

FOREST OF DEAN UNIT NO 586 OF THE SEA CADET CORPS

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 2026

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 286701

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF
FOREST OF DEAN (UNIT 586) OF THE SEA CADET CORPS

The Charity Trustees present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2026. The financial statements comply with both the Charity's Constitution and the Charities Act 2011.

Aim of the Sea Cadet Corps

The aim of the Sea Cadets Corps is to give young people the best possible head start in life, through nautical adventure and fun.

Charitable Purpose

The charitable purpose of the Unit is to promote the development of young people in achieving their physical, intellectual, and social potential as individuals and as responsible citizens. This is achieved by the provision of education and leisure time activities using a nautical theme, based on the traditions of the Royal Navy and in accordance with the principles, ethos and practices of the Marine Society & Sea Cadets (MSSC).

In furtherance of the Purpose, the Unit offers young people a structured environment in which to develop; provides access to education and training including sailing, rowing, windsurfing, paddle sports, power boating, seamanship, navigation, marine engineering, cooking, music, first aid, drill, piping, and public services; it provides opportunities for young people to obtain a range of qualifications and a wide range of opportunities for community involvement.

Public Benefit

The trustees continue to give regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit 'Charities and Public Benefit' provided by the Unit in relation to the charitable purpose of the Sea Cadets movement as set out in the activities and achievements as outlined in this report.

To achieve its aim the Unit encourages recruitment of young people from all backgrounds and abilities including where possible, and within the realms of Health and Safety, those with disabilities and develops their skills and abilities by:

- Regular structured activities with a nautical theme
- Enabling young people to take part in activities connected with the wider Sea Cadet Corps
- Movement such as waterborne activities, events and competitions at district, area, and national levels
- Availability of formal achievements whilst completing courses to earn badges and promotions.

Organisational Achievements and Performance

Trustees Report – Forest of Dean:

During the reporting period, we were very proud to see our Commanding Officer being promoted to Chief Petty Officer. This is not easily achieved and are delighted for her.

Following on from last years' report, I am pleased to say that we got over the obstacles put to us by the Environment Agency concerning the bank behind the Lydney Yacht Club Clubhouse. The legal team were appointed and paid in May 2025 and that too has been a long painful process. Our sincere thanks to the Marine Society & Sea Cadets for their support with this project.

On a positive note, we have been able to purchase Stand Up Paddle Boards and pumps etc thanks to a generous donation from Mr Seabrook-Spencer. These have been a great addition to our little fleet and a new experience for many of our cadets.

In the coming year, we aim to begin redecorating the unit as it is some years since it was fully painted and now in need of a refresh.

We were able to renegotiate our gas costs this year, it is our main utility cost and with a little economising and better pricing, the costs are down on the previous year.

Insurance costs continue to rise, these cover insurance for both building and contents for the whole site as well as our minibus cover, and indemnity cover. Business rates have been re-implemented, although we still pay just 20% of the cost and receive a subsidy of 80% due to our charitable status.

The unit management team remains small in number and are in need of additional help with a couple of roles, secretary and fundraiser in particular, so we would welcome an informal chat with anyone interested in supporting the future of our young people.

As always, my thanks go to CPO Salmon and her wonderful team of instructors for the time, energy and expertise they bring every week., to the trustees for their time and counsel, and of course to our family of cadets, our whole reason for being here.

Commanding Officer's report: Yet again, it has been another successful and busy year for T S Royal Forest.

The year began with our annual unit review which confirmed that our boating hours had exceed 50 hours per cadet per year, well above the expected target of 35 hours. The review also showed that our cadet numbers had remained consistent. Alongside meeting the other required standards, these achievements resulted in the unit being awarded a burgee, the highest award that can be achieved. This is a fantastic achievement and is a testament to the hard work and dedication of both our cadets and adult volunteers.

Throughout the year, cadet and adult volunteers remained active both within the unit and further afield. Our cadets completed an impressive range of courses and development opportunities, including the Junior's young leaders' course, First Aid, Peer educators training and promotional boards. These opportunities allowed the cadets to develop their confidence, leadership & practical skills.

