Trustees' Annual Report FY 2024-2025

Teesmouth Seal Conservation Trust

Charity No 1200208

Former Lifeboat Station, South Gare, Redcar, TS10 5NX

30/8/2024 – 30/9/2025

1. Activities and Objectives

Teesmouth Seal Conservation Trust is a CIO governed by a constitution. This is our third year in operation, with our primary goal being the renovation of the Old Lifeboat Station in South Gare, which we have successfully leased from PD Ports on a 30-year lease. This centre is the primary focus of the charity's activities, as both a seal hospital and as an education hub.

Our education team has continued its outreach work, delivering lectures to the Women's Institute in partnership with British Divers Marine Life Rescue (BDMLR) and returning to Newcomen Primary to address Key Stages 1 and 2 in assembly. We have hosted BDMLR training and refresher courses in the centre's conference room as well as a veterinary continuing education event.

We have been negotiating the establishment of a publicly accessible online database of the population monitoring data for the River Tees, previously collected by INCA and Natural England. This database will be developed and hosted by Teesside University, with the goal of facilitating scientific research in the region.

The public will benefit from our centre's activities in two main ways: by supporting the growth of the breeding colony of harbour seals (*Phoca vitulina)* and the health of the visiting grey seals (*Halichoerus gryphus*) in Teesmouth Nature Reserve, TSCT hopes to engage the public and increase awareness and knowledge of seals' natural history as well as the natural history of the River Tees, and foster safe, responsible engagement with our local wildlife so that both humans and animals can enjoy the outdoors. The centre will be staffed by volunteers recruited from the public, who will be trained in a variety of animal care skills, and education events via outreach talks and our education centre will be a fundamental aspect of the charity's activities.

2. **Trustees**
   - David Newell, Chair
   - John Woods, Treasurer
   - Devon Lycette, Secretary

3. **Finances**

We have engaged Phoebe Broad at Constellation Fundraising for FY 2025-2026 to secure us the necessary funding to apply for planning permission (£140,000.) A crowdfunding campaign via GoFundMe has shown initial success and will continue into FY 2025-2026.

We have been successful in obtaining a £45k grant from Natural England to fund the transfer of the INCA population monitoring program to TSCT, to be paid in 2026. This includes the establishment of the above mentioned database as well as purchasing equipment and employing an environmental scientist to administer the program and produce the summary report.

4. **Looking forward**

Acquisition of planning permission remains key to our future progress, as larger grant funding is not accessible without it. We will continue with our educational outreach and hosting related groups in our meeting facilities until such time as renovation works can begin.

TEESMOUTH SEAL CONSERVATION TRUST ACCOUNTS FY OCT 2024-SEPT 2025

	Start	Credit	Debit	Type
Oct-24	-2.01	0.19		
		2		Donation
		120		
			200	Endeavor
			5	Account fee
		10		Donation
Nov-24	7.44	1.32		Donation
			5	Account fee
Dec-24	3.76		5	Account fee
Jan-25	-1.24	10		Donation
			5	Account fee
Feb-25	3.76	125.67		Donation
			5	Account fee
Mar-25	124.23	917.16		Donation
		34.59		Donation
			200	Endeavor
			120	PD Ports
			400	PD Ports
			5	Account fee
Apr-25	351.68	0.13		Interest
		16.6		Donation
		2		Donation
			5	Account fee
			150	PD Ports
			200	Endeavor
May-25	15.41		5	Account fee
Jun-25	10.41			
Jul-25	5.44		5	Account fee
Aug-25	0.44		5	Account fee
		20		Donation
Sep-25	15.44		5	Account fee
		10000		TET Loan
			589.4	Endeavor
			279.2	PD Ports
		0.21		Interest
			2000	Constellation fundraising
Closing	7142.06			
		11260	4193.6	