

COMMUNITY OF ARRAN SEABED TRUST LIMITED
Known as COAST
(Limited by Guarantee)

REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 28 February 2023

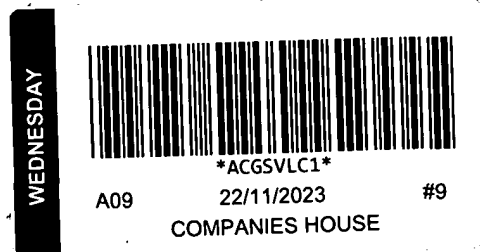
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Company No SC299917

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The trustees are pleased to present their annual trustees' report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 28 February 2023, which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a trustees' report and accounts for charity law purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended), the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and Activities

The objectives and activities of the Community of Arran Seabed Trust are set out in the Constitution and the Articles of Association. They can be summarised as follows:

The purposes of the Trust are:

- (a) To improve the overall health and biodiversity of our seas and Scotland's marine environment, with particular focus on the Firth of Clyde;
- (b) To continue to work with the local community on the island of Arran and people of all ages and backgrounds to increase awareness of marine environmental issues, and press for effective management and recovery of Arran's coastal water;
- (c) To build relationships with other communities and organisations at regional, national and international levels, to create a unified and stronger voice in support of promoting healthier and more productive oceans.

The activities of the Trust are:

- COAST is a community-led organisation formed by members of the community, for the benefit of the whole community. The community of Arran is COAST's primary stakeholder and underpins everything we do. We will inspire and work with the community through varied formats and platforms to ensure the communities voice is heard.
- Collaboration is central to the way we work at COAST. We will work with wider stakeholders closely to deliver our five-year strategy.
- Our aim is to ensure Arran's coastal waters are recovered, well-managed, healthy, and productive and that COAST is an exemplar for dynamic community-led marine conservation and restoration. We will continue to focus on Arran and the Clyde while participating in Scotland and world-wide networks and initiatives demanding progressive inshore marine policy change.
- Generate the public and political will to bring about the effective management of our seas
- Further development of the COAST Discovery Centre in Lamlash which show-cases Arran's inspiring story of a community fighting for the health of its marine environment - how the Clyde Sea became degraded and how, through the communities' efforts, sea-life is now recovering in the community's South Arran MPA and NTZ.
- Showcase the marine environment around Arran and benefits of spatial management to tourists and the community alike and involve them in citizen science utilising our new bespoke research vessel COAST Explorer.

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Vision

The vision of Community of Arran Seabed Trust is that our seas become healthy – supporting marine life, enabling coastal communities to thrive and inspiring future generations.

Mission

Our Mission is that Arran is a model for community driven marine recovery by;

- Empowering communities
- Inspiring action
- Influencing policy makers
- Conducting research
- Supporting the Arran marine economy

Aims

1. To co-produce with the Arran community on the management and use of the waters around Arran and the Clyde.
2. To raise awareness about the marine environment and increase activism for its recovery and protection.
3. To continue to research the health, economic value, and social benefits of the seas around Arran and the Clyde.
4. To support fishers, local businesses, and organisations to benefit from the recovering marine environment, acting in a sustainable manner.
5. To utilise research & learnings to better inform decision makers and to influence government policy.

Chair Report

This has been a challenging and a rewarding year. Our director, Áine Purcell-Milton has been with us now for 15 months and has grappled successfully with the unpredictable sea creature which is COAST. She holds a job which is full of surprises, a job that never seems to end. You will understand from the following report, how well Áine has fulfilled this role with the untiring support of staff and volunteers.

The staff at present number 6, with the Director and the Education and Comms Officer working full time, MPA Project Officer, 4 days and the Finance Officer working from Glasgow, the Funding Officer working from the mainland and the Facilities Officer working on Arran, all part-time.

The Discovery Centre itself has been re-painted by our faithful volunteers and outside we have new tennis court markings, and blue railings which enhance the bright flowers in tubs and absolutely new, between the entrances, sea creatures in all directions painted on the ground to allure and educate visiting children who can colour them in in rain-dissolving colours. Inside the shop, with its extended

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variety of products, begins to hold its own as an attraction and, as always, the aquariums, replenished frequently from local waters, remain a great attraction for youngsters of any age.

