

**REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 01872144 (England and Wales)**  
**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 292216**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024  
FOR  
THE WHEELYBOAT TRUST**

GMP Audit Limited, Statutory Auditor  
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**THE WHEELYBOAT TRUST**

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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## **THE WHEELYBOAT TRUST**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Objectives and aims**

The Charity's objectives and the principal activity of the company continues to be that of developing, building, promoting and supplying specially designed boats for use by people with learning, sensory and mobility impairments. Wheelyboats enable their users to participate in sporting, educational, recreational and therapeutic activities on waters across the UK benefitting their mental and physical health and well-being.

##### **Significant activities**

The principal activity of the Charity is to help public waters, groups and organisations acquire Wheelyboats for the benefit of their disabled visitors, members, beneficiaries, etc. It does this by raising funds in order to substantially reduce the capital cost of acquiring Wheelyboats thereby aiding and encouraging the maximum provision of the facility nationwide.

##### **Volunteers**

A large proportion of Wheelyboats operating in the UK rely heavily on volunteer support. For example, canal trusts, Sailability groups and angling clubs that operate Wheelyboats are run entirely by volunteers. The Tees Wheelyboats Club in Stockton, Overwater Wheelyboat Project in Cheshire and Wallingford Accessible Boat Club on the River Thames, for example, were set up by volunteers with the specific aim of operating their own Wheelyboat. The Charity can call upon the services of several volunteer helpers to provide assistance at shows, demonstrations and events.

#### **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

##### **Charitable activities**

Three Wheelyboats were supplied during the year. One Coulam Wheelyboat V20 and two Coulam Wheelyboat V17s went to projects in Greater Manchester, Dorset and Cumbria.

##### **Fundraising**

All the Charity's donated income is the result of direct appeals to grant making trusts and individuals. No other material fundraising activities, except for the sale and purchase of Wheelyboats, are undertaken.

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### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Financial performance**

In spite of challenging economic conditions, the Charity produced a robust performance during the year with an unrestricted surplus of £16,024 compared with a deficit of £1,997 last year. It continues to maintain a strong balance sheet with unrestricted funds well above the minimum set out in the Reserves Policy.

The number of new boat projects brought to completion (three) is down on recent years (FY23: seven, FY22: eight, FY21: twelve) and reflects the difficult conditions being experienced in the boating sector. The Charity has always experienced peaks and troughs year on year with the number of boats it supplies.

The deficit of £5,541 in restricted funds is due to the cyclical nature of Wheelyboat supply with restricted grants being spent on the purchase of the three boats supplied in the year outstripping funds raised towards new projects.

All three Wheelyboats supplied in the year were purchased with the help of funds raised towards them by the Charity. There were no outright sales of Wheelyboats in the year where operators funded them in full (FY23: £108,345).

Contributing to the surplus of unrestricted income over expenditure were: an increase in unrestricted donations; lower payroll costs following the restructuring of employees' roles; savings from boat launches and PR due to fewer launches being held; and no professional fees in the year resulting from the accident involving a Wheelyboat in Devon in 2022 (FY23: £8,129).

The overall combined effect delivered £252,210 of total incoming resources (FY23: £363,532) and £241,727 of total resources expended (FY23: £358,214), resulting in a net surplus of £10,483 (FY23: £5,318). The net surplus comprises a surplus of £16,024 in unrestricted funds (FY23: £1,997 deficit) and a deficit of £5,541 in restricted funds (FY23: £7,315 surplus).

The increase in net income year on year meant that the Charity's net assets (total funds) stood at £200,116 at the end of the year (FY23: £189,633) and comprised £108,580 of unrestricted funds (FY23: £92,556) and £91,536 of restricted funds (FY23: £97,077).

The Charity continues to monitor the fundraising and economic environment carefully. Increases in the cost of raw materials and skilled labour have seen increased boatbuilding costs and administration costs have not been immune to the effects of inflation either, but there has been less inflationary pressure this year. The cost increases are being mitigated through continued disciplined management of expenditure associated with charitable activities and efforts to increase the value of funds raised.

