



Trustees' Annual Report for the period						
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Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Pett Level Independent Rescue Boat Association

Other names charity is known by

N/A

Registered charity number (if any)

286891

Charity's principal address

The Lifeboat House (HQ)

Pett Level

Hastings

Postcode

TN35 4EH

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1 Brian Barker			Pett Level Independent Rescue Boat Assoc
2 John Brooker			
3 John Pulfer			
4 Kit McLean			
5 David Dunlop			
6 Stella Dunn	Treasurer		
7 Russell Gilbert			

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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
N/A	<hr/> <hr/>

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	CONSTITUTION
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	ASSOCIATION
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by Members at A.G.M.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To provide a local professional inshore and offshore rescue service in the vicinity of Rye Bay and Pett Level and elsewhere as requested or required.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity

- Working with other local charities and community services to enhance awareness and raise funds.
- Open Day for the Community in August of this year.
- On-going Training for all volunteers in lifesaving, first aid, personal survival and boatmanship for Crew Members.

Commission on public benefit)

- Recruitment Drive to encourage new members to join our volunteering team.
- Attend community quiz's, fairs and establishments to raise funds.
- Introduction of the Pett Slip Buoys - a group of crew members coming together to sing sea shanties to raise funds for a particular project - New Lifeboat.
- Working towards becoming a declared facility.
- Participate actively with NILA
- Completion of grant applications.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Our volunteers regularly give up their spare time every Sunday and Thursday to carry out training exercises in preparation for callouts. They have the skills, dedication and enthusiasm when real emergency calls are in progress. They work as a team and ensure safety comes first for each of them and all those involved.

Our volunteers also work endlessly at fundraising events to secure monies to maintain our equipment and cover our running costs each year. This year we organised an open day which was another successful day, raising over £5k.

We also, for the second time organised in partnership with our local snack hut "Eaters" Carols at Eaters just before christmas which was extremely popular and raised for us over £300.

Some of our voluntary crew members have formed a Shanty Group called the Pett Slip Buoys. They give up more of their time by attending practice sessions every Monday evening

Our generous donors who, without their help and support, we could not continue to function.

We have a new Fund raiser who will be looking into grant applications to raise money for our larger projects.

A planning application has been accepted to rebuild and extend our lifeboat shed. Volunteers are working hard to raise the £70k funds to make this happen.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Successfully run an open day achieving a gross income of over £5k.

Boosted our presence on the web and social media, raising awareness of PLIRB and its activities.

With successful fundraising and generous donations this year, we were able to:

Purchase new life jackets with improved lighting system and two new drysuits for new crew members.

To enable us to continue to work towards becoming a Declared facility, a number of courses were attended by some of our helms and crew members; a three day UK Sar Level 3 Casualty care course. One Helm member attended and passed PRR training course and RYA Day skipper Course

Our new and exciting Sea Shanty group made up of all volunteer crew members have attended numerous venues at no charge but have raised approximately £5000 in donations to go towards the £70k needed for a New Lifeboat.

We have been successful in our application for two grants this year; £250 from Fairlight Parish Council and £4646 from UK Sar to pay for the training courses needed for our Declared facility application. Received a £35k Grant from Valerie Morant Trust via Herringtons Solicitor's. This has been split between a number of our current projects.

The Lifeboat has attended 24 urgent call outs this year, such as; 3 x yacht incidents, swimmer in distress, kite surfer in distress, capsized boat with 4 casualties in the water, missing walker at Rock-A-Nore, missing children at Camber Sands, jellyfish sting, casualty stuck in the mud: these are just a few of the many different tasks our Lifeboat and First Aiders deal with, in different locations and at various times of the day/night.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

In line with Charities policy we hold three years running costs. Due to increase in the cost of living etc, the amount held in the reserve account has been increased to 35k.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None to report

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Our main source of funds are through grant applications, donations, fundraising events and online fundraising, also a bric a brac stall and charity shed both run by volunteers during Spring to Autumn each year. This year we have our Pett Slip Buoys Sea Shanty group that aims to raise the funds for a new Lifeboat.

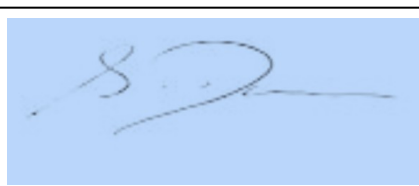
We have raised funds specifically for a Declared Facility project and the expenditure made on the courses attended will go a long way in moving this forward.

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Stella Dunn

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Treasurer/Trustee

Date 14/02/2024

PETT LEVEL INDEPENDENT RESCUE BOAT ASSOCIATION
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

INCOME	£
Fundraising/Donations Projects	21,034.92
Other Donations	6,104.91
FOBPLIRB/Projects	1,102.00
Other Fundraising	910.92
Grants	39,646.00
Donation for Fuel. (RO)	1,200.00
Sale of Goods	5,848.42
Sumup Debit/Credit Card rec	1,073.00
Legacies & Memorials	1,238.36
Sundries	1,157.95
Charity Shed	759.91
Barbara's Stall	693.20
Interest Received	392.79
	<u>81,162.38</u>

EXPENDITURE	£
New Equipment	20,646.37
Repairs & Replacements	5,338.67
Insurance	3,808.40
Rates	121.96
Licences & Registrations	770.39
Telephone	1,208.25
Electric	1,227.66
Post & Printing	307.85
Fundraising Expenses	3,928.17
Welfare	206.02
Fuel	2,188.02
Sewage	273.46
Sundries	1,722.60
Projects	14,926.59
	<u>56,674.41</u>

Surplus for the year	<u>24,487.97</u>
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2023

<u>Accumulated Fund:</u>	
Balance brought forward	97,504.89
Surplus for the year	24,487.97
	<u>121,992.86</u>

<u>Represented by:</u>	
Cash in Hand	293.07
Bank Reserve Account	35,508.82
Bank Current Account	21,370.05
FOPLIRB/Project Account	64,820.92
	<u>121,992.86</u>

Independent Examiners Report to the trustees of the Pett Level Independent Rescue Boat Association:

I report on the Receipts and Payments Account of the Trust for the year ended 31st December 2023.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner:

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,**
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act and**
- to state whether matters have come to my attention.**

Basis on independent examiners report:

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An Examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether these accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below:

Independent Examiner's statement:

**In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention which give me cause to believe that in any material respect:
accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.**

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Richard Bourne FAIA
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16th March 2024**