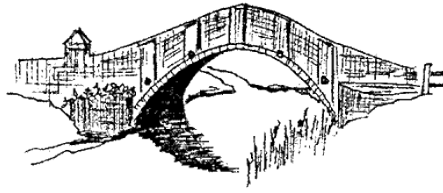


THE ALDE & ORE ASSOCIATION



**THE TWENTY-SIXTH
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ALDE AND ORE ASSOCIATION**

will be held on

SATURDAY 8th April 2017 at 10:00am
Coffee and tea will be available from 9:30am

at

**THORPENESS COUNTRY CLUB
THE BENTHILLS, THORPENESS IP16 4NU**

GUEST SPEAKER:

DAVID KEMP

**East Anglian Coastal Team Leader,
Environment Agency**

THE 2017 JANUARY SURGE - HOW NEAR WAS IT?

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Registered Charity No. 1154583

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of The Alde and Ore Association will be held on Saturday 8th April, 2017 at 10:00am at Thorpeness Country Club.

Coffee and tea will be served from 9.30am

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. To approve as a correct record the minutes of the AGM held on Saturday 23rd April 2016
3. Trustees' Report for the year ended 31st December 2016
4. Accounts of the Association for the year ended 31st December 2016
5. Election of Trustees*

The following Trustees are due to retire by rotation at the Meeting and offer themselves for re-election: Simon Barrow, Tim Dudgeon and Birgitta Bostrom:

Simon Barrow has been a member of the Association, a Trustee for over 10 years and advises the Association on matters to do with marketing and publicity.

Tim Dudgeon has been responsible for the maintenance and running of the Butley Ferry and was elected as a Trustee in 2013.

Birgitta Bostrom is the Association's Treasurer and was elected as a Trustee in 2015.

6. Any other business

* The Committee welcomes applications from those interested in the aims of the Association who would be interested in joining the Committee and participating in its work. Applications should be made initially to the Chairman who will be able to explain the work of the Committee and responsibilities of Trustees and identify possible roles for the applicant. Any persons interested in planning issues or representing landowner interests as a Trustee or in website monitoring (which need not necessarily involve membership of the Committee) would be particularly welcome at present.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of The Alde and Ore Association held at 11:00am on Saturday 23rd April 2016 at Thorpeness Country Club

PRESENT:

Committee Alison Andrews (Chairman)
Birgitta Bostrom (Treasurer)
Sally Walton (Secretary)
Amanda Bettinson (RDC)
Simon Barrow
Colin Chamberlain
Tim Dudgeon
John Grayburn
Keith Martin

Members 70 members were present, excluding the Committee

APOLOGIES: Bridget Logan, David Bettinson, Bobby Rusack, Stephen Fletcher, David and Val Rea, Charles and Lydia Freeman, Rupert and Jane Hannen , Philip and Raewyn Hope-Cobbold

1. MINUTES

Minutes of the previous AGM of The Alde and Ore Association, held on 11th April 2015, were approved.

2. TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2015

The Chairman welcomed The Lord Deben and the new High Sheriff of Suffolk, William Kendall and his wife Miranda and all members to the meeting. This was a special day, being the 25th anniversary of the Association. She said how grateful we were to our founders for their initiative and to their successors for constantly meeting the new challenges and working to ensure that the joys of the estuary continue for everyone and the next generation, whether sailors, walkers, farmers or simply the many of us who enjoy the landscape and skylines and of course the wildlife which fills so many special habitats.

The formal Report for the year ended 31st December 2015, which had been circulated, was different from earlier years because now that the Association was a Charitable Incorporated Organisation we had to follow the required format.

The recent Spring Newsletter, on which she congratulated fellow Trustees and Monika Koch, had much in it to read and absorb. She then updated the meeting with the very latest on the river defences:

The Alde and Ore Estuary Partnership (AOEP) Estuary Plan would, hopefully by 7th June, have the final endorsement by SCDC and then the AOEP could keep marching forward with a programme of works, seeking funding and addressing the Shoreline Management Plan. And the Association would continue to play a leading role here.

