Burnham Overy Harbour Trust

Caring for the Creek

Charity No: 287315

Trustees' Report and Financial Statements
for the Year ended 31 December 2024

Reference and Administrative Details for the year ended 31 December 2024

Name: Burnham Overy Harbour Trust
Charity Registered Number: 287315
Registered office: Burnham Overy Harbour Trust, Crossing Cottage, Joan Short lane, Burnham Market, Norfolk, PE31 8HJ

Trustees:
Peter Beck
David de Stacpoole
William Garnett
David Hart
The Earl of Leicester

Independent Examiner:
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History, structure, and governance

The Burnham Overy Harbour Trust is a registered charity (No.287315) set up in 1983 to manage the harbour and creek for the benefit of its users. The objects of the charity are:

- to manage the harbour area in line with environmental and heritage objectives.
- to maintain and improve the creek and harbour and regulate access to the creek for those purposes.
- to co-operate with relevant organisations to promote water safety and application of by-laws.

The Burnham Overy Harbour Trust was constituted under a trust deed on 7 April 1983 and established as a registered charity on 28 June 1983.

All trustees give of their time freely and no trustee remuneration was paid in the year.

The constitution provides for two classes of membership: members and associate members. Full membership is open to any person on the electoral role of Burnham Overy Parish Council, to Council Tax payers in the parish and members of their family aged over 18 years, and persons over the age of 18 who were born in the parish and are now resident in any of the Burnham parishes. Associate membership is open to anyone with an interest in the objectives of the trust. At a general meeting of the trust, members have one vote, whilst associate members have no vote.

The issues on which members can vote: election of the principal members of the charity's management committee including the Chairman, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer; approval of the annual accounts; appointment of auditors; changes to the constitution.

Free reserves at the year end, 2024, were £310,417 (for 2023, £141,685). These reserves had been built up ahead of significant expenditure requirements for the The Groyne and Saltmarsh Restoration Project to be completed in 2025.

Report for the Trustees for the period ended 31 December 2024

The Trustees present this annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024. The Trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charity's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 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).

Objectives and activities

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The Trustees are satisfied that the Trust has been managed in line with the objectives as detailed above.

The Trustees have complied with the duty to have due regard for public benefit as published by The Charity Commission.

Summary of achievements for the year ended December 2024 and plans for the future

As planned, over the last year we have been busy concentrating on the day-to-day management of the creek as there was much to be done.

We committed to increasing communication from the Harbour Support Group to the parish and all harbour users - we have further refined the website and the new payment portal to make it easier and simpler to buy boat licences. The latter has had a beneficial impact on licence sales with another record number of licences sold in 2024. A big thankyou to all those who have supported the charity in this way. We continue to publish our newsletter *upthecreek!* on an ad hoc basis and also started to communicate directly with those on the register of CL65. We estimate that around 1000 people now receive our newsletter.

Last autumn, we organised the clearance of the verges with the support of the Parish Council, the Boathouse and other owners of the verges. Of all the Trust's activities, this seems to be the one that is most appreciated by villagers. It is also the most arduous. This year Toby Campbell-Gray spearheaded this task and we are most grateful to him.

Throughout the year we have run work parties to make running repairs to the banks. In particular, thank you to a team of volunteers who helped install sandbags on the cockle path early one freezing winter morning. In April, at no cost we were offered 20 tons of surplus gravel from the renovation of the Boathouse Quay. It was used to repair holes on the Hard and also on the Cockle Path – the results have been excellent with the gravel bedding down very well in both locations. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with these initiatives – and specifically to Ash Faire-Ring who generously provided his workboat to transport the gravel.

Our application to be the principal beneficiary charity of the Superhero 2024 met with success and I am delighted to report that this event raised over £180,000 for our charity. We would like to thank all the competitors, donors, sponsors and Superhero organisers for this munificence – and a special mention to Max Owles, manager of the boathouse, for raising £11,000. Congratulations to the whole Superhero team for raising over £1m for Norfolk charities over the last 15 years. It's a wonderful event and one the village is rightly proud of.

This huge donation was a game changer for the Harbour Trust as it allowed us to press ahead with the once-in-decades Groyne and Saltmarsh Restoration Project. A number of consultations and presentations were held on our plans to repair the groynes to prevent the creek from silting up and protect our precious, uniquely biodiverse

saltmarsh. I am delighted to report that this project was completed in the Spring of 2025, having placed close to 1500 tons of Lincolnshire limestone on various groynes. This has been an enormous and complex undertaking and I would like to thank David de Stacpoole and John Owles for all their time and effort on this project.

Finally, the Trust commissioned the book "Lifeblood – The Creek, The Burnhams, and Overy Staithe" written by Jim Ring. Publishing this compelling history of our very own creek was to give recognition to the munificent contribution by the Superhero 2024 and also to emphasise the importance of the Burn and creek to the community over time.

In the next phase, we will start to look at resolving the constitutional issues including the structure of a future BOHT management committee, agreement on a widely-supported moorings policy and representation of all stakeholders. In the first instance we will seek legal opinion on matters relating to the management of the creek including the use of moorings. We hope to make this an inclusive process with the support of all our stakeholders.

We will continue to manage the creek via the members of the Harbour Support Group, including Toby Campbell-Grey (Hon. Secretary), Ben Goakes (Hon. Treasurer), David Hart (Trustee), David de Stacpoole (Trustee), Max Owles (Manager of The Boathouse), Peter Mitchell (Managing Director of Holkham Estates) along with the help of numerous volunteers – I would like to thank them all on behalf of the trustees.

Approved by the trustees on 18 April 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



William Garnett, Chairman of the Management Committee

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Membership Fees, Licence Fees and Donations	191,187		16,837	
Book Sales	8,755		-	-
Interest	1,671		3	
Net Gains on Investments	4,803		2,027	
		206,416		**18,867**
EXPENSES				
Repairs / Projects	17,348		3,797	
Printing, Postage, Newsletter & Stickers etc	807		336	
Insurance	1,480		1,460	
Rent	10		10	
Paypal Fees	291		410	
Swimming Caps	287		185	
Accountancy	840		594	
Web-site	834		1,993	
Room Hire	55		20	
Just Giving Subscription	223		-	
Book Costs	15,143		-	
Sundry Expenses	366		-	
Harbour Warden	-		684	
		37,684		**9,489**
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		**168,732**		**9,378**

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	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
OPENING BALANCES				
Canaccord Genuity Portfolio		117,027		-
Barclays Current Account	17,766		131,276	
Barclays Deposit Account	340		336	
Paypal	8,588		-	
Cash In Hand	-		1,140	
		26,694		132,753
Less Amounts Owing		2,036		446
		141,685		**132,307**
CLOSING BALANCES				
Canaccord Genuity Portfolio		121,830		117,027
Barclays Current Account	1,562		17,766	
Barclays Deposit Account	10		340	
Barclays Deposit Account	169,629		-	
RBS Current Account	1,310		-	
RBS Deposit Account	16,037		-	
Paypal	39		8,588	
		188,587		26,694
Less Amounts Owing				2,036
		310,417		**141,685**
INCREASE IN FUNDS		**168,732**		**9,378**

ACCOUNTANTS REPORT

In accordance with the instructions given, we have prepared the foregoing accounts and we certify that they are in accordance with bank statements, records and vouchers produced and explanations given for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Steve Pye & Co

Dated: 3 April 2025

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