Visitor numbers, up till last November were over 7,000. This includes visitors of all types: locals, tourists, Arran Outdoor Education Centre (AOEC) children from the mainland, other schools, university talks and events.

One highlight engaging the public's enthusiasm has been and will be increasingly, is the availability of Snorkel Taster Sessions run by two devoted volunteers. Beach-cleaning, Rock-pooling and Shore Scrambles are also popular and serve to widen community engagement.

Another growing development has been Citizen Science training and survey events including Benthic and scallop dive surveys and Seagrass Health Analysis.

I can report that the Community Advisory Panel (CAP) has gained 3 new members, 2 in 2022 and 1 this January. All have differing types of marine experience and contribute wisely to CAP discussions. The CAP now has a Terms of Reference document which sets out the purpose and parameters of the workings of the CAP and there is a growing tendency to have more incisive discussions at our meetings. This is due to our Director wishing to increase the feeding of CAP thoughts and Ideas into the decision-making of the organisation.

We have a new Treasurer in Ronnie Mann who is already doing sterling work for us. However, I have to say recruitment to the Board is an ongoing struggle but hopefully this will be resolved in the near future. Training in governance has been undertaken by some of the Board members and we hope to complete requirements in the coming weeks.

Our new boat, the COAST EXPLORER is due to be launched — twice! — on the 19th and 20th May. The first launch is for MP, MSPs Fundraisers and others who have been extremely helpful and supportive and the second, will be a more relaxed community affair open to all. In the new boat, we see the culmination of an extraordinary effort on the part of Howard Wood, Trustee, Áine Purcell-Milton and Andrew Binnie, Liaison officer between Director and Board, and the boat subcommittee of local marine experts who have given much time, thought and application to the realisation of this dream.

Recently we acquired a skipper for the boat Euan Ribbeck, a very experienced local man who seemed to fit the bill exactly. We wish him well in this, a new venture for both him and COAST.

Also, we look forward to developing our already existing liaison with the AOEC in terms of the contracted partnership (under the NAC) that we now have with them, for use of the boat for the education of the visiting children.

COAST EXPLORER will enhance and increase our engagement with the local community and beyond. It will take visitors out of themselves and give them the chance to enter a realm of the Clyde, hitherto unexplored unless you are a diver or snorkeller.

Our boat will bring us the evidence we need to carry on the fight to make everyone, including essentially, the government, understand the necessity for an unpolluted thriving sea that everyone can benefit from, economically, educationally and playfully.

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This year two events have underlined in a real way the value of engagement, first within the COAST organisation itself and second, outwith it, in the larger Arran community.

In February, COAST held a Strategy Day at the Outdoor Centre where the 5-year plan was revisited in a warm, comfortable atmosphere and where everyone said their piece and the plan we had was clarified and endorsed. The 40 people attending were a cross-section of our island community plus some mainland supporters, all of whom have a commitment to the aims and objectives of COAST.

It was lovely to know as we sat there that we were in a 'Saved' Outdoor Centre' – since the Centre's basis is non-statutory, it was considered to be part of a budget-cut risk. The campaign to save the centre was a wonderful example of island engagement. The many letters written to NAC councillors bringing to light the history of Centre, as in the commitment of the founders and the involvement of so many needy children, past and present, underwrote the necessity of keeping the Centre open. And the culmination, the protest march of over 250 strong from Lamlash pier to the Centre itself was a truly important day for COAST in terms of solidarity and profile- raising.

This last year has been challenging and rewarding. The challenges have been met and the rewards great. We look forward to a year of increased and more varied activity both within the Discovery Centre and outwith it, in terms of community engagement.

Financial Review

The financial statements show a net deficit in the year of £31,518 (2022: £249,230 surplus) of which £456 surplus (2022: £12,739 surplus) relates to the unrestricted fund and £31,974 deficit (2022: £236,491 surplus) relates to restricted funds. Income from restricted funds received in the year to 28 February 2023 consists of grants totalling £103,837 (2022: £332,468) for various purposes, including the purchase of equipment for the research vessel.

