

Company registration number: 01498800

Charity registration number: 510201

Huddersfield Canal Society Limited

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

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Huddersfield Canal Society Limited

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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	A L Stopher, Chairman T Ellis M McHugh K W Sykes P R Bayley M J Clark A Goggin N J Lever, (appointed 29/04/2025)
Secretary	M McHugh
Other Officers	D M Sumner, President
Charity Registration Number	510201
Company Registration Number	01498800
Registered Office	The charity is incorporated in England and Wales. Piccadilly Business Centre Aldow Enterprise Park Manchester M12 6AE
Independent Examiner	The Moffatts Partnership LLP Suite 1.1, Jackson House Sibson Road Sale M33 7RR
Bankers	The Co-operative Bank plc Vicar Street Leeds LS1 1HJ Unity Trust Bank Nine Brindleyplace Birmingham B1 2HB

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Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements and auditors' report of the charitable company for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

Huddersfield Canal Society is a company limited by guarantee to the value of £1 per member and does not have share capital. The charity is governed by the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the company.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The members of the Council of Management are considered to be both directors for Companies Act purposes and trustees for Charities Act purposes. One third of the Council members retire by rotation each year and election takes place at the Annual General Meeting.

Organisational structure

The company is governed by its Council of Management, which meets on a bi-monthly basis. The Council, assisted by outside consultants, is responsible for formulating the strategy and policies for the company as a whole, including the approval of budgets and the exercising of financial controls through regular financial reporting.

The members of the Council of Management who have served throughout the year are shown on the Officials and Advisors page at the front of this report.

Major risks and management of those risks

Risk Management policy

The Society has identified and reviewed the risks to which it is exposed and has established appropriate levels of reporting and control mechanisms to mitigate those risks.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The company is registered for charitable purposes, the objects of which are restoration, reconstruction, preservation, maintenance and improvement of the Huddersfield Narrow Canal and the Broad Canal for the use of the public.

The Council's policy in furtherance of these objectives has been to:

- maximise revenue and safeguard/enhance Society assets and fund raise for specific canal related projects;
- recruit new members to provide a secure income and attract additional volunteers to undertake specific tasks, e.g. canal working parties, boat operations, special events, guides, schools liaison, environmental issues, and maintain the high quality of the members' magazine – Pennine Link;
- operate boats owned or leased, to promote the canal and Society; and
- promote the canal to the general public as the "unique Waterway" to raise its profile by festivals, guided tours, socials, lectures, publications and where appropriate, by film/audio visual aids.

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Objectives, strategies and activities

The charity has continued to promote the canal to the general public by various means.

Achievements and performance

Our diesel boat has established itself as a popular attraction at Uppermill and is now described as the Little Blue Boat in our promotions. So successful have operations been that in 2024 it has out-performed the e-Shuttle at Marsden in terms of visitor numbers and donations. The latter operation has understandably been subdued during the establishment by Hansons Music of the main Standedge warehouse building to become the North of England Centre for Music and Arts. The Society's relationship with Hansons means that income is likely to increase at Marsden during 2025. All of this is subject to recruitment of new boat crew members which is the limiting factor to the number of running days at both locations.

See the Chairman's Report for more details on activities undertaken.

Public benefit

The trustees have ensured they carry out the objectives for the public benefit and have (in accordance with s17 Charities Act 2011) had regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission on public benefit when exercising powers or duties where that may be relevant.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Use of volunteers

The success of Huddersfield Canal Society depends on the commitment and skills of its Council members, staff and volunteers. It also depends on those supporters and corporate bodies who either directly or indirectly have contributed funds, support or assistance to the charity in the past year. To all of these, special thanks are given.

Financial review

Total income for the year amounts to £46,560 (2023 - £31,617).

Expenditure for the year totals £25,060 (2023 - £21,958) which all relates to unrestricted funds.

The overall position at the year-end is a surplus of £40,426 (2023 - £17,533). This includes investment gains of £18,926 (2023 - £7,874).

The total reserves carried forward at the year-end are £335,558 (2023 - £295,131). All of the charity reserves are unrestricted.

Policy on reserves

It is the policy of the Council to retain such reserves as are necessary to enable the Society to fulfil its objectives. The current level of reserves, held mainly in short term investments, is considered to be more than adequate to meet this policy.

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Funds in deficit

There are no funds in deficit.