As regards Slaughden sea wall with which we were all concerned, the Environment Agency (EA) were bringing in more rocks to help sustain the wall. Progress had been thwarted by the weather; we needed calm or light offshore winds and it was hoped this would be the case on Monday. Work was already taking place now to make good the faulty repairs done a few years back on the Aldeburgh wall from Brick Dock to Slaughden. This was happening because both the AOEP and the Association together and separately made it clear that it was for the EA not the local community to get this right. The contractors were currently dealing with wildlife mitigation but should, in a few weeks, begin the digging of clay from the land behind the wall to build onto and so improve the back slope of the walls.

Planning was also well in hand on bringing the river walls on both sides at Snape to a longer lasting standard, involving the AOEP, the EA, Snape Maltings and Snape Parish Council. There would be local consultation on this.

The Chairman looked back over the last 25 years and congratulated Colin Chamberlain on crafting a masterly and splendid account, which was compiled from all the newsletters over the 25 years. This was published in the latest Newsletter and demonstrated what and how much the Association has done. It was an amazing range of action and activities.

The only newsletter that was missing was that for Autumn 2008. This was a pity as it would have covered the ground-breaking initiative, *Framework for the Future* which set out the future strategy for the river. The Alde and Ore Association Strategy Group led by the then Chairman David Andren, of which the current Chairman was a member, was tired of government policy documents saying that, as the east coast estuaries would be overwhelmed by sea level rise in 100 years' time, it was too expensive to do anything now. The Association's *Framework for the Future* was the document which said that the real threat in the next 25 years was not sea level rise but breaches, during a surge, of inadequately maintained flood defence walls. It was this document which suggested that policy-making should look at near and medium term periods of 25 and 50 years and not just 100 years ahead. It suggested that the practice that either the government mended the walls or nothing happened should be changed to allow local repairs as well. It was this work which led to where we have now reached, a rolling flood defence refurbishment programme, designed locally, treating the estuary as one integrated landscape.

The Chairman emphasised that this role of questioning policy approaches, of creative thinking, was something the Association must continue with, both to support the work on the matter of flood defences and for the wider estuary interests, whether sensible approaches to marine management, wildlife conservation, or preservation of a precious and unique landscape and the peace and tranquillity of the area.

This was only part of what we might do. Trustees had been taking stock. The Association had achieved many things over the past 25 years and we believed the Association was still very much needed. Much of the 25 years had been spent trying to ensure that the underlying centuries old structure of our estuary was not allowed to fall into disrepair: we have had success as we now had the AOEP to take this forward with government and community approval. It is this partnership within the community and with the authorities

that gave the strength to make these plans possible. The Association was there to ensure the will to keep this going was sustained.

But there was much else still to be done such as keeping an eye on government policy to ensure nothing gets set in stone which might damage our estuary's case, such as at the SCAR meeting the previous week when she pressed the EA's CEO to take into account the value of the landscape, not just housing, in the cost/benefit analysis for any funding for flood defence. Any policy now must be evidence based and time and again the Association used its funds and foresight to contribute to specially commissioned reports like those from Professor Pye and our recent contribution to a Natural England led survey of the salt marshes on the estuary.

There was always attention and effort needed on planning- **and we needed help on this.** Currently Brick Dock phase 3 was in the pipeline and we had to speak up. But it was not just for the Committee, members needed to have their say too.

The Chairman said that either this or next year, the Government's plans for a coastline path along every inch of the marine shore would require careful attention to get a balance between enjoyment and excessive access.

Resources allowing, there was more to do to help people enjoy the river whether sailing, paths, art exhibitions, events, to contribute to fund raising for the river walls and to be the eyes and ears for the estuary to prompt the right quarters into action .

Importantly we could be the focus for opinion and consultation. If Association members had not responded so well to the Alde and Ore Futures Plan we could still be struggling to get a coherent defence plan for the estuary.

There would be yet more issues which emerged over time as they did over the last 25 years. The Association had risen to be the voice for the estuary and so it should continue to be, with everyone's support.

But to do all this we needed more volunteers. Trustees, with Simon Barrow giving his marketing expertise, had been considering how we could broaden the appeal of the Association.

