Boston Unit 602 of the Sea Cadet Corps

Financial Year 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026

Detail Report -- Year to Date as at 1 April 2026

Receipts		
Donations		**£5,504.08**
Bursaries - restricted	£0.00	
Bursaries - unrestricted	£0.00	
Cadet	£3,254.08	
P&SA	£0.00	
Third party - restricted	£2,000.00	
Third party - unrestricted	£250.00	
Ward Room	£0.00	
Fundraising		**£7,196.40**
Bag packs	£0.00	
Flag week	£0.00	
Social events	£220.00	
Community events	£6,940.96	
Other	£35.44	
Generated		**£0.00**
Property Rental	£0.00	
Sale of Assets	£0.00	
Sale of Goods	£0.00	
SCAVA	£0.00	
Grants		**£24,600.00**
External - restricted	£20,000.00	
External - unrestricted	£0.00	
MS-SC Restricted Grant	£4,600.00	
Training		**£0.00**
Competition Fees - external provider	£0.00	
Competition Fees - internal provider	£0.00	
Course Fees - external provider	£0.00	
Course Fees - internal provider	£0.00	
Unearned		**£551.43**
Bank Interest	£551.43	
Gift Aid	£0.00	
Investment Income	£0.00	
		£37,851.91

Payments		
Charitable Activity		**£2,160.16**
Competition Fees - external provider	£0.00	
Competition Fees - internal provider	£0.00	
Course Fees - external provider	£67.50	
Course Fees - internal provider	£0.00	
Training Materials	£1,361.85	
Fuel	£24.48	
3rd Party travel	£0.00	
MSSC Travel Refund (enter as credit)	£0.00	
Catering	£337.31	
Fundraising Costs	£0.00	
Special Events	£369.02	
Operating		**£9,947.03**
Unit Health, Hygiene & Well-being	£331.20	
Office Equipment <£250.00	£0.00	
Office Stationery, Printing & Postage	£139.60	
IT Consumables	£0.00	
Building maintenance	£30.00	
Grounds maintenance	£0.00	
Boat maintenance	£4,771.07	
Vehicle maintenance, MOT & RFT	£885.82	
Other maintenance	£0.00	
Goods for resale	£0.00	
PPE & Branded clothing	£1,431.08	
Various Unit Assets	£2,358.26	
Overheads		**£1,934.09**
Rent	£120.00	
Rates	£171.00	
Lease Fees	£0.00	
Water Rates	£0.00	
Sewage Rates	£0.00	
Electricity	£0.00	
Gas	£0.00	
Broadband	£0.00	
Telephone	£0.00	
Alarm Monitoring	£0.00	
Insurance - MS-SC provided	£579.00	
Insurance - Non MS-SC provided	£660.49	
Roadside assistance	£0.00	
Certification	£403.60	
Fees Charges		**£27,804.20**
Audit/Accountancy fees	£0.00	
Legal fees	£27,804.20	
Other professional fees	£0.00	
Other revenue costs	£0.00	
Bank charges	£0.00	
		£41,845.48

Surplus / Deficit
Financial Year 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026 **-£3,993.57**

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Boston Unit 602 of the Sea Cadet Corps -- Financial Year 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026

	Cash Transactions		Bank Transactions		All Transactions	
Opening Balance		**£0.00**		**£12,934.03**		**£12,934.03**
Receipts						
Donations	£0.00		£5,504.08		£5,504.08	
Fundraising	£0.00		£7,196.40		£7,196.40	
Generated	£0.00		£0.00		£0.00	
Grants	£0.00		£24,600.00		£24,600.00	
Training	£0.00		£0.00		£0.00	
Unearned	£0.00		£551.43		£551.43	
	£0.00		£37,851.91		£37,851.91	
		£0.00		**£50,785.94**		**£50,785.94**
Payments						
Charitable Activity	£0.00		£2,160.16		£2,160.16	
Operating	£0.00		£9,947.03		£9,947.03	
Overheads	£0.00		£1,934.09		£1,934.09	
Fees Charges	£0.00		£27,804.20		£27,804.20	
	£0.00		£41,845.48		£41,845.48	
		£0.00		**£8,940.46**		**£8,940.46**
Transfers		£0.00		£0.00		**£0.00**
		£0.00		**£8,940.46**		**£8,940.46**