Principal funding sources

Principle funding sources include voluntary donations from the public, membership fees, income from the shuttles and investment income.

Investment policy and objectives

It is the policy of the Council to maintain investments in a mix of short term policies that produce a satisfactory level of income and maintain capital value. The current investment level is considered to be more than adequate to meet this policy.

Financial instruments

Objectives and policies

The charity's activities expose it to a number of financial risks including credit risk, cash flow risk and liquidity risk. The use of financial derivatives is governed by the charity's policies approved by the board of trustees, which provide written principles on the use of financial derivatives to manage these risks. The charity does not use derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes.

Going concern

The trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity will have adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The charity continues to adopt the going concern basis on preparing its financial statements.

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Chairman's Annual Report 2024

2024 has been a year of transition for the company.

Board meetings have been held regularly and the AGM held in November 2024 in the Thomas Bourne room in what is now the North of England Centre for Music and Arts at Standedge, followed by a Volunteers' Social gathering, was well attended.

Sadly another of our valued colleagues Eric Woulds died in February 2024. His contribution to the development of the Society's electric boat and support with Social Media, boat crewing, advice on planning matters and links to musical groups will be missed. In July we learn of the untimely death of the Society's former Administrator, Bob Gough. Bob had been volunteering to do work on publications such as the Standedge Tunnels Book, now on its third imprint and the e-newsletter and his passing leaves our capability somewhat diminished. Despite this a second imprint of the Tunnel End guide was successfully published.

Our two craft resumed service in time for Easter 2024 at their respective locations; Marsden for the e-Shuttle and Uppermill for the Little Blue Boat as the diesel craft has become known. The latter has been a popular attraction and has made up for the anticipated reduction in activity at Standedge pending the establishment of Hansons Music at Standedge. Efforts have been made to recruiting sufficient crew to make the operation of both worthwhile and two key volunteers have focussed on developing the operation at Uppermill. The mooring agreements for both craft were successfully negotiated by the start of the season giving much-needed stability to the operations.

The electric shuttle boat has performed reasonably well at Standedge though by the close of 2024 it was becoming apparent that replacement batteries would be desirable. My thanks go to Mike McHugh, the boat management team and crews for their commitment in running both boats and providing so much pleasure to visitors. I'm also grateful for the significant donation which has funded the new batteries.

Now that the North of England Centre for Music and Arts is starting to take shape along with our relationship with Hansons it is hoped that more joint events will be developed in the coming months. The news from Canal & River Trust that they plan to have a replacement tunnel trip boat built in due course subject to successful securing of external funds is an encouraging reversal of their earlier stance and should give confidence that the temporary lull in footfall at Tunnel End should be reversed. The Friends of Standedge have now taken on operating the café at weekends.

The Society's maintenance operations continued on a fortnightly basis throughout the year. The regular duties involved litter clearance, lock gate painting and gear greasing, as well as offside vegetation and lock wall clearance using the Canal & River Trust pontoon. In a new development there has been training in weed killer application so that some of the challenging growth on lock walls and wash walls can now be tackled. Early in the year the last of the five replica milestones were installed. My thanks go to Deputy Chairman, Trevor Ellis, for his commitment and skill in managing the team's important contribution to the canal environment.

Various stoppages for engineering repairs and persistent water leaks on the Huddersfield Narrow Canal and closures on linked waterways has meant that through passages of the canal have sadly been at relatively low levels and with a major bank failure occurring at New Year 2025 there is likely to be several months when through passage will not be possible. This makes our own boat activity all the more important to bring life to the canal.

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A single newsletter was published during the year. Our website continues to provide a source of information and has been invaluable in relaying the up to date status of the Society's operations and news items. Thanks are due to Martin Clark for helping behind the scenes with any IT issues. Our presence on social media has been enhanced by the work of a number of boat crew members and I'm grateful for their commitment to keeping the Society in the public eye.

Membership continues to be over 400. It is pleasing to note that there has been a steady number of new supporters to replace lapsed and deceased members mainly through recruitment of new boat crew. I am grateful to Patricia Bayley for her work as Membership Secretary and also to Anne Goggin for agreeing to take over this role early in 2025. Anne has also turned her hand to being minutes secretary for which I'm most grateful.