A pilot survey had been undertaken to get a view of what people felt about the Association, what it did and what more it might do, resources permitting, and how it might appeal to a wider membership both in terms of age and reaching into all the different communities in the estuary area. We were grateful to the 47 people who had helped us so far. In the light of these results we would see how much further to take this research. Anyone who wanted to give us some feedback now was asked to take one of the forms from the desk and fill it in to help our deliberations. We wanted an Association which met members' needs and worked well in the 21st century whether for process, consultation, discussion and events.

The Chairman thanked all Association members who had responded to the consultation on the draft Estuary Plan and had attended the drop-ins. Such a demonstration of full hearted local support would help greatly in the process of getting the plan endorsed.

She expressed her grateful thanks to her fellow Trustees who had been taking forward the thinking on widening membership, to those who with Monika Koch had produced such an excellent newsletter, and to John Grayburn who had been working on a vastly improved website.

She said that huge thanks must go to the Butley Ferry team, ably led by Tim Dudgeon with the works led by Stephen Worrall, and all the indefatigable ferrymen, almost 20 in number. The ferry was a real asset to the enjoyment of the river and called on a lot of volunteer time to run it every summer weekend and in the winter to keep the paths and jetties and boat in good repair.

Thanks also were due to the River Defence Committee team for their annual, sometimes more frequent, survey of the state of the river walls that helped to highlight early signs of deterioration and prompt repairs.

She reported that sadly last autumn David Barnwell, who was an invaluable Trustee managing all our IT and web needs, had died and that he was much missed. Also, this year one of our fellow Trustees, George Watson, retired, and she said that she would miss his very sound, down to earth, practical advice and his understanding of the estuary and keeping it a special place. But we had the pleasure of looking forward to the Annual Barbecue at Butley Creek, thanks to George letting us stride over his land to enjoy the wonderful watery and marsh landscape there.

The Chairman concluded by wishing everyone an excellent summer, in, on and around the estuary and asked everyone to be our eyes and ears and keep us posted of things that matter to the estuary.

3. ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2015

The Treasurer presented the accounts and explained the reason for the different presentation this year. This was because our income had increased due to the legacy of £250,000 from David Andren, which is to go towards Flood Defence in the Orford area, meaning that it was necessary to move to accrual accounting and appoint an external examiner. Our two major items of expenditure were the newsletter and professional consultancy services from Professor Pye. Our income was £2,500 more than our expenditure and our reserves now stood at £53,000 which provided a solid base for the work which needed to be done.

Keith Martin proposed that the Accounts be adopted; seconded by Diana Paterson; and agreed unanimously by the membership present.

4. ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

Keith Martin and John Grayburn stood for re-election and were unanimously approved by the membership present.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A number of issues were raised:

That the Association should not neglect the upper valleys of the river and that if more were done in these areas membership might be increased; the Trustees sought to arrange Association events across the years throughout the area from the top of the Alde to Shingle Street and would be very happy to receive articles for the newsletter about events taking place or any item of interest anywhere in the area.

That the Trustees would consider changing the payment system to Direct Debit in due course; this had been considered but was not practical at this time.

That Shingle Street had undertaken a bio-diversity survey.

That Trustees had been working on the Association website and had been making it more up to date. There was now a dedicated area for membership events and general information. Members were asked to help by giving their email addresses which saved postage costs and enabled the Committee to reach more members with up to date information but the Trustees would not bombard them with information. That said we would continue to print the newsletter and send it by post.

6. CLOSE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 11.30am.

After the close of the AGM, the Chairman introduced The Rt Hon. The Lord Deben and Members heard a talk by him entitled "Accepting Climate Change does not mean 'Managed Retreat'".

