



SEAVIEW SAILING TRUST

REGISTERED CHARITY 1198176



IMPACT REPORT 2025

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2025

PURPOSE AND MISSION

The Seaview Sailing Trust is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (charity number 1198176) established in 2022 for the purpose of:

The advancement of education and training for the public benefit of children, in particular but not exclusively from Isle of Wight primary schools, by the provision of sailing, watersports and land-based activities, in order to enhance their physical and mental development skills and self-confidence.

In simple terms, we raise money to pay for Isle of Wight primary school children to learn how to sail, free of charge. The children are taught by qualified instructors at Sea View Yacht Club's excellent training facilities. Each child gets a term's worth of sailing lessons, and complete their course with an official RYA Dinghy Level 1 or 2 certificate.



We hope you enjoy reading this report and thank you for supporting us on our journey

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Andrea Minton Beddoes, Chair

I am delighted to present our 2025 Impact Report. This report summarises our work and the profound impact we have made over the past year, alongside our financial report and accounts for 2024/2025. We have also included a moving and uplifting account of the lasting value of the work we do, written by the Isle of Wight's head of school improvement, Beth Dyer.

Since our inception in 2022, our mission has been clear: to ensure that the children of the Isle of Wight are not just residents of an island, but active participants in the wonders of the sea. It is a privilege to share the progress we have made toward that goal.

EXPANDING OUR REACH

2025 has been a year of significant expansion. We have grown our core programme, which provides free sailing lessons to Year 5 primary school children, and we are now working with 20 primary schools across Central and East Wight. These children attend 5 to 10 three-hour training sessions during the Summer term, taught by qualified instructors at the Sea View Yacht Club.

The scale of our reach is now truly substantial:

Total Impact: Since 2022, we have funded over 10,000 three-hour sailing lessons

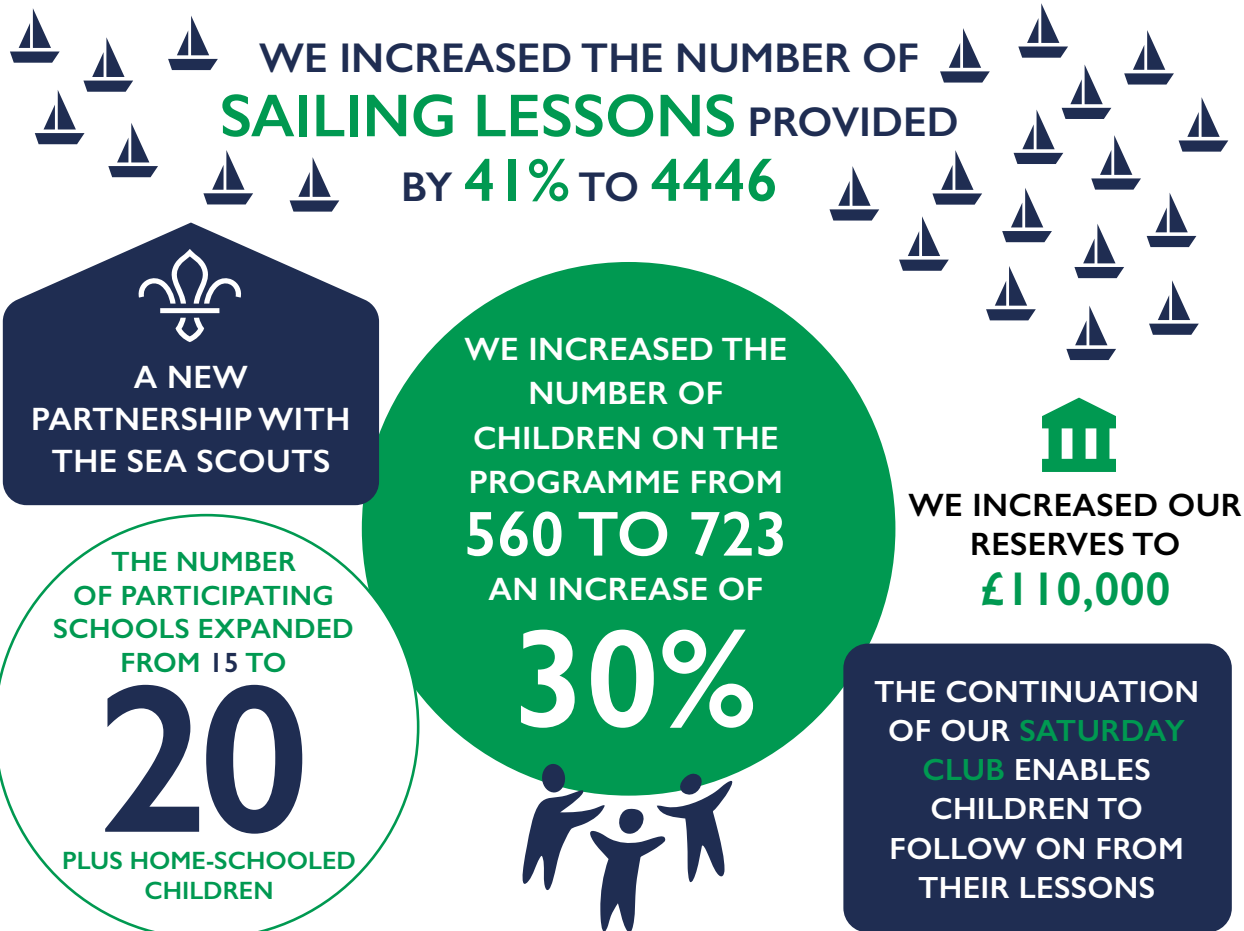
Lives Changed: We have taught 1792 Isle of Wight children how to sail

