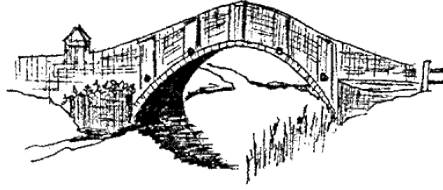


# THE ALDE & ORE ASSOCIATION

Your Voice – Your Estuary



## THE TWENTY-EIGHTH

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

will be held on

**SATURDAY 6<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 10:30am**

*Coffee and tea will be available from 10:00am*

at

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

**GUEST SPEAKER:**

**JOHN CURTIN**

**Environment Agency Executive Director of**

**Flood and Coastal Risk Management**

**2019 – THE YEAR WE TOOK CLIMATE CHANGE SERIOUSLY?**

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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 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 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 7<sup>th</sup> April 2018
3. Trustees' Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018
4. Accounts of the Association for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018
5. Election of Trustees\*

The following Trustees are due to retire by rotation at the Meeting and offer themselves for re-election: John Grayburn, Keith Martin:

6. Marketing – update on progress
7. 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 10:30 am on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at Thorpeness Country Club**

**PRESENT:**

**Committee** Alison Andrews (Chairman), Birgitta Bostrom (Treasurer), Sally Walton (Secretary), Amanda Bettinson (RDC), Simon Barrow, Colin Chamberlain, Roy Truman, John Grayburn, Keith Martin, Diana Paterson

**Members** 80 members present, excluding the Committee. List held by the Secretary.

**APOLOGIES:** Nick Barker, Juliet Brereton, Richard N Brunt, Colin Chamberlain, Michael Flint, Andrew Freese, Richard Hickson, Sir Christopher Howes, Simon and Paula Kerr, Andrew McDonald, John and Julia Waite

**1. MINUTES**

Minutes of the previous AGM of the Alde and Ore Association, held on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2017, were approved.

**2. TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2017**

The Chairman said that the Trustees' report was included with the papers for the meeting. It provided a useful summary of the activities in 2017 and was required by the Charities Commission given the Association's status as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The Chairman invited comments on it. None were made from the floor but the Chairman spoke to one sent by email by Andrew McDonald, who had sent his apologies, relating to the mission of the Association and its compatibility or otherwise with Enabling Development. The Chairman said that the Association was not against any development per se, just as the AONB authorities do not challenge every development, and there are always a number on going in the estuary. For Enabling Development which was being carried out under the Estuary Plan, the criteria were clearly set out, and the Enabling Development team were undertaking very extensive consultation, far more than might happen under other planning applications in the area. That said, the AOA would challenge any inappropriate development proposal made by any body or organisation if it was thought that it would adversely affect the river and its bank and such land adjoining them or upstream as may be considered to affect them. The Report was duly noted by the meeting.

Turning to matters since the start of 2018, the Chairman commented that as members had just received the Spring Newsletter they were now mostly up to date, but she wanted to draw their attention to the more recent work in relation to the Estuary Plan and to all the vital activities of the Association.

Touching briefly on the AOEP plan, she said that after a lengthy period with interactive modelling to ensure that mending one part of the estuary defences should not cause flooding to another part before that is done, she was happy to report that the Alde and Ore Estuary Partnership (AOEP) plan was on track to achieve over the next few years walls in most parts up to 3.3m in height with a broad back slope, that is a resilient structure. The full details would be given at the AOEP Annual Community meeting the following Saturday at Snape Maltings Recital Room, and members were encouraged to attend.

As a result of the two incursions of the Beast from the East, the Chairman reported on the large swelling of shingle on the shore to the North of Martello and a huge carving out of shingle from the spit into the sea at Slaughden, not forgetting also the massive change at Shingle Street. It was an ever changing coast. She was very grateful to David Kemp, EA, who would give an up to date assessment of the position after the formal AGM proceedings.

