day running of the charity are invested in secure interest bearing accounts, at the best rates available at the time.

## SECTION F:- OTHER OPTIONAL INFORMATION.

Weymouth and Portland are in the top 10% of areas of UK deprivation, with many other community problems within the population. Our voluntary service is a valuable addition to the statutory services, and in helping to reduce their costs. However, the increasing needs of those living with disability, is growing, and the contribution that M.V. Freedom can make to enhancing their lives, will remain a considerable challenge for the foreseeable future. Recognising the different make up of our communities, and the needs and expectations of individuals within them can bring real benefits to all those concerned. Every community is made up of individuals and if M.V. Freedom is to improve the enjoyment and lives of those living with disability, then understanding and respecting their different needs is essential.

**Sources:-** Office of National Statistics - Gov.uk - English indices of multiple deprivation. Dorset County Council - Policy and Research Dept.

## SECTION G - DECLARATION:-

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report. 4th August, 2022.

Signed on behalf of the trustees:-

**Chairman**

(Signature)

Full name: Dirk Aldous

**Treasurer.**

(Signature)

Full name: Michael Garrett

Date: 17th July, 2022



**Receipts and payments accounts**

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For the period  
from

1st April 2021

To

31st March 2022

**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>					
Trip donations	9,184	-	-	9,184	360
Collection pots	1,070	-	-	1,070	974
One off donations	26,222	-	-	26,222	3,019
Fund raising events	2,978	-	-	2,978	6,139
HMRC tax relief on gift aid and fuel	8,939	-	-	8,939	2,042
Virgin money giving	5,007	-	-	5,007	4,322
Bank interest	175	-	-	175	2,279
PayPal	596	-	-	596	1,675
Grants & large donations	-	-	-	-	15,070
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>54,169</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>54,169</b>	<b>35,880</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
Sale of old boat	-	-	-	-	42,042
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>42,042</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>54,169</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>54,169</b>	<b>77,922</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Insurance	2,834	-	-	2,834	169
Harbour fees	1,096	-	-	1,096	738
Boat fuel	5,507	-	-	5,507	-
Boat running costs	7,688	-	-	7,688	6,783
Administration costs	917	-	-	917	574
Fund raising costs	332	-	-	332	-
Crew clothing	350	-	-	350	-
Petty cash	20	-	-	20	-
Legal costs	-	-	-	-	607
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>18,744</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>18,744</b>	<b>8,871</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Stage payments New Boat	-	-	-	-	246,842
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>246,842</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>18,744</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>18,744</b>	<b>255,713</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>35,425</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35,425</b>	<b>- 177,791</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	56,004	-	-	56,004	233,433
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>91,429</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>91,429</b>	<b>55,642</b>

## 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>	Barclays community account	21,409	-	-
	Pety cash	26	-	-
	Barclays investment account	100		
	Skipton Building Society	29,891		
	United Trust Bank charity bond	40,000	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>		<b>91,426</b>	<b>-</b>

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))



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<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	MV Freedom boat		-	290,000
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Mr D. W. Aldous	4-8-22
	Mr M. J. Garrett	4-8-22



**Section A Independent Examiner's Report**

<b>Report to the trustees/ members of</b>	Friends of M.V Freedom		
<b>On accounts for the year ended</b>	31 March 2022	<b>Charity no (if any)</b>	283955
	<b>Set out on pages</b> 1 and 2		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/03/2022**.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, 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 all 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 (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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 accounts to be reached.

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

<b>Signed:</b>		<b>Date:</b>	19/08/2022
<b>Name:</b>	Rhys James Evans		
<b>Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):</b>	Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)		
<b>Address:</b>	12 Castle Hill Road, Weymouth, Dorset, DT4 9NQ		


**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**

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quired that our entire year's fundraising programme had to be cancelled until September, when our fundraising team managed to organise a very successful Covid compliant, sponsored swim. This ensured that our income still exceeded our outgoings.

A reformed fundraising committee continued to meet regularly to monitor their strategy and identify new initiatives. Despite a number of changes in our membership, numbers have remained stable this year at 56, with recruits bringing new skills and energy to the fundraising initiatives. Whilst the Charity benefitted considerably from generous corporate donations during 2019, the criteria for grant applications changed enormously during the past year, as many new initiatives emerged that were aimed exclusively at Covid related needs and services. This affected our fundraising strategy considerably, but the Charity continued to benefit from the loyal financial support raised from every element of the local communities local authorities, businesses, hotels, clubs, individual residents and holiday makers. The main focus of our fundraising strategy was to ensure that our programme continued to meet the maintenance and running costs of between £15k-£17k annually, to provide for the growing demand for our enjoyable and empowering seagoing experiences. In future, we shall seek to "feed" a long term savings plan for the replacement of the new boat to ensure the longevity of the Charity.