Growth in 2025: This year alone, we taught 723 children, a 30% increase on 2024

New Schools: Five new schools joined the programme this year, bringing our total to 20



OUR KEY ACHIEVEMENTS OF 2025:



OVERCOMING DEPRIVATION AND BUILDING CONFIDENCE

Despite living surrounded by water, many children on the Isle of Wight have never had the opportunity to learn to sail; remarkably, many have never even visited the beach. The Island, contains some of the most deprived areas in the UK, and faces significant challenges. With the largest proportion of children with special educational needs (SEN) in the country and the highest percentage of children with education, health and care plans (EHCP), the need for inclusive, confidence-building outdoor education has never been greater.

As they return week by week, these children embrace the challenges of the sea and grow in confidence. Beyond sailing, we have also expanded our programme to incorporate the RYA's Swim Safe training, providing vital life skills. For those who found a true passion for the sport, our Saturday Club remained a firm favourite, allowing children to continue their sailing lessons for just £1.

2025 FUNDRAISING SUCCESS AND FINANCIAL REVIEW

All of this has been made possible through the phenomenal generosity of our supporters. Our financial health is strong, allowing us to plan for the future with confidence. During 2025, we raised over £276,000. This significant total was driven by growing support from dedicated Trusts and Foundations, generous individual donations and a significant increase in the number of regular donors committed to our mission.

LOOKING AHEAD: REACHING THE WHOLE ISLAND

The Trustees have agreed that our long-term goal is to reach beyond East Wight to give all Year 5 primary school children across the entire Isle of Wight the opportunity to sail. To achieve this, we are currently identifying a second service provider to teach children from West Wight primary schools who are located too far away from our current base in Seaview to make lessons there viable. Our aim is to reach all Year 5 children across the island in 2027.

On behalf of the Trustees, I would like to thank everyone who has supported us over the past year: our generous donors, the instructors, the teachers and parents.

Together, we are ensuring that no child is left on the shore.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES OF SEAVIEW SAILING TRUST

2025 – 2028

With sufficient funds, we will continue to grow the programme:

2026
2027

5800+ sailing lessons for children from up to 31 schools

7600+ sailing lessons for children from all 37 primary schools on the Isle of Wight

The growth will focus on bringing in new schools and where possible providing 10 sessions a year rather than 5

1 Maintain focus on providing high quality training provision for Year 5 primary school children centred on the community of Seaview, and expanding out provision to include ALL Island schools through partnership

3 Ensuring the quality of the training provision through independent assessment and input

4 Build a framework for monitoring longer-term impact on pupils' outcomes, beyond their sailing skills

5 Fundraising focus will be on trusts and foundations, individual regular giving and the introduction of a legacy giving campaign

6 By 2028 SST will aim to hold reserves of around £130,000, to ensure we have the security to continue to deliver lessons to the children

7 There will be a continued focus on effective governance

OUR 2025 HIGHLIGHTS AT A GLANCE



IN 2025 WE DELIVERED **4446** SAILING LESSONS TO **723** CHILDREN FROM **20** LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND THOSE SCHOOLED AT HOME

A NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH THE **SEA SCOUTS**

THE CONTINUATION OF OUR **SATURDAY CLUB** TO ENABLE CHILDREN TO FOLLOW ON FROM THEIR LESSONS

CHILDREN RECEIVED BETWEEN **5 & 10 WEEKLY SAILING LESSONS FOR FREE** WORKING TOWARDS THE RYA DINGHY LEVEL 1 OR 2 CERTIFICATE

The following schools continued their sailing programme:

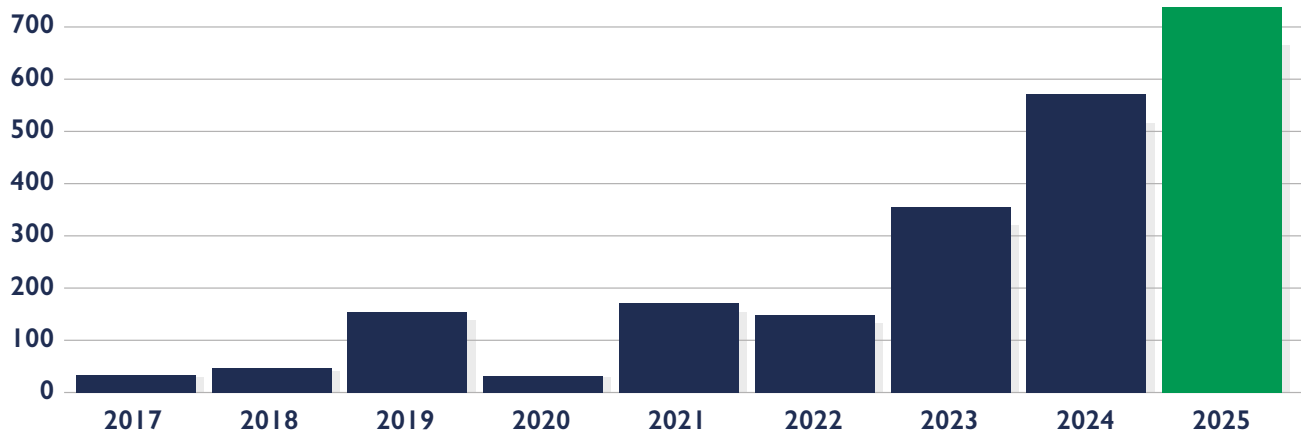
Bembridge C of E Primary School
Binstead C of E Primary School
Brading C of E Controlled Primary School
Dover Park Primary School, Ryde
Haylands Primary School, Ryde
Gatten and Lake Primary School
Greenmount Primary School, Ryde
Holy Cross Catholic Primary School, East Cowes

Nettlestone Primary School
Newchurch Primary School
Nine Acres Primary School, Newport
Oakfield C of E (Aided) Primary School, Ryde
St Helens Primary School
St Marys Catholic Primary School, Ryde
Wootton Community Primary School

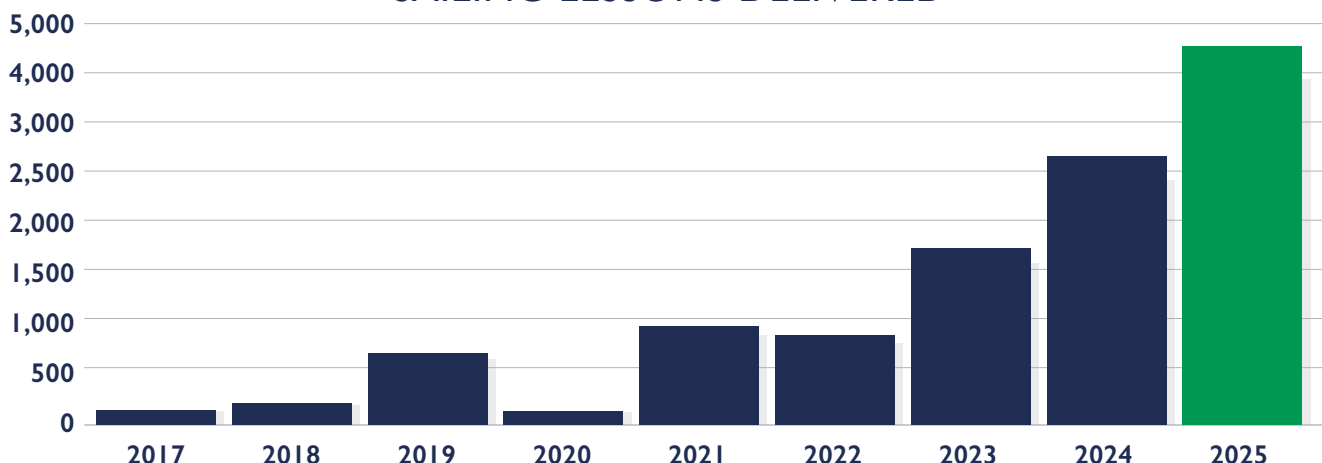
Five new schools joined the scheme:

Barton Primary School, Newport
Broadlea Primary School, Sandown
Godshill Primary School
St Blasius Shanklin C of E Primary Academy
The Bay CE School, Sandown

PARTICIPATING CHILDREN



SAILING LESSONS DELIVERED





BETH DYER

HEAD OF THE ISLAND'S
SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT TEAM

BETH DYER WAS HEADTEACHER AT NINE ACRES IN NEWPORT, BEFORE RECENTLY HEADING THE ISLAND'S SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT TEAM. AT THE TRUST'S SUMMER PARTY IN 2025, BETH TOLD US THE MOVING STORY OF BEN [WE HAVE CHANGED HIS NAME HERE], A CHILD FROM A VERY DIFFICULT BACKGROUND, WHO WAS TRANSFORMED BY HIS SAILING LESSONS WITH THE SEAVIEW SAILING TRUST

I've been a head teacher for about 15 years on the island, both in secondary and primary, and I think sometimes there are stories that really touch us and ones that we remember, and I want to tell you about a pupil whose life Seaview Sailing Trust has changed.

Sometimes we forget where those children have come from. The Isle of Wight is a beautiful place, but there are huge pockets of poverty on the island, and there are children that have never been to the beach. There are children who haven't ever been out of their estate.

I want to talk to you about Ben. When Ben was five, in Reception class, he wanted me to play Batman and Robin with him. But instead of dressing up and running around acting out the parts, he sat down and said "Here's the controller." "The controller?" And he said, "Yeah, because we're going to play the video game." At five years old, he had no imagination. His life and his adventure was all through screens. He'd never climbed a tree, he'd never been rock pooling, he'd never been crabbing, he'd never been to the beach. It really made me think.

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At seven, he stood up in his class and confidently said, "I'd like to tell everybody that giraffes are not real." You see, nobody had ever taken him to a zoo, nobody had ever read him a story about animals or bedtime stories, and he truly believed that giraffes were not real animals.

At eight, the day came where he didn't turn up to school. I decided to go around and knock on his door. At first there was no answer, but he eventually opened the door in his pyjamas. "Where's Mum? Why are you not at school?" He said, "Oh, Mum's on the sofa. She's asleep". So I went into the house.

"MUM WASN'T ASLEEP. SHE'D TAKEN A HEROIN OVERDOSE"

I called for help and started CPR whilst he stood and watched. That was his life up until eight years old. At nine, he was busy looking after his little sister, getting her up in the morning, making her breakfast, and always getting her to school on time. He would always hold her hand all the way as they walked to school.

AND THEN THERE WAS A MOMENT THAT THE SEAVIEW SAILING TRUST STEPPED IN.

He was very rude to the sailing instructors. For a boy who'd learned not to trust adults, meeting strangers in strange places was almost unbearable. But the instructors showed kindness and patience, and he learned to trust and to believe. This was more than just stepping inside a boat. But once he stepped inside that boat, something remarkable happened. For the first time in his life, he was choosing. He wasn't reacting to the chaos, and he wasn't waiting for the next crisis. This was a moment he realised that life wasn't something to endure, it was something he could shape. And from that day, he came back to the water to be part of a team. He learned to read and write in school, because he realised that that was just as important: life could be very different, and he wasn't going to fall off the end of the earth. Life was much bigger than that. It was bigger than the screens. It was bigger than his house with no carpets and no beds. And slowly, the boy who thought giraffes weren't real began to believe in those bigger things, and he believed in his future.

TODAY BEN IS STILL A CHARACTER. HE'S IN SECONDARY SCHOOL DOING AMAZINGLY, AND HE WANTS TO JOIN THE NAVY. AND YOU KNOW WHAT? HE'LL BE A LEADER IN THAT NAVY. HE WILL MAKE IT.

But Ben is not the only one. There are many more Bens on the Isle of Wight. Children whose homes are filled with struggle, whose worlds are small and whose potential is untapped. The island has the highest pockets of child poverty in the south and opportunities don't simply just land in their laps. They have to be placed in their laps, and that's what you do. You take children who have never stepped beyond the estate they live in, and you put them on the water. You place them in charge of something powerful. You show them a horizon that's not to be feared, but to be embraced.

