



Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1 st	April	2023		31 st	March	2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	SEFTON UNIT NO 48 OF THE SEA CADET CORPS		
Other names charity is known by	Sefton Sea Cadets		
Registered charity number (if any)	521143		
Charity's principal address	3 Field Lane		
	Litherland		
	Liverpool		
	Postcode	L21 9LU	

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	Sean Kearns	Chairperson	24/05/2024	
2	Wendy Reilly	Treasurer		
3	Tricia Waterson	Secretary	31/10/2023	
4	Lisa Melia	Deputy Chairperson	01/11/2023	
5	Edwin Pownall	Commanding Officer		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (e.g. trust deed, constitution)	Sea Cadets Standard Constitution 2017
How the charity is constituted (e.g. trust, association, company)	Unit Management Trustee Committee
Trustee selection methods (e.g. appointed by, elected by)	Elected

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The Unit Management Team (UMT), made up of the elected Trustees and appointed Commanding Officer, are responsible for the management and administration of the Sea Cadet Unit and for all its financial, legal, regulatory and charity aspects. In conducting its business, the UMT are required to act in accordance with Sea Cadet Regulations of which the constitution forms a part, and which are issued by the Marine Society and Sea Cadets (MSSC) Council, the Law of the Country in which the Unit is established, and to have regard to any guidance issued by the Charities Commission.

Before a new UMT member is elected, it remains conditional until they have completed a UMT Trustee application form, which includes a declaration that they are a fit and proper person to be charity trustee, have provided two references and undergone a DBS check as per MSSC Policy and Onboarding Processes.

We have a recent change to our UMT. Sean Kearns is now Chair of Trustees and Tricia Waterson is the Secretary, elected by voted of the elected trustees. We thank Julia Garner and Norman Wood for all their hard work in their roles and they will continue to support Sefton Sea Cadets in a different capacity.

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The Charitable purpose of the Sefton Sea Cadets is to promote the development of young people in the Sefton area 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 and Sea Cadets.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The purpose of the Sefton Sea Cadets is set out in the constitution and is to:

- Offer young people a structured environment in which to develop;
- Provide access to education and training including (but not restricted to) sailing, paddle sports, power boating, seamanship, navigation, marine engineering, cooking, music, first aid, drill, piping and public service;
- Provide opportunities for young people to obtain a range of qualifications; and
- Provide opportunities for community involvement

The above is within the realms of the guidance issued by the Charities Commission for Public Benefit, covering both the benefit and public aspects.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

This year we have much to celebrate, foremost being the 80th year since Sefton Sea Cadets was founded. Hosting a summer of celebratory events brought our wider community back together after the distances caused by the pandemic, and included a Gala Dinner for 200 of our adult members and supporters. By far our biggest reason to celebrate this year was returning to our historical home at Field Lane, after the major flooding in early 2023 and completion of subsequent repair works.

Operational Overview

As at the end of the year we are currently actively supporting 69 young people Sefton Unit ranging from 10-18 years. Cadets are supported by 39 qualified volunteer instructors and trustees, who each donate approximately 10-20 hours per week.

Throughout the year the operational part of the charity has out done itself to achieve more than ever before. The Cadets and Instructors have succeeded in winning the Stevenson Trophy for the best Unit in the North West Area for the second year running, and added another Burgee award to the long history of excellence awards held by Sefton. In this year our volunteers donated approximately £110,000 worth of their time to help fulfil our mission of "giving young people the best head start in life".

In the 2023/2024 period, the Cadets were able to a high achieve awards in boating assessments including windsurfing, rowing, paddle sports and sailing, with some of the senior cadets achieving Duke of Edinburgh awards and also BTEC qualifications

Key Achievements

Leadership Development - We witnessed substantial growth in our cadet leadership skills. Through various senior cadet development and practical exercises, our aspirant senior cadets displayed an exceptional aptitude for leading their peers both on and off the water.

