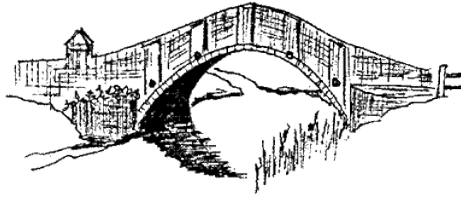


# THE ALDE & ORE ASSOCIATION

Your Voice – Your Estuary



**THE TWENTY-SEVENTH**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ALDE AND ORE ASSOCIATION**

will be held on

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 10.30am**  
*Coffee and tea will be available from 10.00am*

at

**THORPENESS COUNTRY CLUB**

**BENTHILLS, THORPENESS, IP16 4NU**

**Speaker: to be announced**

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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 7<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 10.30am at Thorpeness Country Club.

**Coffee and tea will be served from 10.00am**

## AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. To approve as a correct record the minutes of the AGM held on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2017
3. Trustees' Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017
4. Accounts of the Association for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017
5. Election of Trustees\*

The following Trustees are due to retire by rotation at the Meeting: Alison Andrews, Amanda Bettinson and Sally Walton. Alison Andrews and Sally Walton offer themselves for re-election.

The following Trustee was appointed by the Committee during the year pending election at the Meeting and offers himself for election: Roy Truman.

*Roy Truman was appointed as Trustee with responsibility for ferry matters in November 2017, having already served three seasons as a ferryman and being one of the lead winter repairing and refurbishing team. He was originally from Grimsby from a fishing family, and an unbroken line of mariners since 1726 but the first Truman not to go to sea. As a career, an art teacher he specialised in working with people with special needs including working at Hollesley Bay when he came to Suffolk in 1980. His work has included setting up the Ipswich Waterways Club, a watersports club for able bodied and less able young people, being the Regional Representative for the National Organisation of Gateway Clubs and representing MENCAP both regionally and nationally. As an Area Community Education Officer he has managed a large number of staff and facilities, budgets and meetings. He has been an instructor in scuba diving, dinghy and windsurfer sailing and canoeing.*

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 the responsibilities of Trustees and identify possible roles for the applicant. Applications from any persons interesting in planning issues, representing landowner interests, the Association website or Newsletter would be particularly welcome at present.

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of The Alde and Ore Association held at 10:00am on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2017 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, Diana Paterson

**Members** 70 members present, excluding the Committee. List held by the Secretary.

**APOLOGIES:** Vicki Bingham, Elizabeth Clark, Professor and Mrs Dickinson, Ted and Rosemary Draper, Michael and Phyllida Flint, Lydia Freeman, Patrick Gifford, Felicity Hoare, Sir Christopher Howes, Liz Marks, Bobby Rusack, Isabel Smith

**1. MINUTES**

Minutes of the previous AGM of The Alde and Ore Association, held on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2016, were approved.

**2. TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2016**

The Chairman said that the Trustees' report was included with the papers for the meeting. It provided a useful summary of the activities in 2016 and was required by the Charities Commission given the Association's status as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The Report was duly noted by the meeting.

**3. ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2016**

The Treasurer presented the accounts which were presented in the format suggested by the Charity Commission guidelines. The accounts were in good order and had been approved by external examination. Unrestricted income of £17,844 was made up of mostly membership and donations, and restricted income included the additional £377,985 from the David Andren legacy for flood defences in the Orford area. Expenses of £15,913 included the cost of consultants' work on the estuary, the newsletter and the improved website. There was currently a reserve of £55,077 in unrestricted funds for work on the estuary in the future and the restricted funds now totalled £633,171.

**These accounts were approved and adopted unanimously by the membership present.**

**4. ELECTION OF TRUSTEES**

The Chairman explained that the Constitution stated that there should be no less than 6 and no more than 12 Trustees, and that there could be 4 co-opted members. Currently co-opted members included a representative of the Wildfowlers, and the National Trust. The Trustee Committee was in need of a Planning representative, a Newsletter editor and an expert in Estuary Management. The constitution required that a third of Trustees needed to be re-elected every year. Birgitta Bostrom, Simon Barrow and Tim Dudgeon therefore stood for re-election. Tim Dudgeon would be leaving Suffolk later this year, but until then would remain as Ferry Representative.

**These three were unanimously approved by all present.**

**5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Chairman said she had not been notified of any other business but would bring members up to date with what had been happening in the Association and the estuary since the start of 2017 and what might be coming up in the year.