And without you, the invitation to step into the water would never come. Without you, the patience and structures would not be there to heal and to show them their kindness that adults can be trusted. Without you, the control would never be placed in their hands, and without you, the horizon would look like the end of the world. You are creating a legacy. And the generosity doesn't just fund the sailing lessons, and I need you to really understand that it funds possibility. It turns children who believe giraffes aren't real into young people who believe in themselves. You give them proof that they matter, proof that they belong, proof that the world is bigger, kinder and more full of opportunity than they ever imagined.

Many Isle of Wight children are eagerly waiting for their turn. You might not know their name, they might not know your name, but they will feel your power. So when you think about what your support means, I want you to remember this, you're not just keeping a sailing programme afloat. You're taking Island children who have nothing but limits, and showing them the horizon, you're putting in them at the helm of their own futures, and you are changing their ending of their stories forever. And that is a legacy worth every penny and every ounce of effort. Thank you for everything you've done.





UPDATE ON 2025 DEVELOPMENTS AND WHAT'S IN STORE FOR 2026

JON CURTIS

SAILING DIRECTOR AT SEA VIEW YACHT CLUB

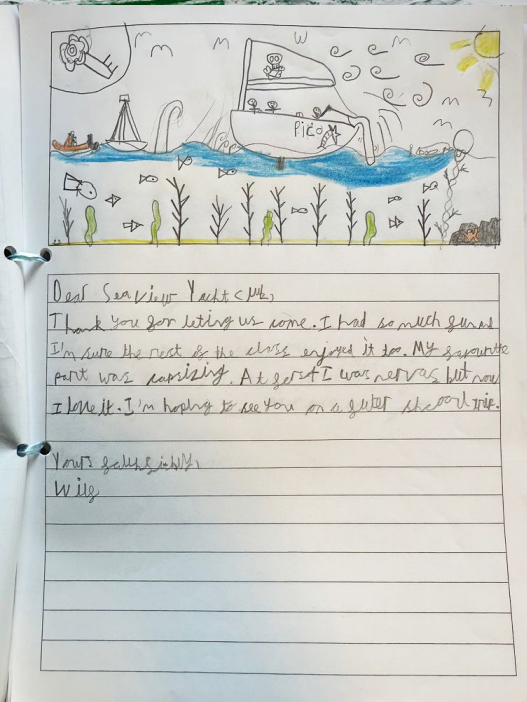
Jon Curtis is an integral part of the history of Seaview Sailing Trust from the beginning. He masterminds the training, talks to the schools, and it's into his care that we place the children who come to Seaview to learn how to sail.

▲ In 2024, HRH The Princess Royal visited Seaview to see the work being done by the Trust. She is pictured here with Jon Curtis, Sea View Yacht club's Sailing Director



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day of my life



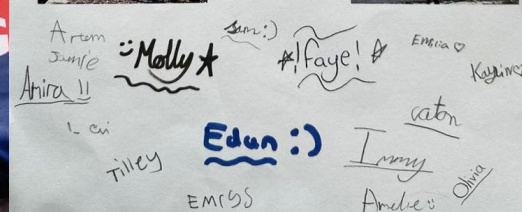
Thank you so much for
teaching us how to sail!



From Year
5



Oakfield C.E. Aided
Primary



In 2025 we introduced "Swim Safe" (an initiative with the RNLI, Swim England and the RYA), as an extra part of the training. And it's proved really useful. Sail training takes place in a variety of different boats and we've upgraded some of the Pico dinghy fleet so that they're in better shape and will last longer for the children. More changing room space is planned, as the current changing rooms aren't quite big enough to cope with the numbers that we're working with now. Plus we're putting in an access ramp and also an accessible changing area and toilet because we are getting more and more people coming through who have accessible needs.

One of our mantras is that nothing's impossible, but we might need to move the goalposts a little bit to make it possible. We try and get everybody out there; nobody's going to miss out, and we won't ignore anyone whatever their needs.

Often when we start off training, quite a few of the children are in tears, as this is so unfamiliar to them. (One tearful little child that I was talking to told me "My Daddy's a fantastic sailor". And I said, well, he wasn't when he was your age, because I taught him and he was crying the same as you are!) But by the end of the week I'm pleased to say that the tears have turned to smiles. They're learning to love sailing, and making friends that will last forever.