THE ALDE & ORE ASSOCIATION



The Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for the year to 31st December 2016

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Registered Charity No. 1154583

Report of the Trustees

The Trustees present their Report and the Accounts of the Charity for the year to 31st December 2016

A. REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

The Alde and Ore Association
Charity Registration No 1154583

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Names of Charity Trustees

THE COMMITTEE at 31st December 2016

Officers

Alison Andrews	Chairman
Birgitta Bostrom	Treasurer
Sally Walton	Hon Secretary
Amanda Bettinson	Chair RDC

Other Trustees

Colin Chamberlain	Legal Adviser
Simon Barrow	Marketing
Keith Martin	Membership
John Grayburn	Events Co-ordinator
Tim Dudgeon	Butley Ferry
Vacancy	Landowner interests
Vacancy	Planning Adviser

Representatives Appointed by the Trustees

Grant Lohar	National Trust
Richard Brunt	Wildfowlers
Ben McFarland	RSPB

Membership Secretary

Diana Paterson

Newsletter Editor

Monika Koch until June 2016, thereafter Derek Bingham

B. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Alde and Ore Association was founded in 1991. On 1st January 2014, it changed its charitable status to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) which assumed all the assets and liabilities of the Association.

Organisational structure

The Charity Trustees constitute a committee which manages the affairs of the CIO and for that purpose exercises the powers of the CIO.

Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

Trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting of The Alde and Ore Association, in accordance with Clause 13 of the Constitution. One third of the Trustees must retire each year but are eligible for re-election, those to retire being the ones who have been longest in office.

C. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives

The objects of The Alde and Ore Association are to preserve and protect for the public benefit the Alde, Ore and Butley rivers and their banks from Shingle Street to their tidal limits and such of the land adjoining them or upstream as may be considered to affect them together with the features of beauty and historic or public interest in the area.

We confirm that the Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Activities

The main activities undertaken towards achieving the Association's objectives during the year have been to:

- continue to help to ensure that river defences are upgraded in order to sustain the Alde and Ore and Butley rivers within their landscape to safeguard all the activities, places of interest and wildlife habitats contained within this unique area. Very active participation in the work of the Alde and Ore Estuary Partnership (AOEP) is undertaken by two Trustees.
- work to safeguard the estuary by commenting on planning developments or other proposals which either might detract from or enhance the area.
- Annually assess, photograph and report on the state of the river walls. This has been done through the Association's River Defence Committee.
- provide activities to encourage enjoyment or use of the area through the provision of the Butley Ferry, three walks and a barbecue.
- take initiatives and contribute to commissioning research to illuminate policies or projects dealing with the river defences and the natural landscape.
- ensure communication with members; two Newsletters have been published and circulated to members. The Association website has been maintained while plans have been developed to make it more user-friendly. Efforts have been made to encourage members to provide email addresses so as to ensure timely and much less costly circulation of matters affecting the estuary area.
- give consideration to what might be done to clarify the work of the Association and to encourage a broader membership involving the people who live, work and spend their leisure time in the area.

Contributions

David Andren, a past Chairman of the Association, who died in 2014, left the Association a considerable legacy to contribute to the upgrading of defences in the Orford area with the intention of encouraging others to follow his example. Another instalment of £377,985 was received during 2016. A small sum is yet to come. This is an extremely generous bequest, which in total will add up to about £630,000.

The Trustees have been working on plans to provide helpful information and proformas. These will be launched once the full bequest has been received, to make it easier for anyone who wishes to give a legacy or donation towards the river defences.

Other donations have also been received over and above membership fees for which the Association is extremely grateful.

D. ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The main achievements during the year reflect the several and varied activities of the Association.

Working with the Estuary Partnership

The Association is a founding and voting member of the AOEP whose role is to prepare and deliver a comprehensive plan for bringing the estuary flood defences up to a good standard to sustain the integrity of the estuary to protect the landscape, local economy, homes and wildlife. The AOEP's draft Estuary Plan, to which two Association Trustees have been major contributors, was completed in early 2016 after full public consultation. The Plan received all the necessary endorsements from Suffolk County Council, Suffolk Coastal District Council (SCDC) and the Regional Flood and Coast Committee and on 7th June became a document of 'material consideration in local planning'.

The first phase of work started immediately in the Upper Estuary on the Aldeburgh Marsh wall and will be completed in the early summer of next year. This was funded in the main by the Environment Agency as a repair to previous poor maintenance but additional funding was found by way of a loan to bring this scheme up to the AOEP standard. Work on all flood cells is now reliant on further hydrological modelling of the whole estuary before Government funding and flood defence consents can be agreed. It is estimated that about £12 million will be required to upgrade the whole estuary and detailed costings of work at Iken (Upper Estuary) and from Orford to the river mouth (Lower Estuary) will be completed once the modelling data is available.