The Spring Newsletter, copies of which I hope you picked up when you came in, should be arriving shortly on your doorsteps. I hope this covers all the major issues and we have sought to ensure we have articles covering the upper and lower parts of the valley and estuary as usual. We always welcome ideas for more articles, so if you think we should have covered something let us know. I do want to recognise the fantastic work of Derek Bingham who has returned to help us again as our Newsletter Editor, and a splendid job he does. I can't help thinking that among our members there must be a few others who would enjoy helping with or editing the newsletter twice a year.

Turning to what has been happening since the start of the year:

First, there was the surge on 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> January (2017). We will hear the full story on that shortly from our Guest Speaker David Kemp.

The estuary might be thought of as a place of summer activities but Association action continues throughout the winter too.

On planning, the Association put in another set of objections to the detailed plans for extending Jumbo's Cottage, Iken, required by the Planning Application approval, on the massive works required to dig out much of the promontory on which the Cottage stands in order to double the living area and provide for parking. This is now under consideration by SCDC. I know Iken Parish Council are much exercised by this too and they had a meeting dealing with that amongst other business last night.

There has been no news that I have heard on whether the developer at Brick Dock will appeal against the rejection of plans for 43 more houses. Please let me know if you hear of anything.

Comments were also submitted to the Sizewell C consultation, as it is clear that too little thought has gone into the impact of the huge growth in traffic and to the housing needed in this Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Also importantly more research is needed on plans, which themselves have yet to be defined, on the possible impact of new sea defences and a jetty on the shoreline development further down the coast.

Lastly, and this is far from being a planning matter yet, Snape Maltings are seeking to talk to all the surrounding area about their ideas to make better use of the complex while keeping their musical and historic ethos and to cope with the fact that Arts Council funding is continuing to decline and new income sources have to be found. But they also have to address the fact that their current parking capacity is barely enough for a full concert and there are times when more parking is needed. It is this need which is proving very difficult and controversial to meet as an option is a site on part of a field between the Crown and the river. Snape Maltings are seeking to explain their ideas to all local people and take in comments and to be very conscious that anything they do has to be appropriate for an area of outstanding natural beauty and one of such environmental sensitivity. Snape Maltings are having a further meeting for all people locally who are interested or might be affected on 19<sup>th</sup> April but stress that at this stage they are taking soundings and adjusting ideas. The plans are a very long way off being developed to be taken forward for planning permission. Different Association members take very different views on this. The Trustees remain in listening mode and will watch how plans evolve.

On river defences, the AOEP are tasked with the development and management of a rolling programme to bring all the walls up to a suitable standard. The Association continues to play a strong role in helping move implementation and delivery of the plan forward.

Briefly, the AOEP is seeking to deal with the Upper Estuary first, that is Snape and Aldeburgh, then Iken and will then move south although the AOEP has agreed that the worst points lower down the estuary

may be addressed sooner, rather than waiting until the plan rolls all the way down the estuary. Currently, the AOEP are awaiting the results of further modelling of flood risk to check that what is proposed in the Upper Estuary will not impact adversely elsewhere the estuary. It is hoped that the results, due later in the summer, will then allow the necessary flood risk analysis and business case for what government funding can be had in time for works to begin in 2018.

Meanwhile this year some additional work is being completed on the first stage of the Aldeburgh Marshes river wall. This extra work has been necessary as these ancient walls, built over centuries, come up with surprises. In one area the clay underneath new wall squeezed out into the marshes and has to be stopped by filling part of a soke dyke and the new wall returned to the desired height.

An interesting aspect of the wild life of the area has also come to light. There is a plentiful population of water voles. In every other part of the England these are very rare but here there are great numbers, but following environmental rules they need to be moved to new homes before any wall building can start, a process that can take a few weeks. This is yet another aspect as well as the composition of the material of the walls which adds to the complexity of getting the river defences into the shape that will safeguard the future.

Essentially the Aldeburgh Marshes work shows that through a partnership approach combining the EA original plans to remedy an earlier wall construction and the AOEP plan, the walls and all that is protected by them can be proofed against overtopping for three hours in a 1:200 year event in 2050. The end plan is that there should be a good wall about 3.3 metres high, 3 and a half metres wide at the top and with a broad relatively shallow back slope so that any overtopping simply runs down over the grassed surface and cannot start to cascade on steep parts at the back of the wall. The plans are continuing the stewardship of the estuary begun by our ancestors several centuries ago.