The total value of funds held at 28 February 2023 amounted to £525,429 (2022: £556,947) comprising £121,271 (2022 £119,441) in the general fund and £85,850 (2022: £88,362) in designated funds. There were funds of £317,309 of a restricted nature (2022: £349,144) at the balance sheet date.

Reserves policy

The trustees have the policy of maintaining free reserves, being unrestricted reserves excluding designated funds, of the charity equivalent of at least 3 months of expenditure . At present the free reserves, represented by the balance on the general fund, stand at £121,271, which the trustees consider sufficient to cover the operational costs.

Risk management

The trustees have a risk management strategy that comprises of :

- an annual review of the principal risks and uncertainties that the charity faces;
- the establishment of policies, systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified in the annual review;
- the implementation of procedures designed to minimise or manage any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise.

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Plans for Future Periods

In the next financial year, we will launch our research Vessel COAST Explorer for research charters & public Sea Science trips. We expect these activities to cover the running costs of our research vessel. COAST plans to review its Strategy and extend it to 2028. COAST will increase capacity for snorkel sessions by training new snorkel instructors to engage with more people and bring in further revenue.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Community of Arran Seabed Trust is a company limited by guarantee, with the liability of members limited to £1 each, and is registered as a Scottish charity (reference: SC042088). The company is governed by the terms of its Memorandum and Articles and is also subject to the terms of its written Constitution.

The Community of Arran Seabed Trust is administered by the Board of directors. The directors act as the "trustees" and are also considered to be the key management personnel of the charity.

The board normally meet quarterly and there are sub-committees such as the Community Advisory Group, Marine Action Group and Finance Committee which usually meet bi-monthly.

The names of those who served as trustees during the year and other reference and administrative information are set out on page 6.

Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

As set out in the Articles of Association, the trustees may appoint any individual aged 18 years or over to be a trustee. The minimum number is three and there is no maximum number.

New trustees are briefed on their legal obligations under charity and company law and are informed about the contents of the Memorandum and Articles, the committee and decision-making processes and the recent financial performance of the charity. They also introduced to the employees and the other trustees.

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Reference and Administrative Information

Charity name	Community of Arran Seabed Trust	
Charity Number	SC042088	
Company Number	SC299917	
Director and Trustees	Ms C M Gill	(Chair)
	Mrs P Templeton	(Treasurer)
		(Resigned 31 March 2022)
	Mr R M Mann	(Treasurer)
		(Appointed 1 November 2022)
	Mr R Cheshire	
	Mr J C M Henderson	
	Mr H L Wood	
	Ms C L Jenks	
	Mr A G Walker	
	Ms R McLaren	(Appointed 6 April 2022)
Company Secretary	Ms C Jenks	(Appointed 31 March 2021)
Registered Office	Old Pavilion Lamlash Isle of Arran Scotland KA27 8LS	
Independent Examiner	Daniel Chok Chartered Accountant Whitelaw Wells 9 Royal Crescent Glasgow G3 7SP	
Principal Bankers	Bank of Scotland Brodick Isle of Arran KA27 8AB	

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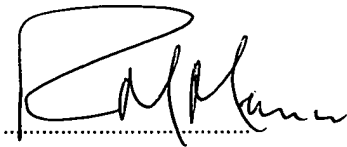
STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Trust and of the surplus or deficit for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:-

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Trust will continue.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Trust and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Trust's constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees on 17/11/ 2023



Mr Ronald Morton Mann
Treasurer

Community of Arran Seabed Trust Limited

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

For the year ended 28 February 2023

I report on the accounts for the year to 28 February 2023 set out on pages 10 to 22.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity's Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (a) to (c) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Trust and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - a) to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations (as amended); and
 - b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended)

have not been met; or

- 2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.