## Additional details of objectives and activities:-

Our Business Plan had four strategic aims:-

- a) Increasing the number of those persons living with disability that we take to sea.  
**ACHIEVED FOR PAST TWO YEARS - FINAL YEAR TRIPS CANCELLED THRU COVID 19**
- b) Widening our client base to include more young people, the elderly and ex military personnel.  
**ACHIEVED FOR THE THIRD YEAR - (BY BOOKINGS TAKEN BUT SEE a) ABOVE)**
- c) Maintaining our fundraising targets.  
**ACHIEVED DESPITE COVID RESTRICTIONS.**
- d) Increasing our savings to enable the purchase of a replacement vessel that will future proof the charity in the interests of our community, and those living with disability in particular.  
**ACHIEVED! - NEW BOAT DELIVERED 15TH APRIL, 2021.**



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## VOLUNTEERS:

- The massive and willing contribution of unpaid time, labour and experience from our volunteers is at the very heart of the charity, and without which nothing could be achieved. The Charity is so fortunate to have phenomenal community support from Weymouth and Portland in particular. The recognition and appreciation of the service provided by M.V. Freedom, is constantly apparent by the ever increasing level of bookings received. That together with the arrival of our new specially designed motor catamaran will ensure the longevity of the Charity for many years to come.

## SECTION D - ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE



The Queen's Award  
for Voluntary Service



### Main achievement:-

Whilst strictly speaking this significant honour was not awarded until the 2nd June, 2021 it would be a serious omission not to mention it for another year. Our charity has carried tens of thousands of delighted passengers over the years, and for this tremendous recognition on top of the delivery of a brand new boat for the 2021 season after nine years of fundraising, could not have come at a better time. It is a huge tribute to the hard work and commitment of our volunteers over many years, and particularly to the generous donations received from every element of the local communities and many corporate donors. We hope that all our supporters will feel able to share our delight and pride in this wonderful moment in the Charity's history!

For further details and happy photographic memories. See [www.mvfreedom.co.uk](http://www.mvfreedom.co.uk) or facebook.

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## SUMMARY OF ADDITIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS:

1. Finally achieving the Charity's financial target after 9 years of fundraising to deliver a brand new 10 metre motor catamaran, now arguably the best motor vessel of its size and type delivering services on the South Coast, if not in the UK.
2. Managing to equip the new vessel with state of the art electronics to enable wheelchair users to steer the boat from their seated position.
3. Recruiting four more experienced volunteer MCA/RYA skippers.
4. Increasing and maintaining the availability of a choice of trained volunteer crew to provide uninterrupted cover for two trips a day, for 5-6 days a week from April to October inclusive.
5. Providing our service to both military veterans clubs in our area.
6. Retaining and increasing the financial support from all elements of the community of the Weymouth and Portland areas.
7. Maintaining our volunteer membership levels.
8. Reviewing our eleven policies and procedures.
9. Reviewing and updating our website style and content.
10. Introducing video conferencing for our AGM and possible future trustee meetings when circumstances make it necessary.

## SECTION E: FINANCIAL REVIEW

### BRIEF STATEMENT ON CHARITY RESERVE POLICY:-

The trustees have reviewed the continuing success of our fundraising activities and improved cash balances, and have decided that we will seek to hold £20,000 in reserve, but available for allocation to any unforeseen or planned event. This figure remains slightly in excess of expenditure recorded in the last full operational year. We shall continue the charity's fundraising activities, and when possible deposit any surpluses in a reserve account as a long term savings plan towards the provision of the next boat to ensure the longevity of the charity.

### DETAILS OF ANY FUNDS MATERIALLY IN DEFICIT:-

None.

### FURTHER FINANCIAL REVIEW DETAILS:-

**As we have NO paid staff, premises or road vehicles to maintain, all monies donated are used exclusively towards supporting the key objective of the charity.**

The onset of Covid 19 has been a setback to our strategy for 2020-21, and there are signs that fundraising in the forthcoming year may prove to be much more difficult from many of our usual supporters. The Charity is reviewing its fundraising strategy to take account of that and re-focusing our efforts towards those forms of fundraising that can be continued without breaching any current Covid 19 restrictions that remain.

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Our current 28 year old motor catamaran was sold at the end of the 2019 boating season, the proceeds of which contributed to our ability to contract for the new vessel. The buyer generously agreed to allow the Charity to retain the vessel for use last season between April and July inclusive.

The Charity does not receive any statutory funding, and future fundraising maybe more difficult for the immediate future, from our usual wide range of initiatives and support e.g. sea going donations, over 100 collection pots placed around Weymouth establishments, quiz nights, musical events, Christmas carol services, sponsored walks, bucket days at local supermarkets, Rotary support and events, talks to various organisations, collaboration with other charities and the provision of our volunteers to assist them, as well as more specific individual donations from local businesses and public authorities. [See our website www.mvfreedom.co.uk](http://www.mvfreedom.co.uk)

We shall continue to apply in the months ahead for donations towards important extra equipment for our new boat that is specifically designed to improve the safety and longer term benefits for our passengers, as well as assisting with on-going running costs.