All this is going to cost money. As was said last week at the open meeting for the Aldeburgh area, some £12million is needed for the estuary as a whole over the next 10 years, hopefully less, and that is on top of the possibly £2million we may get from the Government. What is good is that as the AOEP is working closely in partnership with EA and the IDB. We have the full support of the SCC, SCDC and RFCC who all approved the Estuary Plan last June making it a document of material importance in Planning terms. In this way, the voluntary partnership can make progress as it is being helped and supported through the technical and legal mazes which are attached to any flood defence work.

The AOEP and AOET have a strong fund raising team who are all working to ensure a good launch for fund raising from the community. The whole estuary community needs to be involved. It is our estuary and in all our interests that the plan can be taken forward. The Fund raising launch is likely to be on 14<sup>th</sup> /15<sup>th</sup> October. By then the aim is to have ensured that half or more of the sums needed is coming in from any one with land on the estuary, and the government funding possibilities will identified as far as possible. So the community, house owners, businesses and all those of us who enjoy the estuary, can make our contribution as well. I would like to mention again how very generously David Andren left money for the river defences; there is still a little more to come from his estate but the sum is about £630, 000, immensely generous- a wonderful example which he hoped others will follow.

Turning to the summer, the Association has three great walks lined up. For this much thanks to John Grayburn and George Knight who has kindly come forward to take on more of the walk organisation. You will find in the flyers about these with the Newsletter and on the website. The Annual Barbecue will, thanks to Simon and Sheena Barrow, be at Cowton with a wonderful hill top view of the estuary.

The Butley Ferry is, with great works by the ferrymen this winter, ready to start on Easter Saturday and any of you who go there will be much impressed by the renewed duck boards on the Gedgrave side, so you will not get muddy feet.

There will be more work too to be done to protect our estuary and enjoyment of it. Natural England are expected to start consultations on the coastal path route around the estuary. There will be yet another consultation on the estuary being made a possible MCZ early in the summer. We will keep you alerted through the website and the odd email but the cost of postage is so great we will try to do as much as possible, other than the twice yearly newsletters, on the internet.

So with all that and contributions to river defence work and fund raising we have a busy summer ahead.

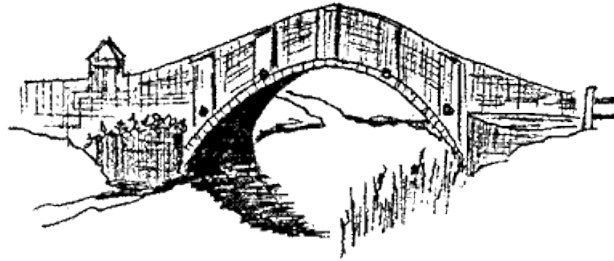
## **6. CLOSE OF MEETING**

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 10.30am.

*After the close of the AGM, the Chairman introduced David Kemp, East Anglian Coastal Team Leader of the Environment Agency, who spoke about the 2017 January surge.*

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## The Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017

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# Report of the Trustees

The Trustees present their Report and the Accounts of the Charity for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017

## A. REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

The Alde and Ore Association  
Charity Registration No 1154583

### Correspondence Address

3 Quay Street, Orford, Woodbridge, Suffolk IP12 2NU

### External Accountants

Ensors Chartered Accountants  
Blyth House  
Rendham Road  
Saxmundham  
Suffolk  
IP17 1WA

### Names of Charity Trustees

#### THE COMMITTEE at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017

##### 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 (to 24 Nov)	Butley Ferry
Roy Truman (from 24 Nov)	“ ”
Vacancy	Planning Adviser

##### Representatives Appointed by the Trustees

Grant Lohoar	National Trust
Richard Brunt	Wildfowlers
Ben McFarland	RSPB

##### Membership Secretary

Diana Paterson

##### Newsletter Editor

Derek Bingham kindly took on the role again this year

##### RDC Convener

Roger Baxter

## **B. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Governing document**

The Alde and Ore Association was founded in 1991. On 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014, the charitable status was changed 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 The Association.
- 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, organised walks and an annual 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 upgraded and is now more user-friendly. Further 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 encourage others to help finance actions which will preserve the unique charm of the estuary and in the hope that funds should be used to improve walls around Orford. The final instalment was received in 2017 bringing the total to £640,820. This is an extremely generous bequest.