Trading Balance for year	-£3,993.57
Money held in Current Account	£4,376.84
Money Held on Deposit	£4,563.62
Cash in Hand	£0.00
	£8,940.46

Year to Date Detail Report as at 1 April 2026

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Information Corret as at 02/11/2026

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Unit Name: Boston Unit 602 of the Sea Cadet Corps **Charity No:** 518168

Fund-name/purpose (if not held for the Unit's general purposes):-

	Notes		THIS YEAR £	LAST YEAR £
REVENUE RECEIPTS –				
ANNUAL FUND/DIRECT GRANT - (restricted)			£26,600.00	£0.00
OTHER GRANTS - (unrestricted)			£0.00	£0.00
SCAVA (Sea Cadet Victualling Allowance)			£0.00	£0.00
CADET CONTRIBUTIONS			£3,254.08	£0.00
OTHER DONATIONS / LEGACIES			£250.00	£0.00
FUNDRAISING & SPECIAL EVENTS PROCEEDS			£7,196.40	£0.00
OTHER CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES:				
COMPETITION RECEIPTS			£0.00	£0.00
COURSE FEES			£0.00	£0.00
SUNDRY SALES RECEIPTS			£0.00	£0.00
BANK DEPOSIT INTEREST			£551.43	£0.00
PROPERTY RENTS (includes any occasional			£0.00	£0.00
OTHER REVENUE RECEIPTS			£0.00	£0.00
TOTAL REVENUE RECEIPTS		**A**	**£37,851.91**	**£0.00**
NON-REVENUE RECEIPTS –				
PROCEEDS FROM SALES OF OTHER FIXED ASSETS			£0.00	£0.00
TOTAL NON-REVENUE RECEIPTS		**B**	**£0.00**	**£0.00**
(#Attach that Fund's similar Account of Receipts as page AC1A, and so on)				
TOTAL RECEIPTS = A + B		**C**	**£37,851.91**	**£0.00**

Reconciliation:-

NET CHANGE FOR YEAR IN CASH/BANK BALANCE:-			
- REVENUE ITEMS (= A – D from page AC2)	**G**	-£1,635.31	£0.00
- NON-REVENUE ITEMS (= B – E from page AC2)	**H**	-£2,358.26	£0.00
- COMBINED (=G+H)		-£3,993.57	£0.00
CASH/BANK BALANCE FROM LAST YEAR-END		**£12,934.03**	**£12,934.03**
CASH/BANK BALANCE AT THIS YEAR-END		**£8,940.46**	**£12,934.03**

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Unit Name: Boston Unit 602 of the Sea Cadet Corps **Charity No:** 518168

Fund-name/purpose (if not held for the Unit's general purposes):-

	Notes	THIS YEAR £	LAST YEAR £
REVENUE PAYMENTS –			
DIRECT CHARITABLE ACTIVITY COSTS:			
FUNDRAISING & SPECIAL EVENTS COSTS		£369.02	£0.00
COMPETITION COSTS		£0.00	£0.00
FUEL & TRAVEL COSTS		£24.48	£0.00
CATERING COSTS		£337.31	£0.00
TRAINING DELIVERY COSTS		£1,429.35	£0.00
ARTICLES PURCHASED FOR RESALE		£0.00	£0.00
OVERHEAD COSTS FOR:			
RENT / COUNCIL TAX		£291.00	£0.00
HEAT, LIGHT & WATER		£0.00	£0.00
TELEPHONE & BROADBAND		£0.00	£0.00
RUNNING COST Inc POSTAGE, PRINTING & OTHER		£1,570.68	£0.00
MAINTENANCE COSTS FOR:			
BUILDINGS & ESTATE		£30.00	£0.00
BOATS		£4,771.07	£0.00
VEHICLES		£885.82	£0.00
OTHER MISC EQUIPMENT		£331.20	£0.00
INSURANCE COSTS		£1,643.09	£0.00
BANK INTEREST & CHARGES		£0.00	£0.00
CHARITY GOVERNANCE COSTS:			
FOR ACCOUNTS/AUDIT OR INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION		£0.00	£0.00
FOR OTHER PROFESSIONAL FEES		£0.00	£0.00
FOR LEGAL ADVICE (for constitution or trustees)		£27,804.20	£0.00
OTHER REVENUE COSTS		£0.00	£0.00
TOTAL REVENUE PAYMENTS	**D**	£39,487.22	£0.00
NON-REVENUE PAYMENTS –			
ASSETS		£2,358.26	£0.00
TOTAL NON-REVENUE PAYMENTS	**E**	£2,358.26	£0.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS (=D+E)	**F**	**£41,845.48**	**£0.00**

