



# Sandown & Shanklin Independent Lifeboat

## Trustees' Annual Report

1 November 2023 – 31 October  
2024

Charity No: 299584

Sandown & Shanklin Independent Lifeboat  
Western Esplanade  
Sandown  
Isle of Wight PO36 8JS

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## Introduction



Sandown & Shanklin Independent Lifeboat is a charitable and not-for-profit organisation created with the aim of preserving human life by providing a 24/7 emergency lifesaving service around the south coast of the Isle of Wight. The charity is run entirely by volunteers from the local Sandown and Shanklin community and receives no funding from the government. It is also not affiliated to the RNLI.

Sandown bay is one of the main tourist attractions on the Isle of Wight offering stunning beaches, swimming, windsurfing, paragliding and fossil hunting. In addition, Sandown and Shanklin hold various beach related events throughout the year including regattas, swimming races and fun runs. The Sandown

& Shanklin Independent Lifeboat provides the safety for these events and therefore not only supports the massive tourist influx to Sandown Bay by providing sea and beach safety, but also supports the local community in its beach related community events. In addition, crew members from the Sandown & Shanklin Independent Lifeboat visit local schools and organisations giving water safety training and give sea awareness talks to local organisations.

Sandown & Shanklin Independent Lifeboat is a highly visible and integral part of the local Sandown and Shanklin community. It develops members of the local community and helps to encourage more people to use Sandown Bay's beaches safely.

## **Governance**



### **Constitution**

The governance of the Sandown & Shanklin Independent Lifeboat is defined in its Constitution which was last amended in 2018. The charity is constituted as a trust and has its financial year end on 31 October.

### **Patron**

The Sandown & Shanklin Independent Lifeboat is proud and honoured that Mrs. Susie Sheldon, Lord Lieutenant of the Isle of Wight is the charity's patron.

### **Trustees**

The constitution endows the members of the Sandown & Shanklin Independent Lifeboat with the power to appoint up to 5 of their number to be Trustees. The Trustees as at the end of 31 October 2023 are:

Mark Birch (Operations Manager & Lead Coxswain), Christopher Bartlett (2nd Coxswain, Training Officer), Richard Burns (Launch Authority & Fundraising Manager) and Neil Styles (Safeguarding Manager).

### **Management Committee**

The Trustees of Sandown & Shanklin Independent Lifeboat are invested by the Constitution with the power to appoint a Management Committee to oversee the general management of the charity. The members of the Management Committee as at the end of 31 October 2024 are:

Mark Birch (Operations Manager), Christopher Bartlett, Richard Burns, Sarah Bartlett (Honorary Secretary) & Jennifer Venables (Honorary Treasurer).



## Charitable Objectives



The objectives of Sandown & Shanklin Independent Lifeboat are to preserve and save life at sea for the benefit of the public by:

The promotion of technical education in life saving and resuscitation of the apparently drowned, and to provide suitable training of personnel.

The provision of volunteer life-saving services to the beaches and coastline in the area from Bembridge West to St Catherine's Point, and to ensure that this service is efficient and dependable in every way.

The promotion of sea awareness and the principles which underline safety at sea through public lectures, demonstrations, classes of instruction and competitions.

## **Achievements and Performance**



### **Lifesaving**

Sandown & Shanklin Independent Lifeboat provided 24/7 emergency support 365 days last year. The lifeboat was specifically called upon to attend numerous emergency lifesaving situations. In addition, whenever possible, the lifeboat provided a visible presence at sea during peak season, giving sea safety advice where necessary, and were available to respond to requests by local authorities to curb anti-social or dangerous behaviour by members of the public using Sandown Bay.

### **Training**

All members of the lifeboat crew voluntarily gave up their time on Wednesday evenings and Sundays

throughout the year to train new crew members and to provide the mutual support required to ensure that all crew members have the highest possible knowledge of sea safety and experience. In addition, various crew members have voluntarily attended professional sea safety and first aid courses. The level of commitment shown by the crew to training ensures that Sandown & Shanklin Independent Lifeboat can provide the best possible emergency service.

### **Awards**

On 12 July 2024 the Isle of Wight Lord Lieutenant, Susie Sheldon, presented the lifeboat with the King's Award for Voluntary Service at a special civic event. On 7 October 2024 numerous members of the crew received the King Charles III Coronation Medals to honour the service of those with 5 years or more of service to the charity. These included Mark Birch (31 years), Stephen Woodhams (24 years), David Howes (23 years), and Daren Sands (27 years).