The year also saw two cadets achieve the rank of Leading Cadet, while one of our adult volunteers progressed to Petty Officer. I was extremely proud to successfully attend and pass the Chief Petty Officer board. Another cadet has progressed to become a full serving member of the Royal Navy which is a fantastic achievement and something the unit can be extremely proud of.

As well as gaining qualifications, our cadets had the opportunity to represent T S Royal Forest at a number of events. We took part in the Drill and Piping competition and the combined regatta. As always, the cadets represented themselves and their unit with pride and professionalism.

We were also given the opportunity to send a team to the National Inter-Service First Aid Competition. Four cadets and two adults travelled to Manchester to take part. This was a new experience for us and we have very little prior knowledge of what was expected from the competition. Despite this, the team trained extremely hard, giving up several weekends in preparation. The experience was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone involved and provided our cadets with an opportunity to test themselves against other cadet forces from across the country. It was a fantastic learning experience and one that I hope we can build on in the future.

TS Royal Forest also remained active within the local community. As is customary, our cadets proudly represented the Sea Cadets while collecting for the Poppy Appeal in both Cinderford & Lydney. They also attended the Remembrance parades at Lydney & Bream. These events are always important to our cadets who show tremendous dedication and respect in ensuring that we remember and honour those who have served and sacrificed for our country.

We were also fortunate to attend the first Trafalgar Day parade held by the District for several years in Monmouth. This was a particularly special occasion for me personally as Monmouth is my hometown. To see our cadets representing T S Royal Forest so proudly and professionally in my hometown was a real honour, I could not have been prouder of them.

Looking back over the year I am extremely proud of everything that T S Royal Forest has achieved. From exceeding our boating targets and achieving the highest award, to gaining qualifications, competing at District and national levels, supporting the community and representing the Sea Cadets at important ceremonial events, our cadets and volunteer have continued to demonstrate commitment, enthusiasm and pride.

The achievements of the unit are only possible because of the dedication of our cadets, adult volunteers and supporters. I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to another successful year and most importantly congratulate our cadets on everything they have achieved. They continue to make T S Royal Forest proud.

Structure, Governance and Management

Units of the SCC are formed solely by volunteers in local communities. Each Unit is a self-supporting youth organisation and an independent charity with a central support management and training structure provided primarily by the Marine Society and Sea Cadets (MSSC). The unit becomes a part of the SCC by virtue of its' affiliation to the MSSC, the parent body of the SCC. In accepting this affiliation, the unit undertakes to comply with all regulations issued by, or on behalf of, the MSSC Council.

The Unit was registered as an unincorporated charity in 1983 and is governed by a constitution approved by the Charity Commission of England and Wales. A revised constitution issued by the Marine Society and Sea Cadets was ratified by the Board of Trustees between meetings in December 2017 in order to meet the deadline of 31st December 2017.

3 Recruitment and Appointment of the Trustees

Trustees serve and are re-elected on an annual basis. A minimum of 4 office holders: Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Commanding Officer. UMT office holders are elected at the first meeting following the Annual General Meeting (AGM). UMT members are elected from the membership of the Sea Cadets Unit which is drawn loosely as being those with an interest in the unit. The constitution lays down specific controls for UMT membership and will be observed for all future recruitment.

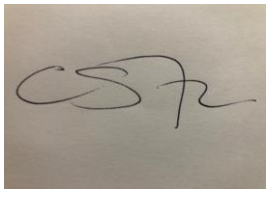
In the event of a vacancy arising during the year (known as a casual vacancy), the trustees have the power to appoint new trustees. A trustee will serve until the date of the next AGM, after which the post will be filled by election.

The trustees are represented by a wide range of individuals from various aspects of the community. Trustees have the power to appoint additional trustees to act jointly with them for all purposes. A trustee whose term of office has expired can be appointed for a further term of office.