The Alde and Ore Estuary Trust (AOET), now responsible for fund raising for the river defences, have provided helpful proformas for making donations and bequests which the Association, in keeping with David's wishes, circulated to all members in October 2017 to encourage and facilitate funding. Additional copies of the proforma may be obtained on the AOEP's website: [www.aiep.co.uk](http://www.aiep.co.uk).

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 Alde and Ore Estuary Partnership, of which The Association is a founding and voting member, continued the work needed to realise the Estuary Plan for a programme of works to rebuild the river defences to a resilient standard. Much of the year was taken up on further hydrological modelling of the whole estuary. Further work cannot commence until EA consents have been agreed (expected late 2018) and mitigation works are complete.

Wall reshaping and further building works carried over from 2016 on Phase 1 of the Aldeburgh Marsh Wall (the middle section of the walls) were also completed. This part of the wall is now up to the AOEP resilient standard to withstand overtopping in 2050.

It is estimated that in excess of £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 all the modelling data is available. The Fund-Raising campaign began for the community in October 2017 and The Association assisted with publicity. Before The Alde and Ore Estuary Trust began fund-raising the Association gave it a grant to defray some of its administrative costs in preparing for the fundraising as at that stage the AOET had no funds. This is another instance where The Association works to facilitate actions that contribute to the better future of the estuary.

The Association also received a request for a grant from the David Andren bequest from the AOEP in July/August 2017 for money to fund some of the costs of the planning process for enabling development, agreed in the Estuary Plan to be one of the main ways of raising funds for the Estuary Plan. The grant, together with funds from SCC and SCDC held by AOEP, was to contribute towards funding the professional fees for preparing and submitting planning applications for some 5 sites in the Orford and Sudbourne area and would in effect be an early payment to facilitate fundraising to help the Estuary Trust reach the estimated £12 million total required for the whole estuary. The grant was needed as planning applications are expected to cost some £15,000 per application. The AOET, a charity, had been advised that its terms of reference meant that it was not legally able to cover planning permission costs, only costs incurred once land had permission and was available to raise funds for the river defences. The AOET is also unable to recompense the donor of the land or any other person who had incurred preliminary expenditure before the permission is given. The Association therefore believe it was an

important and indeed essential step for it to take to fill the significant funding gap which had arisen and thereby kick-start the enabling development programme. After considering the request very carefully, the terms of David Andren's bequest, David's own very clear commitment to the upgrade of the river walls along the entire estuary including Orford where he lived, and the apparent logjam if funds were not provided, the Trustees decided that up to £75, 000 might be granted. This still leaves the bulk of David's bequest to be used on actual works in the Orford area. In the event, a pause in putting forward applications was called just over two months later, and Suffolk Coastal District Council redefined what they needed to support applications, so only £25, 000 so far has been paid out. A further consideration was also that the money used to assist the preparation of enabling development applications should in fact itself be multiplied by ten or much more as a result of the enabling development sales.

Progress has been made on the review of the Shoreline Management Plan policy for the length of the shingle bank sea wall south of the Martello Tower, an area very vulnerable to storms and surge tides. The AOEP participated in the review alongside government bodies and reports commissioned from Professor Pye by The Association over the years and a specific one on the possible impact of a breach in the sea wall were used as part of the evidence to be considered. A second stage of work is about to begin looking at the environmental and economic aspects of the options for retaining or sustaining the shingle bank, the option for letting a breach occur over time having been set aside as a result of the first stage of the review.

### **Protection of the landscape**

Following the local authority rejection of a major planning application for 43 houses in the Phase 3 of building at Brick Dock, the applicant put in an appeal to The Secretary of State. The Association along with many residents, and the Aldeburgh Town Council and some other organisations submitted further objections to the over urbanisation of a green corner of the estuary. There is now likely to be a public inquiry in 2018.

The Association has been watching for the Government's proposals to create more Marine Conservation Zones, including the Alde and Ore estuary. The concern is not conservation but excessive regulation as the area is already well protected by reason of the designation of multiple conservation zones covering the estuary. It is understood that proposals have been on hold since the start of the General Election.

Natural England (NE) announced the start of its work to identify a full coastal path for the Aldeburgh to Bawdsey coastline. It has been having open days, which representatives of The Association attended and gave background information including on the Butley Ferry. NE is looking for possible routes, not just existing pathways. Members have been asked to submit views directly to Natural England.

### **Enjoyment of the area**

This year there were again three excellent walks organised for members.