We are extremely fortunate to continue receiving the support of the Weymouth and Portland District Councils, through the present Mayor; and our President, a past Mayor of Weymouth. The Charity is also grateful for the continuing support of the Weymouth Harbour Master.

Whilst all funds, that are not "earmarked" for specific purchases or needed for the day to day running of the charity are invested in interest bearing accounts, rates are extremely low.

## SECTION F:- OTHER OPTIONAL INFORMATION.

- Population growth
- Social Deprivation
- Effect on Carers
- Long term health problems
- Number of residents claiming disability allowances
- Substantial increases in Learning disabilities and dementia Recent National and local research continues to reinforce the absolute need for the service that M.V.Freedom provides in Weymouth and Portland and the surrounding areas. Weymouth and Portland are in the top 10% of areas of UK deprivation, and with many other community problems within the population. Our voluntary service is a valuable addition to the statutory services, and in helping to reduce their costs.

**Sources:-** Office of National Statistics - Gov.uk - English indices of multiple deprivation. Dorset County Council - Policy and Research Dept.

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## SECTION G - DECLARATION:-

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report.

Signed on behalf of the trustees:-

Chairman.

Full name: Dirk Aldous

Secretary.

Full name: Steven Evans

Date: 17th July, 2021



## Receipts and payments account

For the period  
from

Period start date  
1st April 2020

To

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>			
One off donations	3,019	-	-
Collection pots	974	-	-
Trip donations	360	-	-
HMRC tax relief on gift aid and on fuel	2,042	-	-
Fund raising events	6,139	-	-
Bank interest	2,279	-	-
Virgin Money Giving	4,322	-	-
PayPal	1,675	-	-
Grants & Large donations	10,506	-	-
		4,564	-
	31,316	4,564	-
<b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)			
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>			
Sale of old boat	42,042	-	-
	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	42,042	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>73,358</b>	<b>4,564</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>			
Boat running costs excl fuel	869	-	-
Boat capital improvements	-	-	-
Insurance	169	-	-
Harbour fees	738	-	-
Administration costs	574	-	-
Fuel costs	-	-	-
Legal costs	607	-	-
New boat	-	-	-
New boat extras	1,350	4,564	-
	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>4,307</b>	<b>4,564</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>			
Stage pmts made new boat	246,842	-	-
	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>246,842</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

<b>Total payments</b>	<b>251,149</b>	<b>4,564</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments) -</b>	<b>177,791</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>233,433</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>55,642</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of

<b>Categories</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds to nearest £</b>
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>		
	Barclays Community Account	<b>9,855</b>
	Petty Cash	<b>9</b>
	Barclays Bank investment account	<b>100</b>
	Skipton Building Society	<b>46,021</b>
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>55,986</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	
		<b>Agreement Error</b>
		<b>Unrestricted funds</b>
		<b>to nearest £</b>
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>-</b>
		<b>-</b>
		<b>-</b>
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		<b>-</b>
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>
	New MV Freedom boat	

**B5 Liabilities**

**Details**

**Fund to which liability relates**

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

Signature

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Mr D. W. Alk

Mr M. J. C

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Period end date  
31st March 2021

<b>Total funds</b>	<b>Last year</b>
<b>to the nearest £</b>	<b>to the nearest £</b>
3,019	7,565
974	4,234
360	10,397
2,042	10,342
6,139	9,137
2,279	1,319
4,322	
1,675	
10,506	10,506
4,564	74,000
35,880	116,994
42,042	
-	-
42,042	-
77,922	116,994
869	7,258
-	-
169	1,281
738	708
574	798
-	3,602
607	1,973
5,914	-
-	-
8,871	15,620
246,842	53,000
-	
246,842	53,000

255,713                      68,620

-                      177,791                      48,374

-                      -

233,433                      -

55,642                      48,374

## the period

### Restricted funds

to nearest £

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### Endowment funds

to nearest £

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### Restricted funds

to nearest £

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Current value (optional)

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**28th July, 2021**

Garrett

**28th July. 2021**



**Section A Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
Friends of M.V Freedom

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31 March 2021	<b>Charity no (if any)</b>	283955
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**Set out on pages**

1 and 2  
(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 year ended **31 / 03 / 2021**.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, 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 all 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 (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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 accounts to be reached.

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

**Signed:**

**Date:**

20 August 2021

**Name:**

Rhys James Evans

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)

**Address:**

12 Castle Hill Road, Weymouth, Dorset, DT4 9NQ


**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**

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