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21 November 2023

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCORPORATING THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

For the year ended 28 February 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted General Fund £	Unrestricted Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Income and endowments from:						
<i>Donations and legacies</i>	2	65,043	-	-	65,043	78,142
<i>Charitable activities:</i>						
Grants	3	15,000	-	103,837	118,837	337,468
Sale of goods and services	3	24,859	-	-	24,859	23,598
Investments - bank interest		269	-	-	269	58
Other income		130	-	-	130	280
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Total Income		105,301	-	103,837	209,138	439,546
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Expenditure on:						
Raising funds		9,169	-	36	9,205	6,763
Charitable activities		94,164	1,512	135,775	231,451	183,553
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Total Expenditure	4	103,333	1,512	135,811	240,656	190,316
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Net income/(expenditure)		1,968	(1,512)	(31,974)	(31,518)	249,230
Transfers between funds	12	(138)	-	138	-	-
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Net movement in funds		1,830	(1,512)	(31,836)	(31,518)	249,230
Total brought forward		119,441	88,362	349,144	556,947	307,717
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Total funds carried forward	12	121,271	86,850	317,308	525,429	556,947
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All income and expenditure derive from continuing operations.

There are no gains or losses other than those shown above.

The notes on pages 12 to 22 form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET

As at 28 February 2023

	Notes	£	2023 £	2022 £
FIXED ASSETS				
Tangible assets	8		383,888	355,340
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors	9	9,853		23,543
Stock		2,344		3,692
Cash at bank and in hand		134,004		190,874
		146,201		218,109
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Creditors: Amounts due within one year	10	(4,660)		(16,502)
NET CURRENT ASSETS			141,541	201,607
NET TOTAL ASSETS	11		525,429	556,947
FUNDS				
Restricted	12		317,308	349,144
Unrestricted - Designated	12		86,850	88,362
- General	12		121,271	119,441
TOTAL FUNDS			525,429	556,947

The company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for year to 28 February 2023. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of financial statements for the year to 28 February 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

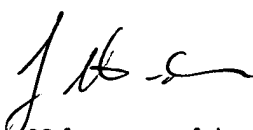
The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (a) ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006.
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit or loss for each financial year in accordance with the requirement of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by the Trustees on 11-11-2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Mr James Charles McDonald Henderson



The notes on pages 12 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and are in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019) and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The trustees consider there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. Accordingly, the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

Income

All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity has entitlement, there is probability of receipt and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Donations are included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Income from activities for generating funds is recognised as earned, as the related services are provided.
- Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.
- Income is only deferred where entitlement conditions have not been met or related services have not been provided as at the year end.
- Income from sale of goods or services is recognised in the period when the goods or services have been provided.
- Investment income is recognised when receivable.

Expenditure

All expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation. Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure is incurred.

- Cost of raising funds comprises of the cost of promotional merchandising and the cost associated with the selling online of such merchandise.
- Charitable expenditure comprises of those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those of an indirect nature necessary to support them, including governance costs.
- Governance costs are those costs associated with meeting constitutional and statutory requirements, including independent examination fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Fixed assets are originally recorded at cost. Items costing less than £250 (2021: £100) are not capitalised. Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

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| • Heritable property | - 2% Straight Line |
| • Plant and equipment | - at various rates |
| • Office equipment and furniture | - 25% Straight Line |

Heritable property comprises of the cost of the tennis courts and pavilion for use as the Marine Discovery and Learning Centre and the related renovation costs. The trustees have chosen not to adopt a policy of revaluation for the building.

Financial instruments

Financial instruments comprise financial assets and financial liabilities which are recognised when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. They are classified as "basic" in accordance with FRS102 s11 and are accounted for at the settlement amount due which equates to the cost or amount prepaid. Financial assets comprise cash, grants receivable and trade debtors. Financial liabilities comprise trade creditors and accruals.

Stock

Stock comprises fuel for resale, valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Taxation

The company is a charitable company with the meaning of Section 467 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010. Accordingly, the company is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 of Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 and Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that such income or gains are applied for charitable purposes only

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor. Designated funds are unrestricted funds which have been earmarked by the trustees for a specific purpose.

Pensions

The charity contributes to employee pension plans. Pension costs charged in the Statement of Financial Activities represent contributions payable by the charity in the year.