(#Attach that Fund's similar Account of Payments as page AC2A, and so on)

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Unit Name:	Boston Unit 602 of the Sea Cadet Corps	**Charity No:**	518168

In E&W: STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES	**Name of Fund** if restricted	**THIS YEAR £**	**LAST YEAR £**
ASSETS:			
CASH/BANK BALANCE(S) AT YEAR-END (from page AC1)		£8,940.46	£12,934.03
BANK DEPOSITS (if any) not included above		£0.00	£0.00
LOANS RECOVERABLE		£0.00	£0.00
OTHER DEBTS (total recoverable – exclude any "accruals")		£0.00	£0.00
*STOCKS OF ITEMS FOR RESALE (total cost)		£0.00	£0.00
INVESTMENTS (present value of securities &c)		£0.00	£0.00
INVESTMENTS (ditto – belonging to a Restricted Fund, if any)		£0.00	£0.00
***OTHER FIXED ASSETS:**			
- LAND & BUILDINGS		£220,000.00	£0.00
- BOATS		£53,354.00	£53,354.00
- VEHICLES		£8,000.00	£8,000.00
- COMPUTERS & OTHER EQUIPMENT		£1,530.00	£1,530.00
*For all these items (including any gifts at estimated value when given) state their total present value here if lower than as above		[ ]	[ ]
LIABILITIES			
LOANS REPAYABLE		£0.00	£0.00
OTHER CREDITORS (total payable – exclude any "accruals")		£0.00	£0.00
CONTINGENT LIABILITIES (estimated total amount)		£0.00	£0.00

[Scottish] ACCOUNTS NOTES* (if not within Annual Report)		**[Amounts]**	**Particulars**
For any separate Receipts & Payments Account included in this Statement of Account: the nature and purpose of each Fund accounted for and the legal restrictions on its use	Give page no(s). - or say if none		
Total number and amount of any grants paid to (i) individuals and (ii) institutions, analysed by type of activity or project		[ ]	
Amount of trustee remuneration (inc. to connected persons) paid and the legal authority for it	(or say if none)	[ ]	Authority:
Amount of any trustee expenses reimbursed and for how many trustees	(or say if none)	[ ]	For how many:
Amount and nature of any other trustee-transactions (including with connected persons, stating the relationship) - together with any amount owing at the year-end (say if		[ ]	Nature:
		[ ]	
Any further information that 'may reasonably assist' a reader's understanding	Give page no(s).		- or say if none

*(*Show details on an extra attached (numbered) page if necessary)*

Signed as authorised by the Unit's Management Committee - Date:

Caitlin Wainwright — Unit Treasurer

Chris Woodrow — Unit Chair

***Note:** The statutory audit or independent examination report on this Statement of Account must be attached.*

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Unit Name:	Boston Unit 602 of the Sea Cadet Corps	**Charity No:**	518168

Unit address (or address for correspondence):-

House name:	TA Cntre
Street and No:	Main Ridge West
Area or Estate:	
Town/City:	Boston
County:	Lincolnshire
Post Code:	PE21 6SS

Unit Management Committee members (the 'charity trustees') at date of signing Report:-

Christopher Woodrow		
Caitlin Wainwright		
Alison Lynch		
Rosalind Clarke		

Names of any other persons who were charity trustees of the Unit at any time in the financial year:-

David Potter		
Samantha Moss		
Daniel Pearce		

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) *[not: Scotland]*:-

David Potter	Samantha Moss	

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:-

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.

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:-

The charitable purpose of the Unit (the Purpose) 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).

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:

- 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.

