

In 2021-22 the following key points are highlighted from another successful year:

- Fantastic resilience from volunteers, cadets and families of cadets helped prevent our 3rd flooding incident in recent years – in February 2022 – being considerably worse. On the day before the flooding around 80 sandbags were filled and placed outside to form a barrier, even when people were working as the water went over boots. This teamwork was not only a great example of what the cadets can do but also prevented the effects of the flooding being much worse. And then the amount of work a couple of staff did to clean up was incredible, meaning the Unit was open and functioning within 24 hours. No mean feat. Many cadets and families may not realise all that goes on in the background in running a unit – this was one great example.
- We still had challenges remaining from the flooding in February 2020 – most these have now overcome with the additional work of the internal ceiling on the main deck being completely reboarded and painted. Just ahead of the AGM the rest of the main deck has been painted. It took 50 volunteer hours – just highlighting what goes into running a Unit and which is often unseen.
- One of the things that the UMC (Unit Management Committee) does is raise funding – this year the focus has been on raising the funding to ensure the unit is watertight – both from the river and from rain affecting the old roof and walls. It is evident that flooding will affect us again as the impacts of climate change are felt. This has had a big impact on our flooding insurance – with that formerly available to all Units no longer being available to 30 units around the UK – Wakefield included. We therefore moved to FlashFlood, a new device, and this worked for the February 2022 flooding. But then to reinstate was far too expensive to continue with. Our only option was therefore to flood proof the building itself – again very costly. But Wakefield Council, and our local councillors, stepped in. At this AGM it is confirmed that specialist flood proofing is about to take place to the Unit, some of it ahead of Christmas. And following that we are advised our flood insurance premium should reduce, reflecting this substantial work (around £23K is the cost).
- Last year we worked out just how many volunteer hours go into running a unit – and this figure is worth repeating. Well over 7000 donated hours from Staff running cadet evenings twice a week, and UMT work running the Unit overall go into running the Unit. Put into context that is around 187 weeks of work.
- A recent key decision the UMT and CO/Deputy made was to look at the weekly subs paid by cadets/families; ahead of tonight a survey was carried out with a high response rate. This research showed high support for increasing the subs and tonight the UMT is proposing this goes ahead with a figure of £2 per week, and an online payment system being put in place.

Everything mentioned above has meant much of the focus of the UMC over the year has been on business continuity – keeping the Unit waterproof and functioning. Otherwise cadets would not be able to have the amazing activities they benefit from and enjoy. It has taken effort by everyone and it is important to recognise the





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background work that your UMC plays, in addition to the fantastic work the uniformed side of volunteers does.

The pressures felt by all ages from the pandemic have affected numbers of cadets but in 2022 these are starting to grow and into 2023 it will be a key aim to grow these numbers further.

There are many people who give so many hours of their time in these figures – Suzanne as secretary, a key role in keeping things going with admin. And Teresa as Acting Vice Chair, taking over when I was away for 2 months earlier this year. Then there is Sam – who indicated last year she wanted to step down as Treasurer but has kept this work going as we were unable to find a replacement. Within the last month Peter Taylor, who lives locally and is a qualified accountant who recently retired, has stepped up to this. Peter is sorry he can't be here tonight but Sam has already started the handover with him. Thanks so much to Suzanne, Sam and Teresa for their incredible hard work last year.

The Wakefield Unit remains fiscally viable and in as healthy a financial position as possible given the continued issues of flooding and effects of Covid.

Continuing to find volunteers to join the UMC and Staff is no easy task – it is great that tonight we have two new trustees – Peter Box joins Peter Taylor in joining the UMC. That will make 8 of us. But if any family or friends would like to help we could do with more. Everyone has a specific role and keeping the Unit afloat with the background governance is key. Do let us know if you could help. Thanks also to Mark Ridgeway, our President, who joins the UMC meetings whenever he can and is a key part of the team.