On fund-raising for the Plan, the Alde and Ore Estuary Trust (AOET) was making good progress. Over £12m was needed over the next few years. Money was coming in. So far, since the October launch, £500k was already in the bank with promises of rather more phased over the next few years, plus landowners' contributions in cash of up to £1 million and land for Enabling Development. Jane Maxim, Chairman of the AOET Funding Group, was at the meeting and would answer questions in the general discussion session. Continuing the flow of donations was very much needed to ensure the estuary was there for coming generations. There was also David Andren's immensely generous bequest of over £600,000 which he made in the hope that others would also follow his example.

The Alde and Ore Association Board of Trustees had agreed during the year to contribute £25k of the David Andren bequest to the fund-raising effort, specifically to initiate enabling development. Trustees were aware that not everyone approved of enabling development but with the opportunity to raise £3 – 5 million for the river defences in this manner, which had been clearly set out in the approved Estuary Plan, the Board found the approach necessary and something that it should support. Trustees had been very mindful of David's bequest and love of the estuary and the energy he put into getting things moving. There is still over 90% of the bequest, some £600,000, remaining.

For an update on the AOEP enabling development plans, members were again encouraged to attend the AOEP Annual Community meeting the following Saturday.

Turning to the Association itself, the Chairman stressed that it was concerned with **all** aspects of the river, not just its defences. While the AOEP was the focus for the programme and projects to get the river wall in good condition for future generations, and the AOET, the Trust, was the Treasury for the keeping and using the river defence funds for the projects, the Association with its 'A' was about All the estuary. The Association's mission was to preserve the rivers and their banks from Shingle Street inland and such adjoining land with features of beauty, historic or public interest in that area. The Association was still the membership body for those wanting to take part in preserving the estuary: Trustees and members who volunteered helped to do many things to keep our estuary in good heart.

On planning, the main concern currently was the third phase at Brick Dock. She reminded members that the Association relied on them all to alert Trustees to developments which might not be good for the estuary. At Brick Dock, the developer wanted to put in 43 more homes. He had appealed against SCDC's refusal of his application to the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State had decided on holding a full planning hearing starting on 11<sup>th</sup> September. The Association was currently discussing with other Aldeburgh groups how best to marshal forces and arguments. The Association certainly did not consider 2½ storey buildings with views across the river and a sea of roofs would do anything for the AONB, the river, light and landscape pollution. More details would be put on the website when they were available.

On a more positive note, the ferry season started last Saturday with a fully refurbished boat – every bit of wood and paint is new. Well done, the ferry men and their new leader Roy.

And the Association sought to ensure all could enjoy walking near the river. It aimed to do three walks a year to give members a chance to see some less well-known parts. One was already organised for 11<sup>th</sup> May in the upper Alde, and two other ideas in the making, but if anyone had special favourite routes which may not be well known or require land owner permission please could they get in touch so members could explore the hidden jewels of the estuary.

The annual barbecue this year, thanks to the Skepper family, would be near Ferry Farm, just up from Slaughden, opposite the newly refurbished river walls. The correct leaflet would be sent out shortly.

Another aspect of preserving the estuary was the saltings trials. This work was started by the Association as the saltings were an important part of our local heritage. The work was now being taken forward by

the AOEP. The Association still had a role: there would be a call for volunteers to make more hazel bundles next January.

In the interests of members and the estuary the Association kept an eye on coastal policies. This included keeping in tune with information and informing the Suffolk-wide body SCAR as well as the presence on the AOEP. This area was seen in London as an exemplary initiative with local coordinators both authorities and volunteers. Hopefully a new weapon to use in getting support for the estuary was the Government's recently published 25 year Environment Plan with its stress on the value of natural capital – something our estuary was very rich in.

In summary, planning, walks, barbecue, funding, the Association's volunteers' surveys and commissioning important scientific assessments and surveys to help ensure having a sound basis for protecting the estuary, and keeping touch with all those in authority were all part of the many actions of the Association.

Trustees were always open to ideas on AOA activities and how members wanted to be kept in touch. Ideas for a fresh approach were welcome especially if it meant that more people could bring their energies and organisational powers to achieve them. More on that in the general discussion to come.