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Unit Name:	Boston Unit 602 of the Sea Cadet Corps	**Charity No:**	518168

Reserves Policy

The charity trustees' policy aims to maintain unrestricted reserves at a level equating to 4 months revenue payments in order to safeguard the Unit's ongoing activities from any unexpected fluctuations in income Year-end reserves amounted to £4,326.84 3 months' on that basis.

[Delete this section if not applicable]

The Unit holds <enter sum> in designated funds representing fixed assets needed for future activities and <enter sum> for future projects to be carried out in <Enter No of Months/Yrs> as currently planned/expected

[Delete this section unless the Unit has a Restricted Fund in deficit]

A restricted fund held for the purpose of
was in deficit to the extent of
and the steps being taken to rectify it are:-

During the financial year the Unit received the following donated facilities/services [not: English, Welsh or NI Units]:-

Not Applicable

The Unit and/or its trustees held the following assets for the charity/ies named below, whose charitable purposes are as set out hereunder. Special arrangements for the safe custody of those assets and their segregation from the Unit's own assets are as set out below [English, Welsh & NI Units: Delete this section if not applicable; Units in Scotland: This disclosure is not mandatory]:-

Transfer of Witham Sailing Club to Boston Unit 602 of the Sea Cadet Corps. 8 Witham Bank West, Boston, Lincolnshire, PE21 8PP

Date signed as authorised by the Unit's Management Committee: **26 October 2026**

Caitlin Wainwright	Unit Treasurer
Chris Woodrow	Unit Chairman
Victoria Bignell	Independent Examiner

Note: *The statutory audit or independent examination report on this Statement of Account must be attached.*

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Boston Unit 602 of the Sea Cadet Corps - 518168

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Boston Unit 602 of the Sea Cadet Corps for the year ended 31 March 2026.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Charity 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 Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed by examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed: 

Name: Victoria Bignell

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): FCCA - 0867420

Address: Fenland House, Broad Drove, Gosberton Clough, Spalding PE11 4JS

Date: 20 September 2026

SEA CADETS
BOSTON

Boston Sea Cadets
AGM Agenda
19:00 – 20:35
Monday 26th October 2026
Boston Sea Cadet Unit
TA Centre, Main Ridge W, Boston, PE21 6SS

Attendees: Chris Woodrow (CJW – Chair) Caitlin Wainwright (CW – Treasurer), Jenny Harvey (JH - CO), Alison Lynch (AL - President), Shayne Hoadley, Vicki Howland, Sara Woodrow, Tas Pitsikas (District Officer)

	Item	Action
1	**Absent:** David Potter Samantha Moss Rosalind Clarke **Apologies for Absence:** Brian Wratten (BW - XO)	
2	**Opening Address – Chair** CJW thanked all for attending.	
3	**Minutes of the last AGM (25 November 2024) for Approval** One point noted. 7 – Treasurer's Report and Adoption of Accounts states financial year as 2023/2024. It was noted that the financial year should have been 2024/2025. Point noted. With the amend noted, these were accepted as a true and accurate record.	Proposed by AL. Seconded by JH. No rejections.
4	**Matters arising from minutes of the last AGM (24th October 2025)** There were no matters arising from the last AGM.	

5	**Unit Chair Report** 1. Read by Chair 2. A copy of the Chair's statement is included in these minutes, there were no questions raised.	Item Lead: CJW
6	**CO report** 1. Read out by JH. 2. A copy of the CO's statement is included in these minutes, there were no questions raised.	Item Lead: JH
7	**Treasurer's Report and Adoption of Accounts** The 2025/2026 financial statement was accepted and will be uploaded to the Charities Commission. Questions/observations/comments: 1. Read out by CW. 2. A copy of the financial accounts 2025/2026 included in these minutes. 3. Minutes formally adopted at the AGM	Item Lead: CW Proposed by AL. Seconded by JH.
8	**Cadet Representative** 1. No cadet present.	Item Lead: JH
9	**Election/Re-election of Trustees** The following persons put themselves forward for election to the BSCC UMT: Chair - CJW (Proposed AL, Seconded CW) Treasurer - CW (Proposed JH, Seconded CJW) President – AL (Proposed CJW, Seconded CW) Secretary – SLW (Proposed CW, Seconded JH)	Item Lead: CJW .

