



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 To 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

Charity name: Croydon Unit 96 of the Sea Cadet Corps

Charity registration number: 302987

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To help young people towards responsible adulthood by encouraging valuable personal attributes and high standards of conduct, using a nautical theme based on the customs of the Royal Navy
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Education of Young persons Ages 10-18 through a training programme that includes adventure training and waterborne activities.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees operate in accordance with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

## Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	The trustees make small grants to assist parents with meeting the cost of the more expensive activities such as off shore sailing. The intention is that no cadets should be unable to participate because of their family circumstances. The Unit provides a youth development activity in a Borough that has significant levels of youth crime and anti-social behaviour
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	

Contribution made by	Para 1.38	All of the adult staff both uniformed and civilian are volunteers and receive no payments
volunteers		when assisting with Unit activities. They provide life-changing experiences for the cadets. All staff and trustees are volunteers.
Other		

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Achieved the standards set by the national parent body, the Marine Society and Sea Cadets for the year 24/25, being awarded a burgee (marking very good performance)

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	

Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Any reserves held at the end of the financial year are kept in a deposit account
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<p>The charity receives some income from a property trust which holds the proceeds from the sale of the previous headquarter building.</p> <p>The cadets pay a small amount each evening and parents contribute towards the cost of the activities.</p>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<p>Shortage of adult volunteers</p> <p>Unsecured tenancy of shared buildings for operations</p>

Other		
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## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Sea Cadet Standard Constitution (2017 Edition)
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated Charitable Association
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees elected annually by attendees of the AGM

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Croydon Unit 96 of the Sea Cadet Corps
Other name the charity uses	Croydon Sea Cadets
Registered charity number	302987
Charity's principal address	Arnhem House Barracks, 1 Mitcham Road, Croydon, CR0 3RU

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	Christopher Hartwell	Chairman		
2	Mervin Sharp	Vice Chairman		
3	Pauline Sowemimo	Treasurer		
4	Mark Windsor	Secretary		
5	Kim Fitzgerald			
6	Sam Okyere			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	


### Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

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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### Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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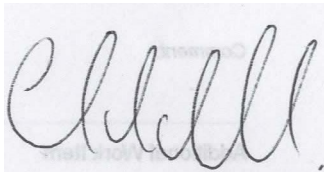
## Other optional information

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## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Christopher W B Hartwell	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman	
Date	24/10/2025	





## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/04/2024		31/03/2025

### 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>					
Cash income from money held in trust	40,000	-	-	40,000	-
Cadet Subscriptions	1,227	-	-	1,227	768
Grants	5,342	-	-	5,342	-
Other	19,640	-	-	19,640	-
Donation	-	-	-	-	-
Interest Income	-	-	-	-	1
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>66,208</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>66,208</b>	<b>769</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>66,208</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>66,208</b>	<b>769</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Advertising	-	-	-	-	-
Audit & Accountancy fees	300	-	-	300	300
Bank Charges	-	-	-	-	-
Cadet Courses	6,896	-	-	6,896	1,258.09
Donation	-	-	-	-	-
Consulting & Professional Fees	18,778	-	-	18,778	-
Cleaning	103	-	-	103	164
Entertainment	492	-	-	492	357
General Expenses	-	-	-	-	316.76
IT Software and Consumables	202	-	-	202	-
Insurance	1,597	-	-	1,597	927
Legal and Professional Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Motor Vehicle Expenses	2,668	-	-	2,668	246.58
Office supplies/Refreshments	582	-	-	582	2,395
Postage, Freight & Courier	-	-	-	-	-
Printing & Stationery	20	-	-	20	217
Rent	100	-	-	100	-
Repairs & Maintenance	15	-	-	15	52
Staff Training	-	-	-	-	280
Subscriptions	34	-	-	34	-
Telephone & Internet	693	-	-	693	646
Travel & Subsistence	-	-	-	-	107
Uniforms	2,717	-	-	2,717	570.41
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>35,197</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35,197</b>	<b>7,836</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>35,197</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35,197</b>	<b>7,836</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>31,012</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>31,012</b>	<b>- 7,067</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>25,775</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,775</b>	<b>32,842</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>56,787</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>56,787</b>	<b>25,775</b>

## 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 Bank Ac	39,334	-	-
	Nat west Bank Ac	16,700	-	-
	Fairfax Card	753	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>56,787</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<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)
	Computer -laptops	Unrestricted	5,664	-
	Motor Vehicle	Unrestricted	30,165	-
	Office Equipment	Unrestricted	2,001	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<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
			Pauline Sowemimo	15th Oct 2025



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name

CROYDON UNIT 96 OF THE SEA CADET CORPS

On accounts for the year  
ended

31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

Charity no  
(if any)

302987

Set out on pages

Of the Receipt and Payment Account

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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts accord with the accounting records
- the accounts comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.

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:

5<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Name:

Chioma John-Musa FFA FIPA

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

Institute of Financial Accountant (IFA)

Address:

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**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.**