COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1496333 ENGLAND AND WALES REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 510221

THE SOBRIETY PROJECT
LIMITED (A CHARITY)
(LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 1998





THE SOBRIETY PROJECT LIMITED (A CHARITY) REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1998

The Council of Management submit their report and audited accounts for the year ended 31 March 1998.

1. Principal Activity

The company's principle activity is to use the history, arts and environment of the Waterways as resources for learning, rehabilitation and economic regeneration.

The company is a registered charity.

For further information refer to the company's 'Review of the Year'.

2. Liability

The liability of the members is limited by guarantee.

3. Council Members

PATRON:

The Right Reverend D R Lunn M.A. Bishop of Sheffield

FOUNDER AND

BENEFACTOR:

Mr J W McGrory, Executive Chairman, RMS Europe Ltd

PRESIDENT:

Mr L Duckels, formerly Company Secretary, Croda International

CHAIRMAN:

The Rev N K Young, Diocese of Sheffield

VICE CHAIRMAN:

Mr A Atkin C.P.F.A

MEMBERS:

Dr P W Barker C.B.E. D.L.

Councillor A Drury, Hull City Council

Mr D Hall C.B.E. Q.P.M.

Councillor D Ireland, East Riding of Yorkshire Council

Councillor R Jarred, East Riding of Yorkshire Council

Mr A Oliver, Surveyor

Mr W J Rigby M.A.

Mr C Silvester, C.Eng., M.I.Mech E, Manager, Associated

British Ports, Goole

THE SOBRIETY PROJECT LIMITED (A CHARITY) REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1998

3. Council Members Continued...

MEMBERS:

Mr M Stanley A.M.A., F.G.S., Assistant Director, Leisure Services, Hull City Council

Mr M Dixon, Master Mariner

Mr L Malkin, B.Ed.Hons., A.C.P., Headteacher, Easington Primary

Ms Stephanie Baulcombe, Director of Operation, Avocet Trust

Mr Geoff Eagle, Principal Youth Adviser, Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council

Mr Martyn Smith, Representing Friends of Museum

Mrs Avis Turner, Manager Basics Plus, Representing Boat Users.

Mrs. Avis Turner retires by rotation and being eligible offers herself for re-election.

4. Development, Activities and Achievements this Year

The Council Members consider that the performance of the charity this year has been most satisfactory.

5. Future Developments

The charity is continuing its refitting of the two vessels "Audrey" and "Opportunity".

6. Transactions and Financial Position

The Statement of Financial Activities shows net outgoings for the year of £(6,776) and our reserves stand at £293,993 in total.

7. Tangible Fixed Assets for use by the Charity

Details of movements in fixed assets are set out in note 14 to the accounts.

THE SOBRIETY PROJECT LIMITED (A CHARITY) REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1998

8. Council Members' Responsibilities

Council members have similar responsibilities to directors.

Company law requires the Council to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing those accounts, the members of the Council are required to:-

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- follow applicable accounting standards, subject to material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts;
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume the company will continue in business.

The Council are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities.

9. Auditors

The auditors, Smith Craven, will be proposed for re-appointment in accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985.

The above report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

Signed on Behalf of the Council of Management

Date approved by the Council of Management:

23 November 1998.

AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SOBRIETY PROJECT LIMITED (A CHARITY)

We have audited the accounts on pages 5 to 16 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 8.

Respective Responsibilities of Council Members and Auditors

As described on page 2, the company's Council members are responsible for the preparation of accounts. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those accounts and to report our opinion to you.

Basis of Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the accounts. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements by the Council members in the preparation of the accounts, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the accounts are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the accounts.

Opinion

In our opinion the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs at 31 March 1998 and of its financial activities and surplus for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 1985.

SMITH CRAVEN

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS AND REGISTERED AUDITORS

Doncaster

Date:

THE SOBRIETY PROJECT LIMITED (A CHARITY) STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1998