10	**AOB** 1) Discussion around Gift Aid. Tas Pitsikas DO stated Gift Aid can be backdated up to 7 years. Gift Aid to be approached with all parents at the Unit Awards evening in December to try and capture all parents. ***Action: CJW/CW/JH*** 2) CJW in the process of registering both CJW and CW with HMRC following Dave Potter leaving the UMT. ***Action: CJW/CW*** 3) Annual Unit Review – Unit Scores discussed. Tas Pitsikas DO congratulated the Unit on such an excellent achievement. 4 continuous years of receiving a burgee. To progress further, BTEC Training to level 2 would be required. This is the DO focus for this coming year. ***Action: TP/JH. Further discussions to take place with the Unit.*** No further business was raised. Meeting concluded at 20:35	Item Lead:

SEA CADETS
BOSTON

Boston Sea Cadets
Annual General Meeting 2026

1900-2000
26 October 2026
Boston Sea Cadets Unit
TA Centre, Main Ridge W, Boston, PE21 6SS

CHAIR REPORT

Welcome

It is a privilege to present my first Chairman's report, having been appointed Chair of the Unit Management Team in April. I would like to begin by recording the Unit's thanks to David Potter, my predecessor, who stepped down after seeing through the purchase of the boathouse and who has continued to work in the background to tie up loose ends and hand over the history, contacts and paperwork that has made the transition significantly easier than if I had came in cold. I would also like to thank Samantha Moss for being the treasurer who has also stepped down. But I do take this opportunity to welcome Caitlin Wainwright who has stepped up to the position of Treasurer.

I am equally grateful to every member of the UMT, to Jenny, Brian and the rest of the Unit Staff, volunteers and cadets at both Boston and Spalding for making me welcome. I would also like to thank the supporters and parents of the unit whose continued commitment allows the unit to function.

The Boathouse

The defining achievement of the year was the final completion and purchase of the Boathouse from the Witham Sailing Club after almost two years of work behind the scenes. The culmination of which will secure long term access to the water for our cadets. This has been a fantastic achievement by all involved and is something that the Unit can be extremely proud to have achieved. A legacy that going forward will enrich the future for Boston Sea Cadets.

Building insurance is in place with a rebuild value of £220,000. The utility accounts are in the process of being transferred into the Unit's name.

Since taking ownership, we have prioritised safety - installing new fire extinguishers, smoke alarms, fire blankets and signage, with an annual check schedule now in the calendar.

The transfer of the property to the Official Custodian for Charities is progressing through our solicitor, though we are dependent on the Land Registry and this is proving to be frustratingly slow

process. It is hoped that the title will be registered around February 2027. We are pursuing every available route to bring that forward.

A centralised priority list of repairs and improvements to the building, jetty and bank is being compiled so we can strategies our efforts and future fund-raising activities.

JB Taylor Construction from Skegness have also kindly agreed to remove the existing asbestos roof sheeting on the the Boat Station garage roofs and replace with insulted roofing. This will have a positive impact on the storage of equipment in the garages as it will reduce/eliminate condensation forming therefore protecting the equipment.

Governance

The UMT's next strategic objective is to convert the charity from an unincorporated association to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, thus removing the personal liability that currently sits with individual trustees and allowing the charity to hold its own assets and contracts. Progress has been slower than I would have liked. It is a very formalised process. The MSSC has indicated that this process is expected to take six to nine months. The Charity Commission trustee register has been brought up to date, former signatories have been removed from the bank mandate, and the accounts for the 2025/26 financial year have been drafted, examined by an independent examiner who has kindly acted pro bono, ahead of hopefully subsequent approval here tonight and filed with the Charities Commission as required.

The Unit - Boston and Spalding

The annual unit review returned a very strong result, with top scores across cadet experience, growth, retention, qualifications, boating, staffing and resources. We achieved the maximum five points for community engagement, retaining the unit burgee for a further year - the 5th year running. This clearly demonstrates the continued dedication of new and existing members alike and the sustained and consistently high standard of cadet training, administration, and welfare across all areas of operation.

The Spalding Unit has grown beyond expectations and was praised by the Area Officer at the Area Conference; storage arrangements at the shared facility in Spalding have been resolved with a dedicated equipment shed.