##### **Principal funding sources**

Grant making trusts provide the main sources of funding for the Charity, from specific projects to day-to-day running costs.

The Charity would particularly like to recognise the following for their invaluable support:

His Majesty The King, Alpkitt Foundation, Ammco Charitable Trust, Army Welfare Service, Astor of Hever Trust, Bassil Shippam Charitable Trust, Bennett Family Grantmaking Charity, Big Give, Brocklebank Charitable Trust, Bruce Wake Charitable Trust, Dalglish Trust, David Knight Charitable Trust, Douglas Arter Foundation, Dumbreck Charity, Geoff Hill Charitable Trust, Gerald Palmer Eling Trust, Gilander Foundation, Gilbert & Eileen Edgar Foundation, Greaves & Withey Foundation, Green Hall Foundation, Grimmitt Trust, Harmony Foundation, H D H Wills 1965 Charitable Trust, Inchcape Charitable Trust Fund, Inland Revenue Flyfishers, Lakeland Disability Sport, Lance Nicholson's Dulverton, Lascelles Trust, Leng Trust, Lord Barnby's Foundation, Manchester City Council, Manchester Outdoor Education Trust, Marsh Charitable Trust, Middlesex Sports Foundation, MV Hillhouse Trust, Muriel Woellwarth Trust, Patrick Trust, Rank Foundation, R J Larg Charitable Trust, Swire Charitable Trusts, Scott Eredine Charitable Trust, Sir James Roll Charitable Trust, Verdon-Smith Family Charitable Settlement, W A Handley Charitable Trust, We love Manchester, Willan Charitable Trust, the Family of Mervyl McCowan deceased and to everyone who made personal donations.

## **THE WHEELYBOAT TRUST**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Reserves policy**

The present level of funding is sufficient to support the continued demands upon the Charity and is in line with its reserves policy which aims to maintain an unrestricted reserve of at least £50,000, equivalent to about six months' running costs.

#### **FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS**

The Charity will continue to promote and provide Wheelyboats to waters open to the public for the benefit of their disabled visitors for pleasure boating, nature watching, powerboating, angling, etc. and to help groups and organisations acquire Wheelyboats for their own use.

There has been an upsurge in enquiries recently including from operators whose Wheelyboat is oversubscribed and they need a second one to meet the demand from disabled users. The Charity is currently raising funds to support projects in the West Midlands, Angus, Renfrewshire, Lancashire, Co Tyrone, Surrey, Kent, East Sussex, Leicestershire and Co Dublin.

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

The Charity is constituted as a Company limited by guarantee, and is therefore governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association, as amended by special resolutions in March 2004, May 2006 and October 2007.

##### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

The directors of the Company are also trustees of the Charity for the purposes of charity law and under the Company's articles are known as members of the Board of Trustees. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the members of the Board of trustees are elected to serve for a period of three years after which they must be re-elected at the next Annual General Meeting.

The Board of Trustees includes members with specific knowledge and skills applicable to the requirements of the Charity. They are a broad mix of individuals with professional expertise and experience in the charity sector, media and public relations, marketing, finance, law, accounting and industry. Any future members will be required to have similar or complementary skills and be aware of the needs of disabled people in the context of the Charity's activities.

##### **Organisational structure**

The Charity is structured so that the full Board of Trustees meet three/four times a year and at the Annual General Meeting of the Company. The day-to-day governance of the Charity is the initial responsibility of the Board of Trustees with two sub-committees, Finance & Boat and Fundraising, which are made up of selected trustees with specific knowledge and expertise, the officers and the administrator. Any significant changes to the Charity's forward planning or operations are presented to the Board of Trustees for their consideration and ratification before implementation.