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2. DONATIONS	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Miscellaneous donations - <i>General purpose</i>	65,043	-	65,043	78,142
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	65,043	-	65,043	78,142
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The donations received in the current and previous year were unrestricted.

3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Grants:-	£	£	£	£
Whitely Animal Protection	5,000	-	5,000	5,000
John Ellerman Foundation	-	-	-	30,000
The Waterloo Foundation	-	36,000	36,000	-
Deferred amounts now released	-	-	-	23,000
National Lottery Community Fund	-	-	-	43,425
North Ayrshire Council Ventures Trust	-	-	-	15,000
Nature Scot – Nature Restoration Fund	-	-	-	136,000
Island Communities Fund	-	-	-	63,000
Fauna & Flora International	-	-	-	22,043
People's Postcode Trust	-	23,077	23,077	-
Rewilding Britain Trust	-	9,760	9,760	-
Helvellyn Foundation	10,000	-	10,000	-
Blue Marine Foundation	-	20,000	20,000	-
Van Neste Foundation	-	15,000	15,000	-
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	15,000	103,837	118,837	337,468
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Sale of goods and services in furtherance of charitable objects: -				
Merchandising income	11,819	-	11,819	15,424
Film and photography sales	220	-	220	326
Consultancy	-	-	-	62
Tennis and putting fees	6,051	-	6,051	5,459
Café sales	3,470	-	3,470	1,551
Activity and event sales	3,299	-	3,299	776
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	24,859	-	24,859	23,598
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Income from charitable activities was £143,696 (2022: £361,066), of which £39,859 (2022: £28,598) was unrestricted and £103,837 (2021: £54,495) was restricted.

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4. EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted	Unrestricted		Total	Total
	General	Designated	Restricted	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£	£
<u>Cost of raising funds</u>					
Merchandise purchase	7,107	-	-	7,107	4,634
Café purchases	1,431	-	-	1,431	1,214
Paypal and credit card charges	630	-	32	662	886
Foreign exchange charges	1	-	4	5	29
<u>Charitable activities – direct costs</u>					
Staff costs (Note 5)	60,432	-	52,897	113,329	117,133
Projects and activities	1,035	-	1,196	2,231	1,990
Heat and light	2,417	-	357	2,774	1,923
Web costs	1,436	-	627	2,063	996
Travel and subsistence	1,370	-	8,172	9,542	3,051
Printing, postage, stationery and advertising	1,200	-	2,265	3,465	4,508
Volunteer expenses	2,200	-	3,900	6,100	1,450
Charter research boat	-	-	20,484	20,484	4,752
Conference/seminar costs	-	-	30	30	10
Repairs and renewals and cleaning	4,550	-	11,991	16,541	9,277
Research costs	38	-	1,674	1,712	-
Telephone and fax	71	-	584	655	649
Insurance	843	-	446	1,289	388
Vehicle expenses	1,767	-	368	2,135	596
Subscriptions	448	-	235	683	880
Boat running costs	23	-	6,888	6,911	-
Depreciation	2,166	1,512	8,234	11,912	11,164
Loss on disposal of assets	-	-	-	-	338
<u>Support costs</u>					
Bank interest and charges	169	-	58	227	130
Book-keeping and payroll	6,726	-	2,797	9,523	3,054
Funding Officer	6,720	-	9,002	15,722	18,102
Consultancy	-	-	540	540	-
Sundry	553	-	90	643	523
<u>Governance costs</u>					
Independent examiner fee	-	-	2,940	2,940	2,640
	<u>103,333</u>	<u>1,512</u>	<u>135,811</u>	<u>240,656</u>	<u>190,316</u>

Expenditure was £240,656 (2022: £190,316), of which £104,845 was unrestricted (2022: £98,521) and £135,811 was restricted (2022: £91,795).

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5. STAFF NUMBERS AND COSTS	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	109,880	113,844
Employer pension contributions	3,449	3,289
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	113,329	117,133
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The average number of employees during the period, on a head count basis, was: 5 (2022: 5)

No employee received remuneration of more than £60,000 in either the current or previous years.