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 1998 £	Funds 1997 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Revenue grants from Statutory				•	
Authorities	3	11,450	129,560	141,010	142,666
Revenue grants from Trusts and Foundations					
Capital grants from Statutory	4	=	146,722	146,722	150,358
Authorities	5	_	1,906	1,906	1.006
Capital grants from Trusts and	Ŭ	_	1,500	1,900	1,906
Foundations	6	_	12,000	12,000	20,810
Other income	7	69,796	6,237	76,033	73,436
Tsf. to Restricted Incoming Resources	19	<u> </u>	16,984	16,984	-
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		81,246	313,409	394,655	389,176
RESOURCES EVENINED					
RESOURCES EXPENDED Direct charitable expenditure	•	70 700			
Management and administration	9 10	76,729	262,954	339,683	324,407
Fund raising and publicity	10	13,778	39,425	53,203	28,920
Total raioling and publicity	-	3,605	4,940	<u>8,545</u>	9,748
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	11 _	94,112	307,319	401,431	363,075
NET (OUTGOING)/INCOMING RESOURCES					
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		(12,866)	6,090	(6,776)	26,101
		, , , ,	-,	(5,. 7 5)	20,101
Balances brought forward at 1 April 1997		160,323	19,754	180,077	153,976
Less: Pre incorporation deficit		(512)	-	(512)	_
Add: Residual cost of the 'Sobriety Centre' donated		40.700		40 -00	
donated	_	13,723		13,723	
FUND BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD					
AT 31 MARCH 1998		160,668	25,844	186,512	180,077
	-				700,011

THE SOBRIETY PROJECT LIMITED (A CHARITY) STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1998 Continued...

Continuing Operations

None of the company's activities were acquired or discontinued during the above two financial years.

Total Recognised Gains and Losses

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the excess of income over expenditure for the above two financial years.

Note of Historical Cost Profits and Losses

There is no difference between the results as disclosed in the income and expenditure account and the result on an unmodified historical cost basis.

THE SOBRIETY PROJECT (A CHARITY) BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 1998

	Notes	£	1998 £	£	1997 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets	14		387,673		406,975
CURRENT ASSETS Stock Debtors Cash at bank Cash in hand	15 16	3,830 67,053 38,201 616	-	3,032 36,191 26,455 13	
		109,700	-	65,691	
CREDITORS Amounts falling due within one year	17	58,001	_	32,933	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			51,699		32,758
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			439,372		439,733
CREDITORS Amounts falling due after more than one year	18		(55,115)		(72,147)
Deferred Income	19		•		(12,141)
	19		(90,264)		<u> </u>
NET ASSETS			293,993		367,586
FUNDS Unrestricted					
Restricted	20		160,668		160,323
Revaluation reserve	21		25,844 107,481		19,754 188,021
Pre-incorporation deficit	22		293,993		368,098 (512)
			293,993		367,586

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

Signed on behalf of the Council of Management

Date approved by the Council of Management:

Members of the Council of Management

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and include the results of the charity's operations which are described in the Directors' and Trustees' Report and all of which are continuing.

The accounts have been prepared in compliance with the Statement of Recommended Practice on Charity accounts.

The charity has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No1 from the requirement to produce a cashflow statement.

Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation of fixed assets less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Sobriety Centre - over the remaining term of the lease from British Waterways Board.

Portacabin - 10% per annum Other assets - 20% per annum

"Audrey", "Room 58" and the Sobriety Centre were revalued by the Council of management on the basis of open market value at 31st March 1998.

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Income

Voluntary income and donations are accounted for as received by the charity. The income from fundraising ventures is shown gross, with the associated costs included in fundraising costs. No permanent endowments have been received in the period, but are dealt with through the Statement of Financial Activities when received.

Fundraising Costs

Fundraising expenditure comprises costs incurred in inducing people and organisations to contribute financially to the charity's work. This includes the cost of advertising for donations and the staging of special fundraising events.

Expenditure on Management and Administration of the Charity

Administration expenditure includes all expenditure not directly related to the charitable activity or fundraising ventures. This includes costs of running office premises, staff salaries for administrative staff and audit fees.

2 TAXATION

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English Tourist Board (Note 8)

The company is a registered charity and as such is exempt from all forms of direct taxation.

3 REVENUE GRANTS FROM STATUTORY AUTHORITIES

	1998 £	1997 £
East Riding of Yorkshire Council Single Regeneration Budget	21,600 66,395	19,600 64,000
Hull City Council	18,025	•
Hull City Council/Social Services	-	17,500
Leeds City Council	1,162	3,465
Goole Town Council	-	400
Humberside Training and Enterprise Council	4,998	19,999
European Social Fund	28,830	16,202
Yorkshire and Humberside Arts		1,500_
	141,010	142,666
REVENUE GRANTS FROM TRUSTS AND FOUNDAT	IONS	
	1998	1997
	£	£
The National Lotteries Charities Board	93,472	93,472
The Carnagie UK Trust	6,000	6,000
The Lankelly Foundation	15,000	15,000
The Rank Foundation	1,000	-
Henry Smith	16,250	-
Environment Agency	950	-
Marks & Spencer	12,000	-
Ingles Charitable Trust	500	-
Other Organisations	1,550	35,886
	146,722	150,358
CAPITAL GRANTS FROM STATUTORY AUTHORITIE	ES .	
	1998	1997
	£	£