##### **Induction and training of new trustees**

All of the existing trustees are fully aware of the practical work of the Charity and have been advised of their responsibilities both to the Charity and to the Charity Commission. New trustees tend to have already been involved with the Charity and its work and, as in the past, all new trustees will be provided with relevant Charity Commission publications; apprised of the objectives and activities of the Charity; provided with a copy of the Memorandum and Articles of Association together with the most recent set of annual accounts. They will also be required to attend a meeting with the chairman of the Board of Trustees who will familiarise them with the workings of the Charity and context within which they will be working.

##### **Wider network**

The Charity has working relationships with other charities in the fields in which it operates. It helps groups and organisations acquire Wheelyboats for their own beneficiaries and it promotes the benefits and availability of Wheelyboats through other charities.

## **THE WHEELYBOAT TRUST**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Roadford Accident**

A serious incident involving a Mk III Wheelyboat, operated and maintained by South West Lakes Trust, took place in Devon in June 2022 where, tragically, two people lost their lives. Our heartfelt sympathies and condolences remain with the families and friends of those who died. We have co-operated fully with the Marine Accident Investigation Branch throughout their investigation and acknowledge their report and note that they did not find that the design of the vessel involved contributed to the incident. We will be reviewing the recommendations coming out of the report to ensure that our guidance and processes are updated as may be required. The Charity incurred no professional costs relating to the accident in the year (FY23: £8,129) but has set aside £3,000 in the current year.

#### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

##### **Registered Company number**

01872144 (England and Wales)

##### **Registered Charity number**

292216

##### **Registered office**

20 Eversley Road  
Bexhill-on-Sea  
East Sussex  
TN40 1HE

##### **Trustees**

Mr A G Scott  
Mrs P V Seligman  
Mr G E S Seligman  
Mr I Thornley OBE  
Mr S D Barrowcliff  
Mrs M E Brocklebank  
Mr J I Leslie Melville  
Mrs S E Buscall  
Lady Z L B Benyon

##### **Auditors**

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##### **Bankers**

CAF Bank Limited  
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Bexhill-on-Sea  
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##### **Administrators**

Mr A Beadsley  
Mr P Elgood

## **THE WHEELYBOAT TRUST**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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#### **EVENTS SINCE THE END OF THE YEAR**

Information relating to events since the end of the year is given in the notes to the financial statements.

#### **PUBLIC BENEFIT**

The trustees have complied with their duty in the Charities Act to have due regard to guidelines issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

#### **TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT**

The trustees (who are also the directors of The Wheelyboat Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

#### **AUDITORS**

The auditors, GMP Audit Limited, Statutory Auditor, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 2 November 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr A G Scott - Trustee

## **REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE WHEELYBOAT TRUST**

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### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of The Wheelyboat Trust (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

### **Other information**

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- the charitable company has not kept adequate accounting records; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

## **REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE WHEELYBOAT TRUST**

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### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### **Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

We have been appointed as auditors under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- Discussions with management which included consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud.
- Reviewing, evaluating and testing systems and controls to assess their effectiveness to prevent and detect irregularities.
- Identifying, reviewing and testing of cashbook and working papers.
- Challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in respect of significant accounting estimates.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
THE WHEELYBOAT TRUST**

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**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

for and on behalf of GMP Audit Limited, Statutory Auditor  
Eligible to act as an auditor in terms of Section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006  
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5 November 2024