Other than the trustees, it is considered that no-one meets the definition of 'key management personnel', requiring further disclosure under the Charities SORP. No trustee received any remuneration for services as a trustee in either the current or previous years. Details of expenses reimbursed are contained in note 13.

6. NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE) FOR THE YEAR	2023	2022
	£	£
This is stated after charging:-		
Depreciation	11,912	11,164
Independent examiner's fee	2,940	2,640
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7. TAXATION

The charitable company is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

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8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Heritable Property	Plant and Equipment £	Office Equipment and furniture £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 March 2022	170,685	244,031	15,722	430,438
Additions	-	40,460	-	40,460
Disposals	-	-	-	-
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At 28 February 2023	170,685	284,491	15,722	470,898
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Depreciation				
At 1 March 2022	12,201	50,756	12,141	75,098
Charge for year	2,348	7,547	2,017	11,912
Disposals	-	-	-	-
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At 28 February 2023	14,549	58,303	14,158	87,010
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Net book value				
At 28 February 2023	156,136	226,188	1,564	383,888
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At 28 February 2022	158,484	193,275	3,581	355,340
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9. DEBTORS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade debtors	7,581	22,033
Prepayments	2,272	1,510
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	9,853	23,543
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10. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	238	7,515
Other creditors and accruals	4,422	8,987
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	4,660	16,502
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11. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

**Fund balances as at 28 February 2023
represented by:-**

	Unrestricted General Funds £	Unrestricted Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Tangible fixed assets	33,854	86,850	263,184	383,888
Current assets	89,035	-	57,166	146,201
Current liabilities	(1,618)	-	(3,042)	(4,660)
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	121,271	86,850	317,308	525,429
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**Fund balances as at 28 February 2022
represented by:-**

	Unrestricted General Funds £	Unrestricted Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Tangible fixed assets	35,431	88,362	231,547	355,340
Current assets	88,876	-	129,233	218,109
Current liabilities	(4,866)	-	(11,636)	(16,502)
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	119,441	88,362	349,144	556,947
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12. MOVEMENTS IN FUNDS

	At 1 March 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 28 February 2023 £
Restricted funds					
Core Costs	18,649	-	(16,081)	-	2,568
<u>Monitoring and research</u>					
Underwater drone, etc	515	-	(365)	-	150
MPA Management	2,362	-	(1,625)	-	737
MPA Management Plan project	1,072	59,077	(56,193)	-	3,956
<u>Marine Discovery and Learning Centre</u>					
Core Costs	37,094	-	(34,411)	-	2,683
Renovations	53,536	-	(589)	-	52,947
Marine outdoor classroom	329	-	(247)	-	82
Expand education/exhibition area	4,457	-	(583)		3,874
Engaging visitors	354	-	(492)	138	-
Marine recreation shed, drone and snorkelling gear	483	-	(133)	-	350
Now You Sea It Project	9,313	-	(9,180)		133
Research Vessel	220,980	35,000	(15,534)		240,446
Rewilding Britain Innovation Fund	-	9,760	(378)		9,382
Total restricted funds	<u>349,144</u>	<u>103,837</u>	<u>(135,811)</u>	<u>138</u>	<u>317,308</u>
Unrestricted funds					
Designated - Fixed Asset Fund	88,362	-	(1,512)	-	86,850
General Fund	119,441	105,301	(103,333)	(138)	121,271
Total unrestricted funds	<u>207,803</u>	<u>105,301</u>	<u>(104,845)</u>	<u>(138)</u>	<u>208,121</u>
Total funds	<u><u>556,947</u></u>	<u><u>439,546</u></u>	<u><u>(190,316)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>556,947</u></u>

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12. MOVEMENTS IN FUNDS (continued)