We continue our involvement with Northern Canals Association and Keith Sykes has been our point of contact attending most meetings and sharing information with fellow canal restoration groups. Keith has also continued to press on the Society's behalf for improved boater facilities. Keith Sykes and Trevor Ellis joined me at the annual meeting on the operation and maintenance agreement with Canal & River Trust managers for both regions where we were able to raise concerns about progress on aspects of CRT's work and learn about their priorities at a time when Government financial support is reducing year on year.

The Society undertook a number of activities over the Heritage weekends in September.

2024 is the second year in which our accounts show a surplus and this is set to continue, enabling investment in small projects which meet our objectives. I'm grateful to our Treasurer, Mike McHugh, for efficiently maintaining records of receipts and payments. The company's balanced portfolio of investments gives the Society a significant financial buffer for the future.

I am pleased to welcome a new Trustee, Nik Lever, who will I am sure strengthen our management team. Nik is already an active boat crew member and will bring additional skills in IT and broadcasting.

Disclosure of information to auditor

Each trustee has taken steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information. The trustees confirm that there is no relevant information that they know of and of which they know the auditor is unaware.

Small companies provision statement

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies regime under the Companies Act 2006.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 17 July 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



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A L Stopher
Trustee

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Huddersfield Canal Society Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

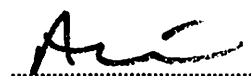
Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards, comprising FRS 102 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 charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that can disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 17 July 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



A L Stopher
Trustee

Huddersfield Canal Society Limited

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Huddersfield Canal Society Limited ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').


Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Huddersfield Canal Society Limited as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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.



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Mr John Saxon F.C.A

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17 July 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2024 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	32,284	32,284	17,649
Charitable activities	4	6,833	6,833	7,247
Investment income	5	7,443	7,443	6,721
Total income		<u>46,560</u>	<u>46,560</u>	<u>31,617</u>
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	6	(217)	(217)	(181)
Charitable activities	7	<u>(24,843)</u>	<u>(24,843)</u>	<u>(21,777)</u>
Total expenditure		<u>(25,060)</u>	<u>(25,060)</u>	<u>(21,958)</u>
Gains/losses on investment assets		<u>18,926</u>	<u>18,926</u>	<u>7,874</u>
Net income		<u>40,426</u>	<u>40,426</u>	<u>17,533</u>
Net movement in funds		40,426	40,426	17,533
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>295,132</u>	<u>295,132</u>	<u>277,598</u>
Total funds carried forward	19	<u>335,558</u>	<u>335,558</u>	<u>295,131</u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2023 is shown in note 19.

The notes on pages 12 to 24 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

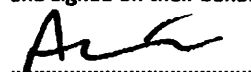
	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	13	91,449	88,064
Investments	14	<u>187,478</u>	<u>168,664</u>
		<u>278,927</u>	<u>256,728</u>
Current assets			
Stocks	15	1,522	3,204
Debtors	16	11,178	7,533
Cash at bank and in hand	17	<u>46,811</u>	<u>29,966</u>
		59,511	40,703
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	18	<u>(2,880)</u>	<u>(2,300)</u>
Net current assets		<u>56,631</u>	<u>38,403</u>
Net assets		<u>335,558</u>	<u>295,131</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>335,558</u>	<u>295,131</u>
Total funds	19	<u>335,558</u>	<u>295,131</u>

For the financial year ending 31 December 2024 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The financial statements on pages 9 to 24 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 17 July 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



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A L Stopher
Trustee

The notes on pages 12 to 24 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Cash Flows for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash income		40,426	17,533
Adjustments to cash flows from non-cash items			
Depreciation	6	5,873	4,948
Investment income	5	(7,443)	(6,721)
Revaluation of investments		<u>(18,925)</u>	<u>(7,874)</u>
		19,931	7,886
Working capital adjustments			
Decrease/(increase) in stocks	15	1,682	(1,777)
Increase in debtors	16	(3,645)	(46)
Increase in creditors	18	<u>580</u>	<u>80</u>
Net cash flows from operating activities		<u>18,548</u>	<u>6,143</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest receivable and similar income	5	7,443	6,721
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	13	(9,258)	-
Sale of investments		<u>112</u>	<u>93</u>
Net cash flows from investing activities		<u>(1,703)</u>	<u>6,814</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		16,845	12,957
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January		<u>29,966</u>	<u>17,009</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December		<u><u>46,811</u></u>	<u><u>29,966</u></u>

All of the cash flows are derived from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The notes on pages 12 to 24 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

1 Charity status

The charity is limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales, and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

The address of its registered office is:

Piccadilly Business Centre
Aldow Enterprise Park
Manchester
M12 6AE

These financial statements were authorised for issue by the trustees on 17 July 2025.