Since the Estuary Plan has been agreed, it has been possible to ask for a review of the Shoreline Management Plan as the plan is to 'hold the line till 2055' north of the Martello Tower, whilst the plan for the length south of the Martello Tower is only to 'hold the line till 2025'. This area is very vulnerable to storms and surge tides and it is hoped that agreement can be reached for a Shingle Engine (a soft coastal defence costing about £6-9 million) to be built for the Slaughden coastline. This will build up the shore profile with about 2 million cubic metres of shingle which will move up and down the coast with the longshore drift, protecting the Slaughden area for about the next 40 years.

Protection of the landscape

A major planning application for 43 houses in the Phase 3 of building at Brick Dock was turned down by the SCDC Planning Committee on 3rd November. The Association was one of the strong objectors together with many residents, the Aldeburgh Town Council and some other organisations. It is not yet known whether an appeal will be made.

The Association was very active along with residents of Iken in objecting to a proposed three day pop festival at Iken with possibly up to 5000 people attending and was amongst the speakers at the hearing. The application was turned down.

The Association also made further comments on the implementation of the reshaping of Jumbo's Cottage and surrounding area at Iken because of the impact of digging out a substantial part of the ground to achieve an underground car park and below ground level living rooms. It is good news that the developers have now dropped the idea of an underground car park but the Association still believes that the proposals represent over-development of an iconic site.

The Association has been working with the AOEP in exploring and challenging the renewed possibility of the Government designating the estuary as a Marine Conservation Zone. The Association called together its River Users Group to consider the proposals and organised a fact finding visit for Natural England officials. This issue is likely to become a substantive proposal in 2017 and the Association is seeking to gather more material to ascertain the basis of the plans and challenge them if the facts are found not to support the case.

Enjoyment of the area

There were three excellent walks organised for members this year.

The May walk enabled members to visit the Stanny Farm Field Centre and the eastern part of the farm for which we are very grateful to Paul and Loulou Cooke. In July some 40 people walked along the lower estuary river wall and visited the new RSPB Hollesley Reserve with guides from the RSPB. In September a further 40 people enjoyed a circular walk from the Aldeburgh Golf Club to the Suffolk Wildlife Trust birdwatching hide at Hazlewood Marsh, along the Blackheath beach and back through the woods, with big thanks to Sir Michael and Lady Hopkins for permission to enjoy this lovely unusual part of the walk, and back past the 'asparagus farm' to the golf course for a sandwich lunch on the terrace.

Lastly, the annual barbecue held in August was a tremendous success. Our thanks go to the Watson family for allowing the Association to gather on this unique site at the navigable head of the Butley River with amazing views over the marshes as they filled with the incoming tide. We are most grateful, yet again, to Paul Walkden for masterminding the barbecue arrangements with Caroline Boyd.

The Butley Ferry

The 17 volunteer ferrymen worked hard in continuing to provide the ferry service. The 2016 season should have been the best year so far due to the early Easter and the season running for the first time until the end of October. However, there were ten blank days – two of which were in August (very unusual) and three in October. Walking numbers were down (891), but cyclists showed a small increase (353). Sadly children remained very few (80).

River Defence Committee

Volunteers walked the river walls after the March equinox as usual and mapped any changes. This takes a great deal of time and effort and we are extremely grateful to everyone for their commitment in producing the reports which are available on the website.

Pressing for current maintenance and repairs

In previous years the Association had pressed the Environment Agency, both through the AOEP and separately, for attention to be paid to securing good maintenance projects both on the Slaughden sea wall and on the Aldeburgh Marsh wall. In May 2016 a substantial £400,000 project was carried out when the weather at last permitted it, involving the installation along the Slaughden sea wall of 5000 tonnes of large rocks and much of the shingle amassed in readiness in the previous year; this should help protect the defence better from the power of onshore waves until a more lasting solution is agreed.