	At 1 March 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 28 February 2022 £
Restricted funds					
Core Costs	19,078	-	(429)	-	18,649
<u>Monitoring and research</u>					
Underwater drone, etc	2,153	-	(1,638)	-	515
MPA Management	3,306	-	(944)	-	2,362
MPA Management Plan project	-	18,000	(16,928)	-	1,072
Seabed survey/salmon farm campaign	2,600	-	(2,600)	-	-
<u>Marine Discovery and Learning Centre</u>					
Core Costs	23,875	73,425	(56,024)	(4,182)	37,094
Renovations	56,832	-	(3,296)	-	53,536
Marine outdoor classroom	1,051	-	(722)	-	329
Expand education/exhibition area	-	5,000	(543)		4,457
Engaging visitors	2,371	-	(2,017)	-	354
Marine recreation shed, drone and snorkelling gear	1,387	-	(904)	-	483
Now You Sea It Project	-	15,000	(5,687)		9,313
Research Vessel	-	221,043	(63)		220,980
Total restricted funds	<u>112,653</u>	<u>332,468</u>	<u>(91,795)</u>	<u>(4,182)</u>	<u>349,144</u>
Unrestricted funds					
Designated - Fixed Asset Fund	90,010	-	(1,648)	-	88,362
General Fund	105,054	107,078	(96,873)	4,182	119,441
Total unrestricted funds	<u>195,064</u>	<u>107,078</u>	<u>(98,521)</u>	<u>4,182</u>	<u>207,803</u>
Total funds	<u><u>307,717</u></u>	<u><u>439,546</u></u>	<u><u>(190,316)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>556,947</u></u>

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12. MOVEMENTS IN FUNDS (continued)

Restricted Funds

Core costs – grants received with the same wide-ranging scope, their main purposes include

- Supporting the employment of COAST's manager, support and administration costs
- Improving publicity leaflets and educational material
- Funding local diver studies, with related boat and equipment costs
- Develop skills and confidence of committee members and to train community stakeholders in marine sustainability issues

Monitoring and research – grants received towards the cost of monitoring the marine environment in South Arran MPA.

Marine Discovery and Learning Centre – grants received towards the cost of developing and operating a marine focused visitor centre, for renovation costs to add a conservatory, solar panels and energy efficient heating, to fit out the tennis pavilion and the creation of a marine outdoor classroom and recreational space.

Engaging visitor – grants received towards the cost of engaging visitors. These will fund interpretation boards, website development, gazebos, touch tanks, scientific equipment, tablets, laptops, computers and software licences.

Marine recreation shed – grants received towards the cost of purchasing and fitting out a shed to house the compressor and store equipment. These have also contributed to the cost of the underwater drone and snorkelling gear (available for hire to the public)

Now You Sea It Project - this is a project planning grant to cover salary costs in the Now You Sea It project, which is to plan the future development of a heritage centre with an estimated capital and revenue spend of circa £3.5m. This fund is to fund the initial planning and project design. These funds have been used to fund a freelance Heritage Development role.

Research Vessel – various grants received to cover the purchase and fit out of a research vessel. Further grants were received during the current year to purchase equipment for the vessel. The related amounts spent are included within fixed assets at the year end.

Rewilding Britain Innovation Fund – this was a grant received to cover the cost of sea focused events and activities to educate the local community about rewilding the ocean.

Designated Funds

The trust received a £100,000 unrestricted donation several years ago which was utilised to cover the cost of the Marine Discovery and Learning Centre purchase and renovation.

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12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS (continued)

Transfer Between Funds

The small overspend on the visitor engagement fund has been covered by unrestricted funds

13. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

No one individual had control of the Trust during the year.

Donations received from one of the trustees amounted to £nil (2022: £3,500).

The trustees incurred £1,023 (2022: £260) of expenditure on behalf of the Trust and were reimbursed in full during the year.

Travel costs of nil (2022: £nil) were claimed by the trustees during the year. One of the trustees supplied goods to the shop on a sale of return basis of which £nil (2022: £184) was invoiced on an arms-length basis.

The Trust carried out various projects using a boat owned by one of the trustees, there was no charge for the use of the boat but £nil (2022: £1,122) was paid by the Trust for a piece of equipment for the boat to enable continued use by the Trust.

There were no other related party transactions during the year as required to be disclosed by Financial Reporting Statement 102.

14. CAPITAL COMMITMENT

The Trust was committed to pay the balance on the purchase of the research vessel at the year end amounting to £nil (2022: £15,404).