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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)) (issued in October 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation

Huddersfield Canal Society Limited meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

Income and endowments

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of the income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Investment income

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

Charitable activities

Income is received for membership of the society and boat hire. Income is recognised on a receivable basis.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises 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 costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

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Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustee's meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Government grants

Government grants are recognised based on the accrual model and are measured at the fair value of the asset received or receivable. Grants are classified as relating either to revenue or to assets. Grants relating to revenue are recognised in income over the period in which the related costs are recognised. Grants relating to assets are recognised over the expected useful life of the asset. Where part of a grant relating to an asset is deferred, it is recognised as deferred income.

Irrecoverable VAT

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of resources expended for which it was incurred.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £1.00 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Leasehold premises	2.5% straight line basis
Leasehold improvements	10% straight line basis
Motor vehicles	20% straight line basis
Boat	5%/10% straight line basis
Office equipment	20% straight line basis
Computer equipment	25% straight line basis

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Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments, other than programme related investments, are included at market value at the balance sheet date. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their market value at the start of the year, or their subsequent cost, and are charged or credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period of disposal.

Unrealised gains and losses represent the movement in market values during the year and are credited or charged to the Statement of Financial Activities based on the market value at the year end.

Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell, after due regard for obsolete and slow moving stocks. Cost is determined using the first-in, first-out (FIFO).

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Borrowings

Interest-bearing borrowings are initially recorded at fair value, net of transaction costs. Interest-bearing borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost, with the difference between the proceeds, net of transaction costs, and the amount due on redemption being recognised as a charge to the Statement of Financial Activities over the period of the relevant borrowing.

Interest expense is recognised on the basis of the effective interest method and is included in interest payable and similar charges.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the charity has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting date.

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Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Financial Instruments

Classification

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the charity after deducting all of its liabilities.

Recognition and measurement

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value (which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs), unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. If an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, the financial asset or financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are only offset in the statement of financial position when, and only when there exists a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and the charity intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or are settled, b) the charity transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or c) the charity, despite having retained some, but not all, significant risks and rewards of ownership, has transferred control of the asset to another party.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from individuals	27,125	27,125	14,860
Gift aid reclaimed	5,159	5,159	2,789
	<u>32,284</u>	<u>32,284</u>	<u>17,649</u>

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Subscriptions	2,311	2,311	2,685
Other income	4,222	4,222	2,572
Income from boat	300	300	1,990
	<u>6,833</u>	<u>6,833</u>	<u>7,247</u>

Boat income from trading charitable activities was £300 (2023 £1,990). Donations collected on the boat came to £14,698 (2023 £13,486) with associated Gift Aid of £2,000 (2023 £2,000). The total boat income and donations collected on the boat amounted to £16,998 (2023 £17,476).

5 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Interest receivable and similar income;			
Interest receivable on bank deposits	911	911	102
Other income from fixed asset investments	6,532	6,532	6,619
	<u>7,443</u>	<u>7,443</u>	<u>6,721</u>

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6 Expenditure on raising funds

a) Investment management costs

Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Other investment management costs; Administration of the investments	217	217	181
	<u>217</u>	<u>217</u>	<u>181</u>

7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Opening stock	3,204	3,204	1,427
Canal Projects	978	978	579
Purchases	330	330	2,700
Closing stock	(1,522)	(1,522)	(3,204)
Shuttle running costs	7,574	7,574	7,484
Office expenses	2,773	2,773	2,531
Printing, postage and stationery	122	122	346
Sundry expenses	243	243	677
Motor expenses	2,150	2,150	1,485
Travel and subsistence	182	182	156
Bank charges	143	143	144
Depreciation	5,873	5,873	4,948
	<u>22,050</u>	<u>22,050</u>	<u>19,273</u>

In addition to the expenditure analysed above, there are also governance costs of £2,793 (2023 - £2,504) which relate directly to charitable activities. See note 8 for further details.