Again, thanks go to the Unit staff and volunteers who all make this possible for the Cadets. The amount of time a dedication this takes should not be underestimated and should be applauded.

The cadets have enjoyed an extraordinarily full programme this year, including the joint presentation evening, Sea Sunday, the Armed Forces Day parade, a visit to Britannia Royal Naval College, District and Eastern Area regattas in kayaking and rowing, a Duke of Edinburgh Bronze expedition, Unit Camp, the Hartlepool docklands trip and the RRS Sir David Attenborough experience. Boston currently has 27 cadets on the books and Spalding has 26 cadets.

Boating

The Champ displacement powerboat suffered a gearbox failure and was repaired at a cost of around £1,300. The repair was supported by £500 in match funding from RAF Digby. It is a necessity to have a safety boat when cadets are on the water so repair was essential for water borne activities to take place. The Funyak planing boat was judged uneconomic to repair and will be sold. The unit was donated a Jaffa planing boat which will replace the Funyak. We continue to pursue the offer of an MOD Viking displacement powerboat at no cost subject to transport arrangements to further boost our boating assets.

Finance and Fundraising

The Unit's finances remain sound, with a combined balance on 11/10/26 at the last UMT of £11,978.66 (Boston £10,024.86; Spalding £1,953.80).

The purchase of the Boat Station and maintenance of equipment mean we must remain prudent. We now have a property and overheads to consider when we make decisions. Once we have experienced our first financial year with the Boathouse we will have a more accurate financial projection to work with going forward and where the Units finances need to be.

It is imperative that we remain highly active in our fundraising activities and grant search for funds that we may be eligible for. This will help us to budget, invest for the future, maintain and improve the wonderful facilities we now have.

A £2,000 grant has been awarded by the Gosling Foundation which is to be spent on a new Pontoon. An asset that will help with access to the Witham.

We have also been recently awarded (last week) £11,250 of grant funding through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. A special thanks to our own PO Brian Wratten for completing and submitting the successful application and to Lorna Hine - Senior Programme Officer for Local Growth and Grant Funding South and East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership for supporting. The funding is to be spent be spent on competition kayaks, spray decks, stand up paddle boards, boyancy aids, cags, safety boat engine, a winch, anchor points and a further floating pontoon. This will allow the Unit to offer more to the cadets next boating season and continue to build on the resources and the wonderful facility we now have.

Subscriptions were revised to £16 for Boston and £15 for Spalding. The majority of cadets are now paying at the new rate. I urge all cadet parents and guardians to ensure subscriptions are kept up to date.

I also implore **ALL** parents to complete a Gift Aid declaration to support the Unit and your cadets. Just to be clear, this costs nothing and allows the Unit to claim an extra 25p in tax relief from HMRC for every £1 donated, boosting your gift by 25%. All it requires is a small amount of time to complete and sign the paperwork. Gift Aid will have a significant impact on the Units funds and can also be backdated one tax year. It is an example of how we all can be invested in the Unit to help give the best possible facilities to our cadets. Every penny counts.

Additional thanks go to our Unit President Alison Lynch alongside UMT member Ros Clarke, whose efforts and events have alongside other worthy fundraising activities by other members of the team raised in excess of £7,000 this year. Successful events such as the Veterans' Brunch, the 60s and 70s dance night, bingo nights etc. Their contribution is invaluable. Through Alisons work, the Unit has also been selected as a Co-op Community Champion from September 2026 to

March 2027, and we have received generous support from Tesco, Lidl and the Boston Freemasons.

Looking Ahead

The year ahead brings the Unit's 40th anniversary, a proposed visit by the Lord-Lieutenant to the Boat Station with a formal opening to follow, the Charitable Incorporated Organisation transfer, and a programme of works to make the boathouse the facility our cadets deserve.

I thank you all for your continued support.

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Boston Sea cadets AGM 2026 CO REPORT

57 ~~58~~ CADETS

30- Boston and 27 for Spalding

27 adults

9 new instructors and UMT across both units and are all fully enrolled.