Research commissioned

The Association used the services of Professor Ken Pye again to complement and widen perspectives of consultants used by the Environment Agency and Natural England. The main report was a 'Geomorphological Assessment of SMP2 Coastal Management Area ORF15.1: Martello Tower to Orford Ness, Suffolk' and was designed to help inform the official review of the Shoreline Management Plan which is currently in progress and should be completed by the summer of 2017.

The Association also contributed, along with the AOEP and the National Trust, to the funding of a Natural England led study on 'Comparison of saltmarsh habitats of the Alde-Ore Estuary Complex SSSI recorded in 1993 and 2013/15 National Vegetation Classification surveys' which found that over the last 20 years the amount of saltings in the estuary had not changed much overall although the distribution had changed somewhat and much of the saltings are typical of the higher levels of salting with very few examples of the plant life found on the lower levels of saltings elsewhere. This work contributes to the monitoring necessary to continue the AOEP Estuary Plan.

Overall the Association has contributed considerably to the preservation, protection and enjoyment of the Alde, Ore and Butley river area.

The role of the Association

25 years ago the Association's founders wrote a 55 word statement of its aims. It remains our guide but in recent years the Association has also used just six words 'Maintain our Coast and River Defences' as a strapline on the basis that if the defences are not maintained and upgraded then all the broader roles are compromised. This is our bedrock. But the estuary needs the support and involvement of all who live, work and visit the area, now more than ever. This is why last summer we created the new strapline 'Your Voice – Your Estuary'. Trustees know how much people care about this place but the Association needs to hear from them.

E. FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Association has a Reserves Policy of building its reserves without significant increases in membership fees whilst continuing to maintain existing services to members.

The Association's main source of income is its membership fees (there are currently over 2,000 members in total, including all members of the Aldeburgh Yacht Club).

The Association expects to have to use its reserves to employ consultants, advisers and possibly even contractors to ensure the objectives of the Association in preserving the Alde and Ore Estuary for the benefit of the public are met.

Both unrestricted as well as restricted reserves of the Association are currently held in savings deposit accounts with CCLA and Virgin Money.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

Members of The Alde and Ore Association's Committee are responsible for preparing the Charity's annual report and financial statements in accordance with the law applicable to charities and UK Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law requires that the report and financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP);
- make judgments 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 a 'going concern' basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees, for the purposes of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report, are set out on page 1.

Approved by the Trustees and signed by



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14th March 2017
Lady Andrews, OBE
Chair of the Trustees

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To reduce our postage expenses, the website is updated with current news, Association events, AGM minutes and reports. We welcome comments and ideas.

****NB** to enable us to send you news/events etc without incurring expensive postage costs,
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Statement of financial activities for the year ending 31st December 2016

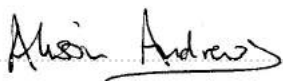
For general comments see Note 1.

	<i>Notes</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds £</i>	<i>Restricted funds £</i>	2016 Total funds £	2015 Total funds £
Income	2				
Membership fees and donations		11195	377985	389181	262800
Other trading activities		6436	-	6436	6888
Investment income		213	2146	2359	1263
Total		17844	380131	397976	270951
Expenditure	3				
Raising funds		3800	-	3800	4883
Charitable activities		12113	-	12113	10778
Total		15913	-	15913	15661
Net income/(expenditure)		1931	380131	382063	255290
Net movement in funds		1931	380131	382063	255920
Reconciliation of funds:					
Fund balances brought forward		53146	253040	306186	50896
Fund balances carried forward		55077	633171	688249	306186

Balance sheet as at 31st December 2016

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2016 Total funds £	2015 Total funds £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible assets		-	-	-	-
Intangible assets		-	-	-	-
Investments		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
Current Assets					
Stocks		-	-	-	-
Debtors		-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		56419	633170	689589	307192
		56419	633170	689589	307192
Total Current Assets					
		56419	633170	689589	307192
Liabilities					
Due in less than a year	4	1342	-	1342	1006
		55077	633170	688247	306186
Net Assets					
		55077	633170	688247	306186

Approved by the Trustees and signed by:



14th March 2017
Lady Andrews, OBE
Chair of the Trustees

The notes on pages 9 to 12 form part of these financial statements

Notes to the accounts

1. Accounting Policies

Basis for preparing the financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

In preparing the accounts, the trustees have considered whether in applying the accounting policies required by FRS 102 and the Charities SORP FRS 102 a restatement of comparative items was needed. No restatements were required.