Community Engagement - Sefton remained deeply involved in our local community. Our cadet cadets actively participated in several community service initiatives, demonstrating their commitment to giving back and fostering positive relationships within Sefton.

Competitive Success - Our cadets made us proud by achieving commendable results in District, Area and National Sea Cadets competitions.

Afloat Proficiency - With an emphasis on waterborne activities, our cadets exhibited remarkable progress in sailing. They demonstrated a sound understanding of navigation, seamanship and safety protocols, reflecting their dedication to mastering essential maritime skills. Coupled with the success at Area competition and attendance at RS21 UK and Ireland Championships.

Future Plans

Now our focus must shift to our biggest strategic priority: improving our physical facilities at Field Lane. Investing in our facilities will both increase our capacity to support more Cadets, and ensure our facilities remain fit for purpose for the next 35 years and beyond. The foundation of this will be securing a long term lease for the Field Lane site which will help to secure major funding to improve our facilities.

We still have many challenges ahead to exceed our current record of excellence, and we will continue building the team, the community and the resources capable of meeting them.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

There is no formal policy of unit reserves, however, Trustees have decided to transfer funds into a higher interest business account when the current account is in credit of more than £10,000

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Sefton Sea Cadets principal source of funding is provided by membership fees of £2.00 per session by each member throughout the year and grant funding applied to specific projects. The core funding is supplemented by fund raising activities throughout the year in the form of bucket collections and sponsored events.

Funding received during 2023/2024 financial period:

- Bursaries for cadets £2000
- Donations £10,532
- Fundraising £3,718
- Gift aid for previous 4 years claimed £24,396
- Grant funding for specific projects £22,500
- Insurance claim for flooding damage £35,685

Section F Other optional information

There is no liability for loans, creditors or any bank overdrafts.

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Sean Kearns	Wendy Reilly
Position	Chairperson	Treasurer
Date		

Setton Sea Cadets
 3 Field Lane
 Litherland
 L21 9LU



Setton Sea Cadets - Trading Account for financial year April 2023- March 2024

Opening Balances			
Cash	£1,478.58		
Current Account	£12,672.95		
Savings account	£20,844.27		£34,995.80
Income			
Donations	£22,776.03		
Fundraising	£13,720.57		
Generated	£3,359.29		
Grants	£58,185.24		
Training	£449.00		
Unearned	£24,719.58		£123,209.71
Expenditure			
Overheads	-£19,208.52		
Operating	-£8,311.95		
Grant Purchases	-£51,366.36		
Charitable Activity	-£11,133.34		
Fees / Charges	-£1,214.10		-£91,234.27
Closing Balance		£66,971.24	
Closing balance figures			
Cash	£3,191.65	£25,346.67	
Current Account	£22,155.02	£41,624.57	
Savings Account		£66,971.24	
Total Cash assets			£0.00

I have examined the foregoing accounts and statement of balances as of 31/03/2024 with the books and vouchers obtained and all the information and explanations required. In my opinion the statement of balances and accounts are properly drawn up to exhibit the true and correct view of the financial position as shown by the books of the unit.

Alan Mehta
 Wendy Reilly
 Sean Kearns

Auditors signature
 Unit Treasurers signature
 Unit Chairpersons signature

Business Account
 Balance at 1/4/23
 Transfer from Community account
 Interest 05/06/23
 Interest 04/09/23
 Interest 04/12/23
 Interest 04/03/24
 Balance at 31/03/24

£20,844.27
 £20,456.80
 £48.70
 £70.50
 £92.00
 £112.30
 £41,624.57

Audit Approval

AM Alan Melia <alan_melia@hotmail.com>
05/12/2024 18:25

To: Wendy Reilly

In the course of the audit, nothing has come to my attention which suggests in all material respects the expenditure disbursed and income received during the year 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024 was not used for the objectives and activities of the Charity.

I am happy to recommend these accounts to be presented to the UMT as a true and accurate representation of the financial activities.

Mr Alan Melia