**THE WHEELYBOAT TRUST**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	<b>2024 Total funds £</b>	<i>2023 Total funds £</i>
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	<b>149,953</b>	<b>97,382</b>	<b>247,335</b>	251,867
Other trading activities	3	-	-	-	108,345
Investment income	4	<b>4,500</b>	-	<b>4,500</b>	2,044
Other income		<b>375</b>	-	<b>375</b>	1,276
<b>Total</b>		<b>154,828</b>	<b>97,382</b>	<b>252,210</b>	363,532
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Raising funds</b>					
Raising donations and legacies	5	<b>27,158</b>	-	<b>27,158</b>	25,796
Other trading activities	6	-	-	-	93,172
		<b>27,158</b>	-	<b>27,158</b>	118,968
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Charitable activities - Restricted	7	-	<b>102,923</b>	<b>102,923</b>	79,835
Charitable activities - Unrestricted		<b>111,646</b>	-	<b>111,646</b>	159,411
<b>Total</b>		<b>138,804</b>	<b>102,923</b>	<b>241,727</b>	358,214
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<b>16,024</b>	<b>(5,541)</b>	<b>10,483</b>	5,318
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		<b>92,556</b>	<b>97,077</b>	<b>189,633</b>	184,315
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>108,580</b>	<b>91,536</b>	<b>200,116</b>	189,633

The notes form part of these financial statements

**THE WHEELYBOAT TRUST**

**BALANCE SHEET  
31 MARCH 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	<b>2024 Total funds £</b>	<i>2023 Total funds £</i>
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	14	<b>1,050</b>	-	<b>1,050</b>	3,058
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Stocks	15	<b>26,794</b>	<b>12,500</b>	<b>39,294</b>	7,380
Debtors	16	<b>41,136</b>	<b>47,061</b>	<b>88,197</b>	38,852
Cash at bank		<b>64,075</b>	<b>31,975</b>	<b>96,050</b>	179,251
		<b>132,005</b>	<b>91,536</b>	<b>223,541</b>	225,483
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	17	<b>(24,475)</b>	-	<b>(24,475)</b>	(38,908)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>107,530</b>	<b>91,536</b>	<b>199,066</b>	186,575
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>108,580</b>	<b>91,536</b>	<b>200,116</b>	189,633
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>108,580</b>	<b>91,536</b>	<b>200,116</b>	189,633
<b>FUNDS</b>	18				
Unrestricted funds				<b>108,580</b>	92,556
Restricted funds				<b>91,536</b>	97,077
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<b>200,116</b>	189,633

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The members have not deposited notice, pursuant to Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 requiring an audit of these financial statements.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been audited under the requirements of Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

The notes form part of these financial statements

**THE WHEELYBOAT TRUST**

**BALANCE SHEET - continued**  
**31 MARCH 2024**

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These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 2 November 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



Mr A G Scott - Trustee



Mr I Thornley OBE - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

**Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

**Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

**Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Boat equipment	- 25% on cost
Office equipment	- 33% on cost

Wheelyboats are fully depreciated in their first year to reflect the bespoke nature of the boats and residual value once transferred to their location for use.

**Stocks**

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

**THE WHEELYBOAT TRUST**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Donations etc - Wheelyboats	<b>95,442</b>	153,799
Donations - Other	<b>151,893</b>	98,068
	<b>247,335</b>	251,867

**3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Sale of Wheelyboats	-	108,345

**4. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Deposit account interest	<b>4,500</b>	2,044

**5. RAISING DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Staff costs	<b>27,158</b>	25,796

**6. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Purchase of Wheelyboats for resale	-	93,172

**7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	Direct Costs £	Grant funding of activities £	Support costs (see note 8) £	Totals £
Charitable activities - Restricted	<b>99,423</b>	<b>3,500</b>	-	<b>102,923</b>
Charitable activities - Unrestricted	<b>85,835</b>	-	<b>25,811</b>	<b>111,646</b>
	<b>185,258</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>25,811</b>	<b>214,569</b>

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**8. SUPPORT COSTS**

	Governance costs £
Charitable activities - Unrestricted	<b><u>25,811</u></b>

**9. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Depreciation - owned assets	<b><u>2,008</u></b>	<b><u>20,009</u></b>

**10. AUDITORS' REMUNERATION**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Fees payable to the charity's auditors for the audit of the charity's financial statements	<b><u>6,920</u></b>	<b><u>6,330</u></b>

**11. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

**12. STAFF COSTS**

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
Administration and fundraising	<b><u>2</u></b>	<b><u>2</u></b>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

