

# 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)

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## **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.**

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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



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Charity Name	283955	283955
Friends of MV Freedom		

## Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

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>	45,280	-	-	45,280	43,404
<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>	16,174	-	-	16,174	19,113
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	16,174	-	-	16,174	19,113
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	29,106	-	-	29,106	24,291
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	160,251	-	-	160,251	135,960
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	189,357	-	-	189,357	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	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>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	HMRC Gift Aid Tax relief	4,784	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<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)
	MV Freedom boat		-	260,000
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<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	
		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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