Several of the teachers have told us that the children are making new friends who they wouldn't even have thought of talking to when they were at school.

None of this progress would be possible without our dedicated and loyal supporters. You make all of this possible, and you are amazing!

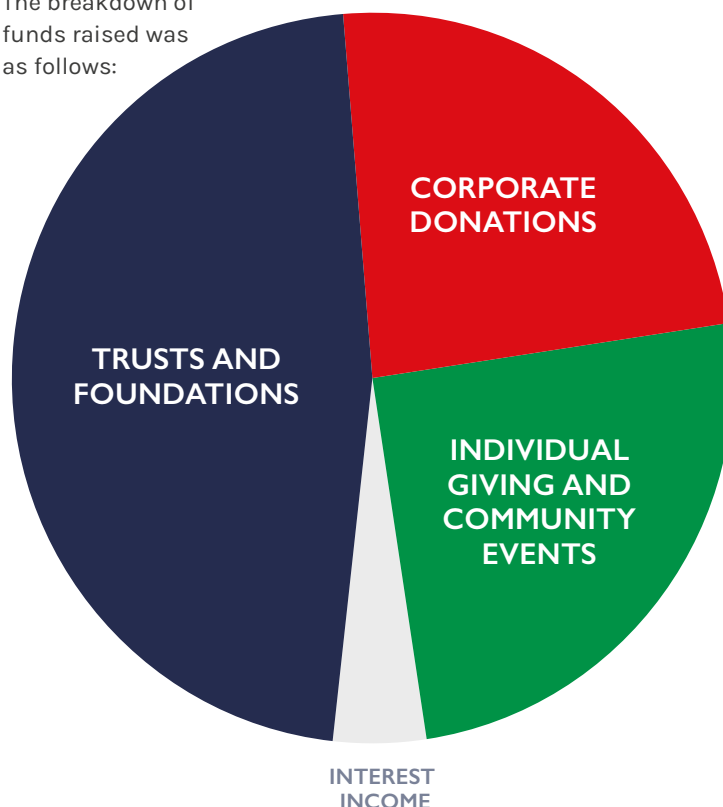
FUNDRAISING AND GIVING

OUR WORK IS ONLY MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH THE DONATIONS AND GRANTS WE RECEIVE. IN 2025 WE CONTINUED TO GROW OUR FUNDRAISING AND EXPAND OUR SOURCES OF FUNDS. THE SUPPORT THAT WE RECEIVE FROM THE LOCAL COMMUNITY OF SEAVIEW IS TRULY OVERWHELMING. IN PARTICULAR WE HAVE SEEN A RISE IN THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS WHO GIVE REGULARLY TO THE CHARITY - A GROWING BAND OF 65 INDIVIDUALS, UP FROM 50 LAST YEAR.

And in recent years we have been fortunate to receive funding from a growing number of trusts and foundations, who have seen the important work we do, and want to ensure our longevity into the future.

During the year the Trust raised over £276,000, once again exceeding its target. The additional funds raised enabled us to fund more lessons and reach more children than we had initially planned.

The breakdown of funds raised was as follows:



WE ARE GRATEFUL TO THE FOLLOWING ORGANISATIONS WHO HAVE SUPPORTED US OVER THE PAST FINANCIAL YEAR:

TRUSTS AND FOUNDATIONS

Beatrice Laing Trust
CHK Foundation
Charlotte Heber-Percy Charitable Trust
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HISTORY AND GOVERNANCE

The Seaview Sailing Trust was formed out of the Seaview Schools sailing programme started by the Sea View Yacht Club in 2017 by the then Commodore, Michael Smith. From the outset the programme was supported by generous members of the Sea View Yacht Club, along with external funders, such as livery companies and various trusts including Sir Ben Ainslie's 1851 Foundation. The initial programme provided 15 places for 10 weeks during the summer term to Year 5 students from Nettlestone Primary School. This proved so successful that requests soon followed from other schools.

As the programme has grown and more funds have been raised, the club felt that the fundraising should be carried out by an independent charity, separate from its finances and management. The SVYC remains a strong supporter of the charity, and its commodore sits on the board alongside the independent trustees. However, the Trust is an independent charity and our decision-making, finances and governance are separated.

Board of Trustees: Andrea Minton Beddoes (Chair), Reg Barry, Fiona Conway-Hughes, Christopher Garnett, Tom Holbrook, Edward Kershaw (Vice Chair), Tracy North, Lucy Richardson, William Robins, Michael Smith.

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