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

Fund accounting

The Charity has restricted income funds to account for situations where a donor requires that a donation must be spent on a particular purpose, or where funds have been raised for a particular purpose. All other funds are unrestricted.

Incoming resources

Annual memberships are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate. Memberships received in advance are deferred and included in creditors.

Legacies and donations are recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the resources, it is certain that the resources will be received and the monetary value of grants can be measured with sufficient reliability. Legacies can be categorised as either pecuniary (specific cash amount) or residuary (share of an estate). Pecuniary legacies are recognised as receivable once probate has been granted and notification has been received. Residuary legacies are recognised as receivable once probate has been granted and where they can be measured reliably.

Income from sales of publications is recognised as earned as the related goods are provided.

Investment income is credited to income on the accruals basis, with daily accrual of interest calculated by reference to the distribution dates.

Resources Expended

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Taxation

The Association is a registered charity, so there is no charge for taxation.

Notes to the accounts (continued)

2. Income

	<i>Notes</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds £</i>	<i>Restricted funds £</i>	<i>2016 Total funds £</i>	<i>2015 Total funds £</i>
Income from membership fees and donations					
Membership fees		6791	-	6791	6406
Membership fees from Aldeburgh Yacht Club		2990	-	2990	2990
Gift Aid Refund		1389	-	1389	1349
Donations and legacies		25	377985	378009	252055
Miscellaneous		-	-		-
Total income from donations and legacies		11195	377985	389180	262800
Income from other trading activities					
BBQ		2381	-	2381	2726
Walks		1438	-	1438	1725
Butley Ferry		2387	-	2387	2227
Sales of publications/DVDs		230	-	230	210
Total income from other trading activities		6436	-	6436	6888
Income from investments					
Interest on cash deposits		213	2146	2359	1263
Total income from investments		213	2146	2359	1263
Total income		17844	380131	397975	270951

Notes to the accounts (continued)

3. Expenditure

<i>Notes</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds £</i>	<i>Restricted funds £</i>	2016 Total funds £	2015 Total funds £
Cost of raising funds				
BBQ Cost	1855	-	1855	1920
Walks cost	721	-	721	1178
Butley Ferry cost	1224	-	1224	1785
Total cost of raising funds	3800	-	3800	4883
Cost of Charitable Activities				
Newsletter	3315	-	3315	3516
Website costs	1447	-	1447	453
Postage/Stationary	125	-	125	120
Miscellaneous	221	-	221	6
Economic Study		-		-
Consultants (Professor Pye)	4596	-	4596	4150
River Defence Committee		-		-
Donations by A&O		-		-
AGM	1850	-	1850	2018
Independent Examination of Accounts	300	-	300	288
Insurance	259	-	259	227
Total cost of charitable activities	12113	-	12113	10778
Total expenditure	15913	-	15913	15661

Notes to the accounts (continued)

4. Liabilities

	<i>At 31st December 2015</i>
	£
Postage	594
Ferry Cost	448
Independent Examination	300
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	1342
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5. Funds

	<i>At 1 January 2016</i>	<i>Incoming resources</i>	<i>Outgoing resources</i>	<i>At 31 December 2016</i>
	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds				
David Andren Bequest	253040	380131	-	633171
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Total restricted funds	253040	380131	-	633171
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Unrestricted funds				
General funds	53146	17844	15913	55077
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Total unrestricted funds	53146	17844	15913	55077
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Total funds	306186	397975	15913	688248
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Purposes of restricted funds

The current restricted funds have been given as a bequest and are earmarked to aid with the work on a specific part of the estuary.

Purpose of general funds

General funds are those which are unrestricted and not designated for any other purpose. The balance on the general fund will be used to cover the excess of expenditure over incoming resources aims and mission.

ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The ultimate controlling party is the membership of the Charity.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE ALDE & ORE ASSOCIATION

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2016 which are set out on pages 7 to 12.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented 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 connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Acthave 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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