The May walk explored the Upper Alde Valley and its spring flowers, started and ending at White House Farm, with many thanks to Jason Gathorne-Hardy for hosting the event. June saw a good walk along the shingle spit: we were grateful to the Cobra Mist Company, the Lighthouse Company and the National Trust for allowing the long and interesting walk, brightened by the shoreline wild flowers at their peak, from Martello Tower to Orford and for providing a welcome and very good insights into structural aspects of managing the Ness and its use. In September members explored a three-looped plait of intersecting paths on the north side of the river at Snape and the heather and sand lands above, which afforded very unusual views and perspectives of this area of the estuary.

Lastly, a very successful annual barbecue was held in August, with our great thanks going to Simon and Sheena Barrow for hosting the event and preparing the extensive grassy field for people to settle and see the wonderful views northwards over to the saltings and wide west-east broad stretch of the estuary. A new element was having music provided by Nick Raison and Sarah Gallop. We are most grateful, yet again, to Paul Walkden for masterminding the barbecue arrangements with Caroline Boyd: it was their fifth and final year as organisers and they will be missed.

### **The Butley Ferry**

The ferry had its best year ever with just over one thousand people, 337 of them on bicycles, using the crossing. The volunteer ferrymen, still 17 in number with new recruits replacing retirees, worked hard in continuing to provide this service. Major works by the ferrymen were carried out in the spring to improve the access on the Gedgrave side installing, within the footprint of the existing path, a wooden broad walk so providing a dryer and mud free approach to the jetty. Between the end of the rowing season and before Christmas the volunteer ferry men then undertook major works and had completely refurbished the ferry boat with entirely new wooden fittings in preparation for the year ahead. The Association and ferrymen were very sad to lose the Ferry Trustee, Tim Dudgeon, who returned to Devon as he had done so much to keep the ferry working well and progressing, but welcomed ferryman Roy Truman as their new leader.

### **River Defence Committee**

As usual, volunteers walked the river walls after the March equinox 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 provide a running benchmark of the state of the walls and provide early warning of when repairs are needed. The reports are available on the website.

### **Pressing for current maintenance and repairs**

The Association reported the weakening of the upper part of the shingle bank wall south of Martello in the winter storms. This autumn the Cobra Mist Company, working in cooperation with the Environment Agency, restored the displaced shingle and renewed the haul road along the top of the bank, which provide the protection for the river from the sea.

### **Research commissioned**

The Association used the services of Professor Ken Pye again at the end of 2017 to provide useful advice on the modelling of the river and flood risk possibilities undertaken for the AOEP and also for Tidal Lagoon Power, who are interested acquiring land and creating mudflats in the estuary as compensatory habitat for power works in Swansea Bay.

### **The role of the Association**

The Association continued to work to achieve its aim to preserve the rivers and adjoining land which may affect the estuary for the public benefit. The Association seeks to keep track of proposals and ideas, whether positively or adversely, which may affect them and to act in the interest of the continued life of the estuary. It provides a voice on the AOEP and seeks to inform members of matters affecting the estuary overall, The Association has contributed considerably to the preservation, protection and enjoyment of the Alde, Ore and Butley river area.

But the estuary needs the support and involvement of all who live, work and visit the area, now more than ever. This is why we created the strapline 'Your Voice – Your Estuary'. Trustees know how much people care about this area, but The Association needs to hear from them and to have their help

## 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. The Association might also give grants to other charitable organisations in order to achieve its aims.

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

### 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 on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2018.



**Lady Andrews, OBE**  
**Chair of the Trustees**

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To reduce our postage expenses, this 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 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017

For general comments see Note 1.

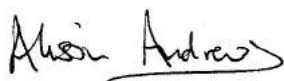
	<i>Notes</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds £</i>	<i>Restricted funds £</i>	<b>2017 Total funds £</b>	<b>2016 Total funds £</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>2</b>				
Membership fees and donations		10,979	10,820	<b>21,799</b>	<b>389,181</b>
Activities for raising funds		5,752	-	<b>5,752</b>	<b>6,436</b>
Investment income		91	1,888	<b>1,978</b>	<b>2,359</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>16,822</b>	<b>12,708</b>	<b>29,530</b>	<b>397,976</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>3</b>				
Raising funds		5,843	25,000	30,843	<b>3,800</b>
Charitable activities		24,326	-	24,326	<b>12,113</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>30,169</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>55,169</b>	<b>15,913</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>-13,347</b>	<b>-12,292</b>	<b>-25,639</b>	<b>382,063</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>-13,347</b>	<b>-12,292</b>	<b>-25,639</b>	<b>382,063</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Fund balances brought forward		55,077	633,170	688,247	306,186
<b>Fund balances carried forward</b>		<b>41,730</b>	<b>620,878</b>	<b>662,608</b>	<b>688,247</b>