As always the UMC is but a small part of the overall team. A huge thank you must go to all the Staff at Wakefield Sea Cadets who every Tuesday and Friday and many other times in between deliver the Sea Cadet Experience. In particular Jean, our Commanding Officer, and Lynn our Executive Officer need thanks. They go well 'above and beyond' every week. And thanks also go to our Cadets, Parents & Supporters for their part in our continued success. The Wakefield Unit is a great team, and everyone is part of this.

Outside of our direct Wakefield team thanks also go to our Area and District Staff, our President. & all our donors, sponsors & supporters for their continued support through the year. In particular a huge thank you to our local councillors Hilary Mitchell, Michael Graham and Kevin Swift and to WMDC for the substantial funding to flood proof our Unit.

In its 80th year we all remain committed to providing a safe and economically viable training base for the many young people within the cadets whilst supporting the wider community of Wakefield and the South East of the district.



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THE SEA CADETS ANNUAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT* FOR THE UNIT RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT for year ended 31 March 2022		Form SCC A3 (R&P) Jan-20
<p>(*Units in Scotland: This Statement's form and content and its scrutiny are governed by Regulations – SSI 2006/218)</p> <p>Copy to be uploaded onto Westminster and Volunteer & Business Support Manager at Area Office to be notified by 1 November 2022</p>		
Unit Name: Wakefield SCC	Charity No: 523988	
Unit address (or address for correspondence):-		
House name:	Wakefield Sea Cadets	
Street and No:	Thornes Lane	
Area or Estate:		
Town/City:	Wakefield	
County:	West Yorkshire	
Post Code:	WF1 5QW	
Unit Management Committee members (the 'charity trustees') at date of signing Report:-		
Bridget Gill	Suzanne Carter	Sam Stephenson
Robyn Knowles	Teresa Allott	Taylor Smith
Mark Ridgeway		
Names of any other persons who were charity trustees of the Unit at any time in the financial year:-		
Name of any person who is now (or was, in the financial year) a 'trustee for the charity' - i.e., holding or in possession of any assets belonging to the Unit (includes custodians, nominees &c) [<i>not</i> : Scotland]:-		
Nature and date of the Unit's constitution (governing document): Governed by Sea Cadet Standard Constitution		
The method(s) adopted for recruiting new trustees, and how trustees are elected or otherwise appointed (and by whom) in accordance with the Unit's constitution, are as follows:- <i>Unit Management Team (UMT) members are elected annually at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). UMT members are elected from the membership of the Sea Cadet Unit which is drawn loosely as being those with an interest in the unit. In the event of a vacancy arising during the year (known as a casual vacancy), The UMT have the power to appoint a new UMT member. The UMT member appointed will serve until the date of the next AGM, after which the post will be filled by election.</i>		
The Unit's charitable purpose(s) as set out in its constitution is:- To promote the development of young people in achieving their physical, intellectual and social potential as individuals and as responsible citizens by the provision of education and leisure time activities using a nautical theme and in accordance with the principles, ethos and practices of the Marine Society & Sea Cadets (MSSC).		
The Unit's main activities and achievements in the financial year were:- <div style="background-color: #f2f2f2; height: 40px; margin-top: 5px;"></div>		
Public Benefit The UMT continue to give due regard to the public benefit provided by the Unit in relation to the charitable purpose of the Sea Cadet movement as set out in the activities and achievements as outlined above. The aim is to promote the development of young people in achieving their physical, intellectual and social potential as individuals and responsible citizens in a safe environment. In order to achieve this the Unit takes young people from all backgrounds, including where possible those with disabilities and develops their skills and abilities by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular and structured activities with a nautical theme. Allowing young people to take part in activities connected with the wider Sea Cadet movement such as waterborne activities, events and competitions at district, area and national levels. Availability of formal educational achievements whilst taking courses to earn badges and promotions Contributions are kept low in order to ensure all those who wish to take part in the activities of the Unit may do so.		



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section B

Disclosure

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disclose.