1,906

1,906

6 CAPITAL GRANTS FROM TRUSTS AND FOUNDATIONS

	1998 £	1997 £
The Dulverton Trust	20,000	-
The Will Trust	20,000	
The Hesslewood Childrens Trust	10,000	-
The Wates Foundation	4,000	-
The H.B. Allen Charitable Trust	10,000	-
The Ingles Charitable Trust	2,000	-
BBC Children in Need	1,590	-
The Hull & East Riding Charitable Trust	5,000	-
The Mother Humber Memorial Fund	700	-
The Midland Bank Charitable Trust	2,000	-
The Pilgrim Trust	10,000	-
Other Organisations	23,500	9,000
The National Lotteries Charities Board	-	11,810
Income for Capital Expenditure - Deferred Income	(96,790)	<u>.</u>
	12,000	20,810
OTHER INCOME		
	1998	1997
	£	£
Donations and sponsorships	36,151	24,319
Building society interest	1,019	427
Bank interest	895	30
Expedition receipts	19,752	30,535
Gift shop and cafe	12,546	11,195
Waterways museum	2,353	5,251
Arts programme	550	679
Play scheme	_	1,000
Educational income	2,767	
	76,033	73,436

8 DEFERRED CAPITAL GRANT

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This relates to a grant from the English Tourist Board which is being released over a period of ten years.

	1998	1997
	£	£
Balance brought forward	3,812	5,718
Released in the year	(1,906)	(1,906)
	1,906	3,812

9 DIRECT CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE

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	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 1998 £	Total 1997 £
Vessels	15,424	7,142	22,566	120,898
Museum and training	12,364	74,711	87,075	191,212
Salaries	34,058	159,935	193,993	-
Depreciation	14,883	21,166	36,049	12,297_
	76,729	262,954	339,683	324,407
MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRAT	TON			
	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 1998 £	Total 1997 £
Salaries	7,220	33,903	41,123	24,657
Audit and accountancy	1,510	1,510	3,020	1,175
VAT consultancy	-	-	-	793
Telephone, postage and stationery	5,048	4,012	9,060	2,295
	13,778	39,425	53,203	28,920

11 TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Staff Costs £	Depreciation £	Other Costs £	Totạl 1998 £	Total 1997 £
Direct expenditure Management and administration Fund raising and publicity	193,993 41,123 	36,049	109,641 12,080 8,545	339,683 53,203 8,545	324,407 28,920 9,748
	235,116	36,049	130,266	401,431	363,075
Staff Costs					
			1998 £	1997 £	
Wages and salaries Social security costs Pension costs			205,172 16,300 13,644	184,594 14,161 9,623	
	•		235,116	208,378	
Other Costs					
			1998 £	1997 £	
Premises and general repair costs Vessels Training programme Miscellaneous			93,539 20,566 13,160 3,004	69,758 36,613 32,002 4,027	
			130,269	142,400	

Trustee Expenses

Reimbursement to Trustees in the year - Nil (1997 - Nil).

Indemnity Insurance

Cover is provided at £10,000 (1997 - £10,000).

No employee earned £40,000 or more.

The average number of employees analysed by function was:-

		1998	1997	•
	Direct charitable Management and administration	20 2	20 2	
12	SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	22	22	
	The surplus of income over expenditure is stated after	charging:		
		1998 £	1997 £	
	Depreciation of tangible fixed assets Audit fees	36,049 3,020	12,297 1,175	
13	INTEREST PAYABLE			
		1998 £	1997 £	
	Bank Loan Interest	6,600	6,418	
14	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS			
		Leasehold Buildings £	Vessels, Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment £	Total £
	Cost at 1 April 1997 Additions Disposals Revaluation	299,912 - - -	182,725 97,747 (460) (80,540)	482,637 97,747 (460) (80,540)
	Cost or valuation at 31 March 1998	299,912	199,472	499,384
	Depreciation at 1 April 1997 Charge for year	49,912 11,996	25,750 24,053	75,662 36,049
	Depreciation at 31 March 1998	61,908	49,803	111,711
	Net book value at 31 March 1998	238,004	149,669	387,673
_	Net book value at 31 March 1997	250,000	156,975	406,975
_	The vessels "Audrov" and "Dasas con the control			

The vessels "Audrey" and "Room 58" and the Sobriety Centre were revalued by the Council of Management on the basis of open market value at 31st March 1998.

