



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 David Dunlop			
5 Stella Dunn	Treasurer		
6 Russell Gilbert		March 2024	
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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	

**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)**

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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 supplementary professional inshore and offshore independent rescue service, backed by structural training, 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 Commission on public benefit)**

- 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.
- Recruitment Drive to encourage new members to join our volunteering team.
- Attend community quiz's, fairs and establishments to raise funds.
- 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)**

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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 £6k.

Some of our voluntary crew members are part of 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.

Unfortunately our fundraiser left our association and therefore we have been looking for a new fundraiser to support in our applications to raise money for our larger projects.

Our planning application to rebuild and extend our lifeboat house has been amended and resubmitted for planning approval. Volunteers are working hard to raise the £100k 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 £6k.

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

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 £14k in donations to go towards the £70k needed for a New Lifeboat.

In addition to our varied fundraising activities, we have been successful in our application for two grants this year; £250 from Fairlight Parish Council and £500 from Pett Parish Council. These grants have helped to pay for the training courses needed for our Declared facility application.

The Lifeboat has been tasked by UK Coastguard to attend 29 urgent call outs this year, such as:-

Tasks to rescue personnel from the water in Hastings, Pett and Rye, support the recovery of a broken down rib at Rye, missing persons at Camber beach. First aid administered to an injured person who slipped on the cliff. Attended a windsurfer in distress in Winchelsea and a broken down fishing boat 6miles off Pett beach. 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 + interest

### 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. We also 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, New Lifeboat and New Lifeboat House projects. We are expected to ascertain our Declared Facility status in 2025.

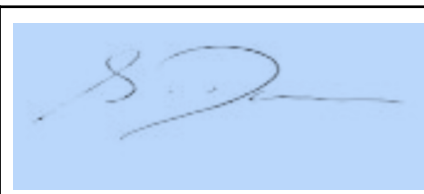
## Section G

## 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

14/03/2025



**PETT LEVEL INDEPENDENT RESCUE BOAT ASSOCIATION**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>£</b>
Donations - Unrestricted	17185.40
Donations - Restricted	22529.25
Legacies	1584.62
Grants	1365.00
Fundraising Events	13174.63
Merchandise - Restricted	359.96
Gift Aid	516.36
Interest	922.65
	<u>57637.87</u>

<b>PAYMENTS</b>	<b>£</b>
Rescue Boat Running Costs	4553.81
Insurance	4069.97
New Equipment - Unrestricted	2657.19
New Equipment - Restricted	1807.30
PLIRB Future	837.00
Training	4429.43
Equipment Maintenance	5698.78
Merchandise	277.92
Event Expenditure	3059.68
Boathouse Running Costs	5674.86
Licences and Permits	2208.80
Telecomms	904.55
Sundries	372.50
Publicity	892.80
Printing Postage and Stationery	585.71
Independent Examiner	750.00
	<u>38780.30</u>

Surplus for the Year	<u>18857.57</u>
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**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

**Accumulated Fund:**

Balance brought forward	121992.86
Surplus for the Year	18857.57
	<u>140850.43</u>

**Represented by:**

**Unrestricted Funds:**

Cash in Hand	167.13
Bank Current Account	29244.84
Bank Reserve Account	117.14
FOPLIRB/Project Account	225.99

**Restricted Funds:**

Project Savings Account	75076.09
Reserve Account	36019.24
	<u>140850.43</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 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024.

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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14th March 2025