## Balance sheet as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2017 Total funds £	2016 Total funds £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Tangible assets		-	-	-	-
Intangible assets		-	-	-	-
Investments		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Stocks		-	-	-	-
Debtors		-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		42,433	620,878	663,311	689,589
		42,433	620,878	663,311	689,589
<b>Total Current Assets</b>					
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Due in less than a year	4	703	-	703	1,342
<b>Net Assets</b>					
		41,730	620,878	662,608	688,247

Approved by the Trustees and signed by:



29<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Lady Andrews, OBE

Chair of the Trustees

## **The notes on pages 7 to 12 to 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>2017 Total funds</i> £	<i>2016 Total funds</i> £
<b>Income from membership fees and donations</b>				
Membership fees	6,752	-	6,752	6,792
Membership fees from Aldeburgh Yacht Club	2,766	-	2,766	2,990
Gift Aid Refund	1,390	-	1,390	1,389
Donations and legacies	71	10,820	10,891	378,010
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<b>Total income from membership, donations and legacies</b>	<b>10,979</b>	<b>10,820</b>	<b>21,799</b>	<b>389,181</b>
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<b>Income from other trading activities</b>				
BBQ	2,080	-	2,080	2,381
Walks	1,092	-	1,092	1,438
Butley Ferry	2,474	-	2,474	2,387
Sales of publications/DVDs	106	-	106	230
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<b>Total income from other trading activities</b>	<b>5,752</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,752</b>	<b>6,436</b>
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<b>Income from investments</b>				
Interest on cash deposits	91	1,888	1,979	2,359
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<b>Total income from investments</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>1,888</b>	<b>1,979</b>	<b>2,359</b>
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<b>Total income</b>	<b>16,822</b>	<b>12,708</b>	<b>29,530</b>	<b>397,976</b>
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## Notes to the accounts (continued)

### 3. Expenditure

<i>Notes</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds</i> £	<i>Restricted funds</i> £	<i>2017 Total funds</i> £	<i>2016 Total funds</i> £
<b>Cost of raising funds</b>				
BBQ Cost	1,703	-	1,703	1,855
Walks cost	462	-	462	721
Butley Ferry cost	2,620	-	2,620	1,224
AOEP Brochure	1058	-	1058	
Grant to AOEP		25000	25000	
<b>Total cost of raising funds</b>	<b>5,843</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>30,843</b>	<b>3,800</b>
<b>Cost of Charitable Activities</b>				
Newsletter	3,283	-	3,283	3,315
Website costs	138	-	138	1,447
Postage/Stationary	120	-	120	125
Miscellaneous	15	-	15	221
Consultants (Professor Pye)	3,780	-	3,780	4,596
Donations and grants by A&O	15,000	-	15,000	
AGM	1,431	-	1,431	1,850
Independent Examination of Accounts	300	-	300	300
Insurance	259	-	259	259
		-	0	
<b>Total cost of charitable activities</b>	<b>24,326</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24,326</b>	<b>12,113</b>
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>30,169</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>55,169</b>	<b>15,913</b>

## Notes to the accounts (continued)

### 4. Liabilities

	<i>At 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017</i>
	£
Postage	383
Butley Ferry	20
Independent Examination	300
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### 5. Funds

	<i>At 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017</i>	<i>Incoming resources</i>	<i>Outgoing resources</i>	<i>At 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017</i>
	£	£	£	£
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
David Andren Bequest	<b>633,170</b>	12,708	25,000	<b>620,878</b>
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<b>633,170</b>	12,708	25,000	<b>620,878</b>
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<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General funds	<b>55,077</b>	16,823	30,169	<b>41,730</b>
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<b>55,077</b>	16,823	30,169	<b>41,730</b>
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<b>Total funds</b>	<b>688,247</b>	<b>29,531</b>	<b>55,169</b>	<b>662,608</b>
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#### Purposes of restricted funds

The bequest from David Andren has been described in the Accounts for the sake of identification as 'restricted funds'. They are held by the Association to be applied as the Association sees fit and the Association has determined it will do so having regard to the wishes expressed in David Andren's will as follows: for the purposes of encouraging the community to help finance actions which will preserve the unique charm of the estuary, and in hope that the funds should be used to improve walls around Orford.

#### 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 2017 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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