Responsibilities of the Trustees

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charity (Accounts Reports) Regulations 2008.They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees and signed on its behalf on 15/ 09 / 2026

Signed: 

Legal and Administrative Information

Charity Details:

Charity Name:	Forest of Dean (Unit 586) of the Sea Cadets Corps
Charity Status:	Unincorporated
Registered Charity No:	286701
Registered Office and Operational Address:	Youth & Community Centre, Naas Lane, Lydney GL15 5AT
Telephone Number	07938 192592
Email:	forestofdeanscc@btinternet.com
Website	Sea-cadets.org/forestofdean

Trustees:

Chair: Carol Tiley MBE

Treasurer: Nicola Terrell

Secretary: Mike Mathieson

Trustees: CPO Toni Salmon
Samantha Miles

Holding (Custodian) Trustees: Carol Tiley & Tricia Groves

Independent Examiner: Cecile Hunt

Bank: Lloyds Bank Lydney

Acknowledgements

No final report would be complete without acknowledging the efforts and dedicated service of the adult volunteers who make the unit a success. For any Sea Cadet Unit to succeed it is fully reliant on its teams to work together. Our uniformed and civilian instructors, management team and unit assistants all have one common aim, that of delivering the best experience for our young people.

In this modern age, time is a precious commodity and like with all teachers and trainers there is a lot goes on behind the scenes, outside of parade times and over weekends that is not observed but makes the difference.

Thank you for your commitment and continued support.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF

FOREST OF DEAN (UNIT 586) OF THE SEA CADET CORPS.

I report on the financial statements of Forest of Dean (Unit 586) of the Sea Cadets Corps for the year ended 31st March 2026 which are set out below.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

Independent examiner's statement

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Date: 08/06/2026

On Behalf of Cecile Hunt (AAT Licenced Accountant)

Address: 45 Allaston Road, Lydney, Gloucestershire, GL15 5SS

INCOME	2026	2025
Fundraising	1708.55	1778.16
Donations	3524.00	2175.68
Gift Aid	2191.29	1405.50
Grants	6475.00	3300.00
Interest	15.62	24.43
Stand Easy sales	1216.19	1952.67
Cadet Contributions	7025.00	7675.00
Unit Hosting Fee	1107.16	1155.00
Uniform payments	0.00	60.00
Cadet party/summer camp	0.00	1480.00

Unit Merchandise Sales	88.00	1579.60
Sale of Mountain Bikes	3800.00	900.00
	27150.81	**23486.04**

EXPENDITURE

Training materials/costs	674.58	93.58
Boat maintenance	340.20	93.23
Stand easy costs	1147.46	1059.04
Badges & Uniform purchased	32.66	204.58
MSSC Unit Contribution	260.00	250.00
Utilities	4758.48	5525.73
Minibus/travel costs	848.67	1384.66
Telephone & Broadband & Mobile	666.48	756.66
Stationery/printing	170.89	189.37
Premises repairs/maintenance & checks/waste costs	5183.69	5449.27
Insurance	3477.06	3250.20
Professional fees	5337.00	697.00
Adult Training	0.00	19.20
Poppy wreath	57.00	75.00
Basement rent	300.00	264.00
Yacht club fees	154.00	154.00
Business rates	431.14	179.64
Bursary given	0.00	150.00
Membership	49.00	47.00
Cadet xmas party	112.65	68.60
Office equipment/costs	0.00	34.99
Software (Intuit)	487.20	415.20
Bank/Zettle costs	67.69	23.79
Lydney Harbour Rent	968.63	966.90
Unit Mechandise costs	31.34	1467.54
Summer Camp 2024	0.00	1907.97
equipment Purchased	1984.17	0.00
Uniform purchased	75.19	0.00
Unspent grant repaid	175.00	0.00
	27790.18	**24727.15**

Forest of Dean Sea Cadets

Balance Sheet 2025/2026	2026	2025
ASSETS		
Current a/c	1456.63	386.62
Deposit a/c	138.22	1049.93
Bursary a/c	345.17	342.69
	1940.02	**1779.24**
Creditors	0	900

Classroom Portacabins	500	556
Heads portacabin	820	911
OTHER ASSETS		
The Rotarian	480	533
Pooh Stix	480	533
Compass	1341	1490
Minibus	1991	2655
Equipment	2127	2363
Mountain Bikes	635	774
Kayaks/canoes	1999	2221
Bike Trailer	956	1062
Kayak Trailer	600	657
Trinity Trailer	1175	1305
Phoenix	1341	1490
	16385.02	**19229.24**
Unreserved Funds	1940.02	1779.24
Reserved Funds	0	0
	1940.02	**1779.24**