

FRIENDS OF MV FREEDOM

TRUSTEES CHARITY COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL 2023 TO 31ST 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 
Name A BELCHER

Position Hon Chairman

Signature 

Name M. J. GARRETT

Position TREASURER

Date:-



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Friends of MY Freedom

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

1st April 2023

To

March 31st 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 £
A1 Receipts					
Trip donations	10,029	-	-	10,029	11,825
Collection pots	805	-	-	805	1,848
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	9,908	-	-	9,908	-
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
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	43,404	-	-	43,404	62,231
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	43,404	-	-	43,404	62,231
A3 Payments					
Insurance	3,308	-	-	3,308	3,075
Harbour fees	1,018	-	-	1,018	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	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	19,113	-	-	19,113	17,697
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	19,113	-	-	19,113	17,697
Net of receipts/(payments)	24,291	-	-	24,291	44,534
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	135,960	-	-	135,960	-
Cash funds this year end	160,251	-	-	160,251	44,534

43,404



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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	Barclays community account	16,245	-	-
	Pety cash	68	-	-
	Barclays investment account	101	-	-
	Skipton Building Society	58,847	-	-
	United Trust Bank charity bond	85,000	-	-
	Total cash funds	160,251	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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)
	MV Freedom boat		-	270,000
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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
	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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