**13. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	164,717	87,150	251,867
Other trading activities	108,345	-	108,345
Investment income	2,044	-	2,044
Other income	1,276	-	1,276
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>276,382</u></b>	<b><u>87,150</u></b>	<b><u>363,532</u></b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Raising funds</b>			
Raising donations and legacies	25,796	-	25,796

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**13. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Other trading activities	93,172	-	93,172
	118,968	-	118,968
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Charitable activities - Restricted	-	79,835	79,835
Charitable activities - Unrestricted	159,411	-	159,411
<b>Total</b>	278,379	79,835	358,214
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	(1,997)	7,315	5,318
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	94,553	89,762	184,315
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	92,556	97,077	189,633

**14. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Boat equipment £	Office equipment £	Boats £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>				
At 1 April 2023	14,194	1,091	173,278	188,563
Disposals	-	-	(20,643)	(20,643)
At 31 March 2024	14,194	1,091	152,635	167,920
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>				
At 1 April 2023	11,136	1,091	173,278	185,505
Charge for year	2,008	-	-	2,008
Eliminated on disposal	-	-	(20,643)	(20,643)
At 31 March 2024	13,144	1,091	152,635	166,870
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>				
At 31 March 2024	1,050	-	-	1,050
At 31 March 2023	3,058	-	-	3,058

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**15. STOCKS**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Stocks	<b>39,294</b>	<b>7,380</b>

**16. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade debtors	<b>30,009</b>	<b>24,664</b>
Other debtors	<b>2,321</b>	<b>10,135</b>
VAT	<b>7,119</b>	<b>2,643</b>
Prepayments and accrued income	<b>47,019</b>	<b>-</b>
Prepayments	<b>1,729</b>	<b>1,410</b>
	<b>88,197</b>	<b>38,852</b>

**17. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade creditors	<b>16,471</b>	<b>30,821</b>
Social security and other taxes	<b>1,455</b>	<b>1,651</b>
Other creditors	<b>6,549</b>	<b>6,436</b>
	<b>24,475</b>	<b>38,908</b>

**18. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	<b>At 1/4/23</b>	<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>At 31/3/24</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	<b>92,556</b>	<b>16,024</b>	<b>108,580</b>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted fund	<b>97,077</b>	<b>(5,541)</b>	<b>91,536</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>189,633</b>	<b>10,483</b>	<b>200,116</b>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	<b>Incoming resources</b>	<b>Resources expended</b>	<b>Movement in funds</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	<b>154,828</b>	<b>(138,804)</b>	<b>16,024</b>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted fund	<b>97,382</b>	<b>(102,923)</b>	<b>(5,541)</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>252,210</b>	<b>(241,727)</b>	<b>10,483</b>

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	At 1/4/22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	94,553	(1,997)	92,556
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted fund	89,762	7,315	97,077
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>184,315</u>	<u>5,318</u>	<u>189,633</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	276,382	(278,379)	(1,997)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted fund	87,150	(79,835)	7,315
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>363,532</u>	<u>(358,214)</u>	<u>5,318</u>

The restricted funds above relate to amounts donated by grant making trusts & individuals for boat projects at specific locations.

**19. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

Donations totalling £2,289 (2023 - £5,250) were received from the trustees and other trusts in which they are involved.

**20. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS**

A serious incident involving a Mk III Wheelyboat, operated and maintained by South West Lakes Trust, took place in Devon in June 2022 where, tragically, two people lost their lives. The Marine Accident Investigation Branch published their report in October 2024. The Charity incurred professional costs of £Nil (2023- £8,129) in the year and has set aside a further £3,000 in the current year.

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**21. GUARANTEE OF MEMBERS**

Every member of the Trust undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required (not exceeding £5) to the Trust's assets if it is wound up while he is a member, or within one year after he ceases to be a member, for payment of the Trust's debts and liabilities contracted before he ceases to be a member, and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributories among themselves.