Qualifications gained- total 181 in the following-

Paddle- taster, discover and explore- x36

Offshore sail x3

Sailing x 6

Rowing- start, go row 1, 2 and 3 x32

Good conduct badges x 10

Basic Campcraft x2

Catering x12

Intermediate drill x2

First aid x11

Intermediate FA x6

Seamanship basic x 16

BTec level 1 x4

Junior badges- 41

Boating hours average per cadet 34.98

Competitions-

District drill winners

Area Drill

Area regatta – overall junior boys winners. Juniors boys 2 silvers, 2 golds. Junior girls 3 silvers 1 Bronze

Rowing district- girls winners

Area- Rowing Bronze

Although it has been an exhausting year, with the finalisation of the boat station purchase and the opening of Spalding Division in February, what an amazing year we have had!

We could not have successfully opened a new division without a fantastic Chain of Command team and dedicated instructors working together to make it happen. I am incredibly proud of what we have achieved and grateful to everyone who has played a part in our journey.

Boston Unit and Junior Recruitment

Junior numbers at Boston are currently a little low, as many of our young people are reaching the age where they move up to seniors. We have already started promoting recruitment through social media, which has resulted in a couple of new juniors joining us. We will continue to build on this progress by reaching out to local schools and maintaining our social media presence to encourage more young people to join.

Our Instructors and Staff

We have been fortunate to welcome some fantastic new instructors this year, who have been a tremendous help in getting Spalding Division up and running. Without their commitment, dedication and willingness to complete their onboarding and support the launch, we simply would not have been able to open the division. Their contribution has been invaluable, and I cannot thank them enough for everything they have done.

The new staff at Boston have also made a significant difference, helping to ease the pressure on the existing team. They have embraced their roles, completed their onboarding and proved themselves to be a real asset to the unit. Their support and willingness to help wherever needed have been greatly appreciated.

We would not have achieved such a successful year without every single member of our team. Morale remains good across both Boston Unit and Spalding Division, and it has been fantastic to see everyone supporting one another throughout what has been a busy and challenging period.

A special thank you goes to Shayne, who stepped up to join the Chain of Command team at Boston and take on the role of First Lieutenant. This has made a real difference, enabling Brian and I to attend Spalding on Fridays while Shayne deputises for us at Boston. His willingness to take on this responsibility has been a huge help and is greatly appreciated.

Teamwork and Committee Support

Keeping on top of everything this year has been incredibly challenging. Between managing two parent group chats, two staff chats, multiple email inboxes, the opening of a new division and changes to both the Chairman and Treasurer roles, there has certainly been a lot to juggle!

However, the team we now have in place is growing stronger all the time, and I feel incredibly fortunate to have such a supportive group of people around me.

Chris, our new Chairman, has been proactive and a great source of support while learning the responsibilities of his new role. We would also like to thank Dave, our outgoing Chairman, for his support to the unit and for helping to ensure a smooth handover. His contribution has been appreciated.

Cat has recently taken on the role of Treasurer, and it has been an absolute pleasure working with her over these past few weeks. She has been busy organising the accounts and has also helped me coordinate the £11,200 Levelling Up grant we were awarded. This funding has been put to excellent use, providing us with new pontoons and much-needed kayaking equipment that will benefit our young people and support our activities moving forward.

Looking Ahead

I would like to say a huge thank you to every member of our team for their support, commitment and hard work throughout the year. No matter how big or small your role may seem, every single person brings something valuable to the table.

Together, we are helping both Boston Unit and Spalding Division grow, develop and provide opportunities for our young people to learn new skills, build confidence and achieve things they may never have thought possible.

Also, to the parents for their support. Without the parents travelling to take their cadets to various events and courses we would not have the numbers of cadets we have seen at events this year. The parents that go out of their way to thank our volunteers (who give up a lot of their spare time and also work full time) after courses and events means a lot to our team.

Finally, I am extremely proud to announce that the unit achieved a score of 94 in the June 2025/2026 Annual Unit Review, earning us yet another burgee!

This is a fantastic achievement and a true reflection of the hard work, dedication and teamwork that goes on behind the scenes. Every member of the team has contributed to this success, and you should all be incredibly proud of what we have accomplished together.

It has been a demanding year, but also one filled with progress, teamwork and achievement. We have overcome challenges, welcomed new people, opened a new division and continued to provide fantastic opportunities for our young people.

Thank you all for being part of such an amazing team. Here's to building on this success and making the year ahead just as rewarding for Boston and Spalding!