15	STOCK		
		1998 £	1997 £
	Consists of gift shop, café, sundry repair items, and stationery	3,830	3,032
16	DEBTORS		
		1998 £	1997 £
	Prepayments Grants receivable VAT recoverable Trading income	3,182 55,145 8,726 67,053	1,280 33,151 1,640 120 36,191
17	CREDITORS		
	Amounts falling due within one year:	1998 £	1997 £
	Bank loan (secured) Accruals Tax and social security Sundry creditors Deferred income (ETB grant)	1,287 950 4,662 49,196 1,906	1,000 750 2,095 27,182 1,906
18	CREDITORS		
	Amounts falling due after more than one year:	1998 £	1997 £
	Bank loan (secured) Residual cost of the 'Sobriety Centre' Deferred income (ETB grant)	55,115 - 	56,518 13,723 1,906
		55,115	72,147

The debt due by the company in respect of the construction of the Sobriety Centre was refinanced in 1994/95. A loan from Midland Bank of £60,000 was obtained, secured on the property, and repayable over 20 years at a monthly rate of £643.02 (including interest). The residual liability to John Laing Construction Ltd has been reclassified by them as a long term debt.

1998

1997

18 CREDITORS Continued...

Bank loans repayable after more than five years are repayable as follows:

			£	£ .	
	Between one and two years		1,444	1,433	
	Between two and five years		5,480	1,444	
	After five years		48,191	53,641_	
			55,115	56,518	
19	DEFERRED INCOME			1007	
			1998 £	1997 £	
	Advanced for Restricted Capital E	xpenditure	107,248	-	
	Tsf. to Restricted Incoming Resou	irces	(46.094)	_	
	for the year		(16,984)		
			90,264		
20	MOVEMENT ON FUNDS				
	Restricted Funds			Expenditure/	Balance
		Balance	Incoming Resources	Expenditure/ Depreciation	31.03.98
		31.03.97 £	£	£	£
		6.052	_	_	6,952
	Room 58	6,952 94	-	-	94
	Marketing Fixed Assets	12,708	10,000	4,180	18,528
	Turn the Tide	-	92,639	92,639	-
	Museum Grants	-	500	230	270
	Audrey Grants	-	2,000	2,000	-
	Telethon Louise Grants	-	440	440	_
	Nature Trail Grants	-	5,190	5,190	-
	M.B. Wheldale	-	2,800	2,800	-
	Community Challenge - May	-	650	650	-
	Community Challenge - October	-	1,900	1,900	-
	Salaries Grants	_	180,078	180,078	-
	Eden Grants	-	1,906	1,906	-
	Boat Hoist Grants	-	79	79	-
	Training and Enterprise Grants	-	146	146	-
	Audrey Re-fit	-	9,443	9,443	-
	Sobriety Re-fit	-	2,301	2,301	-
	Annual Report	-	1,336	1,336	-
	Opportunity Re-fit		2,001	2,001	
		19,754_	313,409	307,319	25,844

The "Room 58" fund consists of amounts received in excess of the cost of the refurbishment of the vessel. The charity proposes to apply to the Charities Commission in order to release these funds for the upkeep of the vessel.

21	REVALUATION RESERVE	1998 £	1997 £
	At 1st April 1997 Surplus on revaluation of assets Deficit on revaluation of assets	188,021 - 	188,021
	At 31st March 1998	107,481	188,021

22 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Tangible Fixed Assets £	Net Current Assets £	Liabilities Greater Than One Year £	Total £
RESTRICTED FUNDS Room 58 Marketing Fixed assets Museum	- - 18,528 	6,952 94 - 270	- - -	6,952 94 18,528 270
Unrestricted funds Revaluation reserve	18,528 172,552 107,481 298,561	7,316 43,518 50,834	(55,402) (55,402)	25,844 160,668 107,481 293,993

23 CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

The charity is authorised but not contracted to refitting the vessel "Audrey" with £40,000.

THE FOLLOWING DOES NOT FORM PART OF THE STATUTORY ACCOUNTS