CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: 1st Apr 2025 - Period start date To: 31st Mar 2026 - Period end date

Charity name:

Charity registration number:

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	For the benefit of the inhabitants of Appledore and the surrounding area.
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	The current project is to restore a lifeboat that previously served Appledore between 1912 and 1923
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 (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Volunteers have throughout the year made a sustained material contribution to the restoration of the former Appledore Lifeboat, whilst being supported by a Shipwright.
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	Work on the former Appledore Lifeboat has continued throughout the year consistently on Tuesdays. Volunteers supported and directed by a Shipwright have maintained momentum this year with ongoing 'discovery and stabilisation' of the vessel. Members of the public have visited the site to view progress and the local branch of the RNLI paid a visit The next phase of work is being planned to bringing together the new and replacing old wood with the aim of completing the restoration in the next couple of years to be seaworthy.

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	Ongoing momentum to complete the 'Discovery and Stabilisation' phase of the boat.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Grants have been received from local supporters and plans are underway for further fundraising in 2026.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	Satisfactory
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The income has this year been sufficient to maintain momentum on the restoration and manage the expenditure.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	There is no policy but it is the intention of the Trustees to maintain a reserve of £5,000
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£5,000
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

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	Grants.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	n/a
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Inability to raise sufficient funds to complete the project
Other		n/a

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		For the benefit of the inhabitants of Appledore and the local area.
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust Deed
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
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	By invitation

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	Appledore Maritime Heritage Trust
Other name the charity uses	AMHT
Registered charity number	1194252
Charity's principal address	The Mount Northdown Road Bideford Devon EX39 3LP

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	Andrew Laugharne	Chair		
2	Annemarie Munro			
3	Simon Morris			
4	John Puddy			
5	David Avery			
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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)

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

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)	Andrew Laugharne	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date		