## **Financial Review**



### **Cash Reserves**

As of the 31 October 2024 the charity had a bank / cash reserve of £313,945 which was split between operational reserves and the funds donated for the new build of the lifeboat station extension. The charity has adopted a low-risk strategy on the investment of reserves and holds the cash in two bank accounts: a major part of the cash reserve is invested in an interest-bearing savings bank account; the remaining funds required for operational purposes are held in a separate running account.

### **Fundraising**

The Sandown & Shanklin Independent Lifeboat has a dedicated team of volunteer fundraisers. The team consists primarily of Mary Birch, Angie Burns, Jackie Kelly, Katrina Kelly, Keith Kelly & Janet O'Mara. The team is also supported by members of the lifeboat crew and the management committee.

The Trustees would like to express their gratitude to the dedication and hard work of all fundraisers. In this financial year the fundraisers raised £4370.

### **Donations**

Sandown & Shanklin Independent Lifeboat gratefully received a total of £23,638 in donations this year.

### **Collection Boxes**

Numerous businesses in Sandown and Shanklin kindly agreed to collect funds for the Sandown & Shanklin Independent Lifeboat by displaying collection boxes on counters and other locations within

their business. The Trustees are grateful to all the local businesses and organisations who have supported the charity in this way. This raised £3292.

### **Lotto**

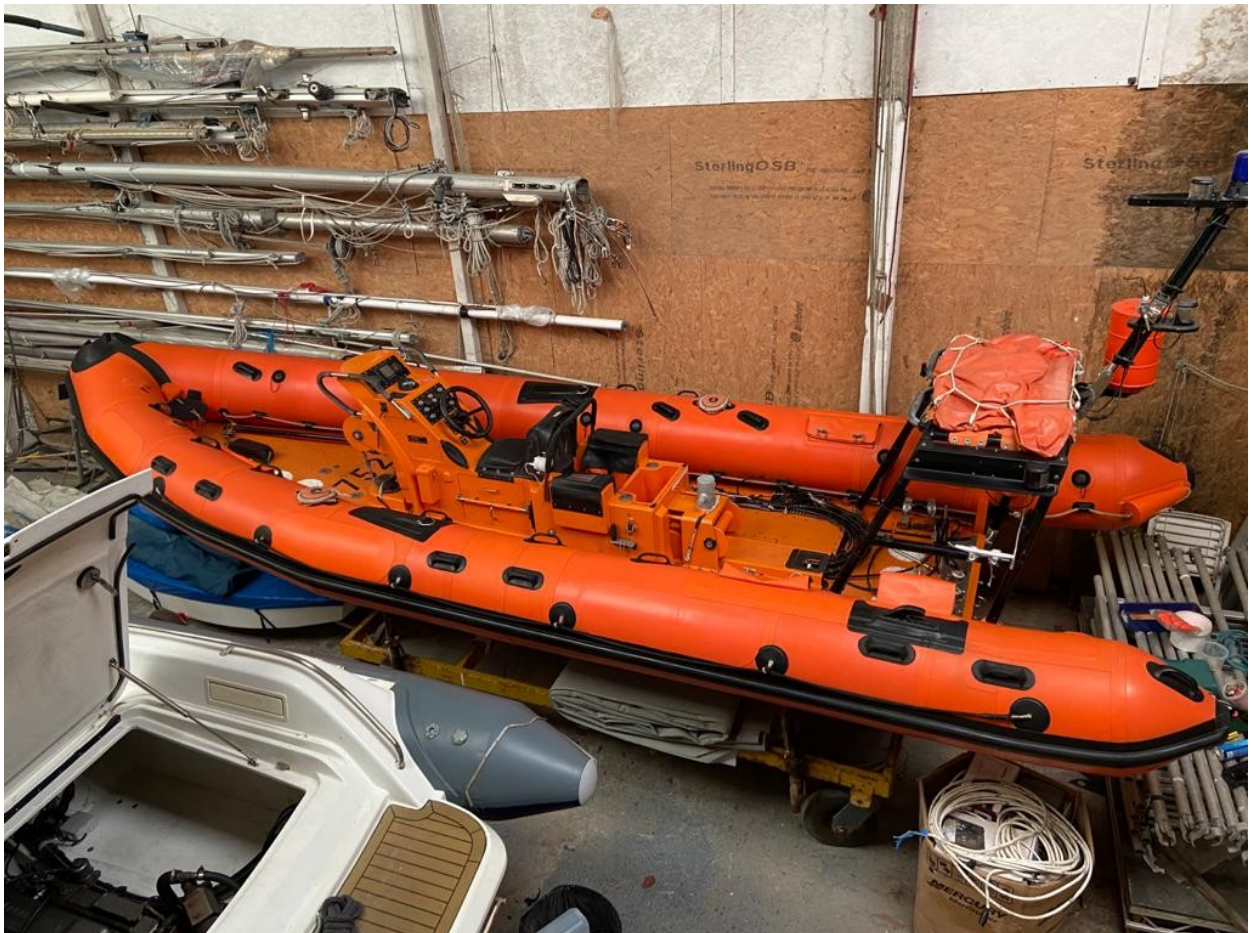
Sandown & Shanklin Independent Lifeboat received £11,859 from The Lifeboat Lotto Scheme this year, an average of £988 per month.