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8 Analysis of governance and support costs

Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Independent examiner fees			
Examination of the financial statements	2,520	2,520	2,300
Other fees paid to examiners	273	273	204
	<u>2,793</u>	<u>2,793</u>	<u>2,504</u>

9 Net incoming/outgoing resources

Net incoming resources for the year include:

	2024 £	2023 £
Other non-audit services	2,793	2,504
Depreciation of fixed assets	<u>5,873</u>	<u>4,948</u>

10 Trustees remuneration and expenses

During the year the charity made the following transactions with trustees:

£4,166 (2023: £2,030) of expenses were reimbursed to during the year.

Expenses paid on behalf of the charity by 4 (2023 - 4) members of the Council of Management have been reimbursed.

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any other benefits from the charity during the year.

Donations made by the trustees without any conditions attached totalled £10,000 for the year (2023 - £Nil).

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11 Independent examiner's remuneration

	2024 £	2023 £
Examination of the financial statements	<u>2,520</u>	<u>2,300</u>
Other fees to examiners		
All other services	<u>273</u>	<u>204</u>

12 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

13 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Motor vehicles £	Other tangible fixed asset £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 January 2024	55,680	10,935	80,830	147,445
Additions	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,258</u>	<u>9,258</u>
At 31 December 2024	<u>55,680</u>	<u>10,935</u>	<u>90,088</u>	<u>156,703</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2024	34,205	10,935	14,241	59,381
Charge for the year	<u>859</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,014</u>	<u>5,873</u>
At 31 December 2024	<u>35,064</u>	<u>10,935</u>	<u>19,255</u>	<u>65,254</u>
Net book value				
At 31 December 2024	<u>20,616</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>70,833</u>	<u>91,449</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>21,475</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>66,589</u>	<u>88,064</u>

Included within the net book value of land and buildings above is £Nil (2023 - £Nil) in respect of freehold land and buildings and £20,616 (2023 - £21,475) in respect of leaseholds.

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14 Fixed asset investments

	2024 £	2023 £
Other investments	<u>187,478</u>	<u>168,664</u>

Other investments

	Listed investments £	Unlisted investments £	Total £
Cost or Valuation			
At 1 January 2024	166,289	2,375	168,664
Revaluation	18,926	-	18,926
Disposals	<u>-</u>	<u>(112)</u>	<u>(112)</u>
At 31 December 2024	<u>185,215</u>	<u>2,263</u>	<u>187,478</u>
Net book value			
At 31 December 2024	<u>185,215</u>	<u>2,263</u>	<u>187,478</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>166,289</u>	<u>2,375</u>	<u>168,664</u>

The market value of the listed investments at 31 December 2024 was £185,215 (2023 - £166,289).

15 Stock

	2024 £	2023 £
Stocks	<u>1,522</u>	<u>3,204</u>

16 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	-	320
Prepayments	5,749	4,470
Accrued income	<u>5,429</u>	<u>2,743</u>
	<u>11,178</u>	<u>7,533</u>

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17 Cash and cash equivalents

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash at bank	<u>46,811</u>	<u>29,966</u>

18 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals	<u>2,880</u>	<u>2,300</u>

19 Funds

	Balance at 1 January 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
<i>General</i>					
General Funds	<u>295,131</u>	<u>46,560</u>	<u>(25,059)</u>	<u>18,926</u>	<u>335,558</u>

	Balance at 1 January 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
<i>General</i>					
General Funds	<u>277,598</u>	<u>31,617</u>	<u>(21,958)</u>	<u>7,874</u>	<u>295,131</u>

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20 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31 December 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	91,449	-	91,449
Fixed asset investments	187,478	-	187,478
Current assets	59,511	-	59,511
Current liabilities	(2,880)	-	(2,880)
Total net assets	<u>335,558</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>335,558</u>

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31 December 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	88,064	-	88,064
Fixed asset investments	168,664	-	168,664
Current assets	40,703	-	40,703
Current liabilities	(2,300)	-	(2,300)
Total net assets	<u>295,131</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>295,131</u>

21 Analysis of net funds

	At 1 January 2024 £	Financing cash flows £	At 31 December 2024 £
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>29,966</u>	<u>16,845</u>	<u>46,811</u>
Net debt	<u>29,966</u>	<u>16,845</u>	<u>46,811</u>

	At 1 January 2023 £	Financing cash flows £	At 31 December 2023 £
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>17,009</u>	<u>12,957</u>	<u>29,966</u>
Net debt	<u>17,009</u>	<u>12,957</u>	<u>29,966</u>

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22 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.