Trustees Annual Report for the period

From 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

Charity Name: Sheringham Coastwatch

Charity Registration Number 1183945

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary	Para 1.17	Sheringham Coastwatch is one of several Coastal Alerting Stations set up to keep a visual watch around the UK coast. It relies on the goodwill of a large group of volunteers to man its station. Sheringham Coastwatch operates as an affiliate to the SEA SAFETY GROUP, which is an association to promote safety at sea. The role of Coastal Alerting Station is:- • To keep a visual watch on coastal areas around the UK. • To monitor the international VHF distress channels 16 and DSC 70. • To keep a RADAR or AIS watch where fitted • To report any incidents or emergencies to HM Coastguard and/or the emergency services as appropriate. • To co-operate with HM Coastguard and other Search and Rescue Organisations as requested • To watch over vulnerable people and small craft operating in the vicinity of the Station • To monitor local weather conditions and when requested give local weather reports • To assist the general public and relevant authorities where possible

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	Sheringham Coastwatch operates from a single location on the North Norfolk coast, based at Sheringham Golf Club, Sheringham, Norfolk. Manned by volunteers and operational during daylight hours, this organisation monitors human activity on the sea and on the coastal path approximate to our Coastwatch Station. For reference, the Station is located approximately 170 feet above sea level. The object of the Watch activity is to ensure the safe passage of sea users and Coastal Path users across our field of operations.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity commission on public benefit.	Para 1.18	Confirmed

Additional Information

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Sheringham Coastwatch does not make grants to other organisations
Policy on Social Investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Sheringham Coastwatch does not have a policy on social investment
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Sheringham Coastwatch is operated entirely by unpaid volunteers. Volunteers purchase their own uniforms with a £20 per annum contribution towards costs from the organisation. On occasion, as necessary, the organisation will pay for specialist training, such as CPR (resuscitation).
Other		Sheringham Coastwatch operates from 0830 to 1600 in winter months, and from 0830 to 1800 during summer. Additionally, we provide extra cover hours during the school holidays

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 and the wider benefits to society as a whole	Paa 1.20	The role of Sheringham Coastwatch is to ensure safe passage across the local sea to a fifteen mile radius. This applies to all sea users from solo swimmers to large container ships. Periods where we have limited numbers of alerting activities are seen as positive as sea users and coastal path users will be safe. As a rule, when alerts must be raised, then our volunteers will be working against to clock to ensure appropriate notifications are raised and passed to Emergency Services. From the edge of the cliff and out to see, this will be HM Coastguard. From the edge of the cliff back into land, this will be Fire, Police and Ambulance services, with HMCG notified post event.
Financial performance	Para 1.41	Sheringham Coastwatch income from reserves currently comfortably exceeds annual requirements. Within the last six years, the organisation has received an exceptional and substantial bequest from a lady who was a frequent visitor to our Station. The investment performance – marked as Income - of this legacy bequest generally exceeds our outgoings by a comfortable amount.

Financial Review

Review of the Charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity maintained its strong financial position throughout the year. We were fortunate in that we were left a legacy which enables us to operate comfortably whilst spending an amount approximate to the income that the funds generates.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves, stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves are held for future use. As well as maintaining our Station, funds are available for training and equipment as needed.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£206,216
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the Charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's Trusts		
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Trust Deed
How is the Charity constituted?	Para 1.25	Unincorporated Association
Trustee selection method	Para 1.25	Trustees are elected by and from the volunteers. No one individual can appoint any Trustees.
Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	As recommended by the Charity Commission
The Charity's organisation structure and any wider network with which the Charity works	Para 1.51	The Charity is a member of the Sea Safety Group, a network of similar independent Coastwatch charities that operate along the UK coast
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	None
Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others		None, all funds held by the Charity are its own

Reference and Administrative details

Charity Name	Sheringham Coastwatch
Other Names	None
Registered Charity Number	1183945
Charity's principal address	C/O Sheringham Golf Club Sweet Briar Lane Sheringham Norfolk NR26 8HG

Names of Charity Trustees who manage the Charity

Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person entitled to appoint Trustees
Christopher Harvey Bingham	Chair		All trustees are appointed by all volunteers
Deborah Mary Struthers			
John Blake	Operations Manager		
Clifford Neville Pegg			
Amy Blyth Turner			
Ian Ronald Jones			
Nicholas John Flower			

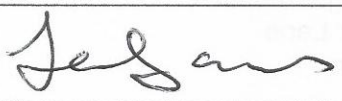
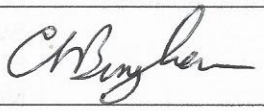
The Charity does not have any corporate Trustees.

No Trustees hold title to property belonging to the Charity

Declarations

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees report above

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

Signature		
Full name	IAN R. JONES	CHRISTOPHER HARVEY BINGHAM
Position	TRUSTEE	CHAIRMAN OF TRUSTEES

Date: 13/10/2022

SHERINGHAM COASTWATCH
CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1183945

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
Income					
Collections			320		221
Distributions from investment funds			6,319		6,314
Donations received			965		-
Resale of Coastwatch clothing			201		155
			7,805		6,690
Less: Expenditure					
Advertising		616		324	
Bank charges		-		13	
Building repairs and maintenance		795		4,645	
Donations and gifts		150		70	
Cleaning		48		216	
Equipment repairs and renewals		2,633		666	
Insurance		681		589	
Licences and subscriptions		425		368	
Light and heat		613		1,284	
Meeting refreshments		173		188	
Professional and legal fees		-		360	
Rent and rates		116		116	
Stationery and postage		589		281	
Sundries		65		597	
Telephone and broadband		678		638	
Uniforms		442		1,181	
			8,024		11,536
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year			(219)		(4,846)
Unrealised gain/(loss) on investments	4		11,858		14,104
Net movement in funds for the year			11,639		9,258
General fund balance at 1 January 2025			194,577		185,319
General fund balance at 31 December 2025			£ 206,216		£ 194,577

The notes on page 5 form part of these accounts.