### **The New Build Fund**

The appeal for funds to build a new extension to the existing lifeboat station was launched in 2004. The target amount was set at £150,000. The side wall has now been rebuilt to the station after the cliff fall. Work continues. The funds reserved for the new build still stands at £87'632 as at 31 October 2024.

### **The New Boat**

The new Atlantic 75 is still being stored and worked on by Will Squibb Ltd, Attrills Yard, The Duver, St Helens, Isle of Wight, PO33 1YB. Work continues. No storage fees are being charged.





### **Trustee Sign Off**

The below Trustees declare they approve this report.

Signed by the following trustees:

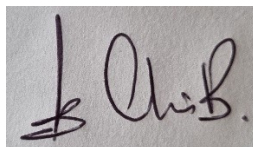
<b>Full name</b>	<b>Mark Birch</b>
<b>Position</b>	<b>Trustee &amp; Operations Manager</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>25 August 2025</b>

**Signature**

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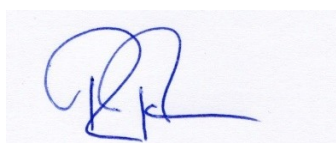
<b>Full name</b>	<b>Christopher Bartlett</b>
<b>Position</b>	<b>Trustee &amp; Training Officer</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>25 August 2025</b>

**Signature**

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<b>Full name</b>	<b>Richard Burns</b>
<b>Position</b>	<b>Trustee</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>25 August 2025</b>

**Signature**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Richard Burns', written in a cursive style.



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Sandown & Shanklin Independent Lifeboat

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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

Period start date  
01-Nov-23

To

Period end date  
31-Oct-24

### 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>					
Receipts	57,752	20	-	57,772	36,896
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)	57,752	20	-	57,772	36,896
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
None	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	57,752	20	-	57,772	36,896
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Payments	33,897	2,097	-	35,994	15,808
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	33,897	2,097	-	35,994	15,808
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
None	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	33,897	2,097	-	35,994	15,808
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	23,855	2,077	-	21,778	21,088
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>					
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	202,536	89,632	-	292,168	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	226,390	87,555	-	313,945	21,088

## 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>	Cash at Bank	225,776	87,555	-
	Petty Cash & Other	614	-	-
			-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>226,390</b>	<b>87,555</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

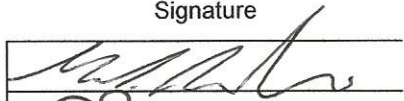

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	None	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	None		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	New Boat		-	45,000
	New Build (at cost)		-	37,372
	New Tractor		-	16,000
	Boat Trailers x 2		-	15,000
	Boat (Dove II)		-	25,000
	Old Tractor (Written Off)		-	
	Direction Finding Radio		-	3,500
	Fundraising Trailer			1,000
	Yamaha Engines (2) & Spares			6,500

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	None		-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Mark Birch	
	Richard Burns	04 DEC 24





Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name

Sandown & Shanklin Independent Lifeboat

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 Oct 24

Charity no  
(if any)

299584

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Responsibilities and  
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 10 / 2024

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 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.

Signed:

Date:

29/11/24

Name:

Graeme Shorter

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

N/A

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