The Chairman said that she would like to thank many people for all the work which goes unseen:

- A big thank you to John Grayburn for master minding and managing the website, not to mention managing the complexities of the mailing list which had to be updated in tandem with the Aldeburgh Yacht Club list.
- To the 30 or so River Defence Committee volunteers – each reporting on state of walls, fronts, saltings and paths in different flood cells in writing and with photographs with the results being collated to pass to the Environment Agency and providing a record and continuing baseline on what needed to be done – so thank you Roger Baxter who was now chief guru on this, his wife Mary Ann and John Grayburn for the final presentation of the reports in readable, IT consistent and useable form.
- To all the ferrymen and to Vicki Bingham for organising the production and massive regular circulation of leaflets.
- The Barbecue this coming year would be master minded by Lizzie Clark.
- To Keith Martin who leads on the Association's approach to government proposals for the MCZ, our concern being over regulation which might unnecessarily affect the enjoyment of the river and may well be unnecessary in an estuary which is already well guarded by environment protection requirements.
- And huge thanks to, not forgetting the constant calls on their time which is very willingly given, our Treasurer Birgitta Bostrom, our legal adviser trustee Colin Chamberlain and our Secretary Sally Walton.

### **3. ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2017**

The Treasurer presented the accounts which were in the format suggested by the Charity Commission guidelines. The accounts were in good order and had been approved by external examination. Income was a little less than last year, owing to there being fewer members, and not so much income from BBQ and walks, but the Butley Ferry had continued to be very popular and made more profit. Regarding the expenses, it came as no surprise that £1000 more than the previous year had been needed to be spent on repairs to the Ferry. Financial help was provided to AOEP to pay for the fundraising brochure and a grant of £15,000 had been made to AOET to help them pay for administrative assistance to start the fundraising required. A reserve of over £41,000 remained in unrestricted funds. The final portion of the David

Andren legacy had been received during the year, and as mentioned by the Chairman earlier £25,000 of the funds had been spent, making a year end balance of £620,878 in restricted funds. All monies were placed in interest bearing accounts.

The Treasurer clarified the position regarding the David Andren legacy, footnote in the accounts. When the legacy was made it was thought that the estuary could be upgraded one cell at a time. It is now clear that all the estuary flood cells had to be seen as inter-related pieces piece of work to be done in a specified sequence. The footnote had been changed to reflect this and to clarify that the Will did not require that the funds be specifically spent on one flood cell.

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

#### **4. ELECTION OF TRUSTEES**

The Chairman reported that this year two great Trustees had retired. With great regrets, we had lost both Tim Dudgeon who has retired to Devon and Mandy Bettinson who has served for probably 15 years and would like to give someone else a chance.

Tim Dudgeon, who was Ferry Trustee for 3 years, had moved back to Devon. It had been wonderful to have such a positive leader, who, amongst other things, ensured that all ferrymen did a First Aid course. Tim had been presented with 'The Order of the Rowlock' by the ferrymen on his retirement.

Mandy Bettinson who joined as Honorary Secretary and had served for 15 years, had also stood down. Many of these years were with David Andren as Chairman, and Mandy will be remembered for having done an enormous amount for the continuing life of the Association. She had been the moving spirit behind the River Defence Committee, succeeding Richard Marson, and her verve, commitment and ideas would be greatly missed but would not be lost to the estuary as she remained secretary to the Alde and Ore Estuary Partnership. The Chairman asked members to express their thanks to these heroic volunteers.

Alison Andrews and Sally Walton offered themselves for re-election. They were proposed by Rufus Gilday, seconded by Simon Barrow, and unanimously elected.

Roy Truman, who was appointed during the year as Ferry Trustee was formally proposed by Alison Andrews, seconded by Birgitta Bostrom, and unanimously elected.

#### **5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There being no further business the formal proceedings of the AGM were closed at 11am.

David Kemp, Environment Agency- Coastal Partnerships & Strategic Overview Team Leader, East Anglia Area, then gave an update on recent developments along the shingle bank to the west of the river.

This was followed by a Discussion Session, including looking at how membership might be increased, and a showing of the 20 minute version of the film *Save our Suffolk Estuary*.

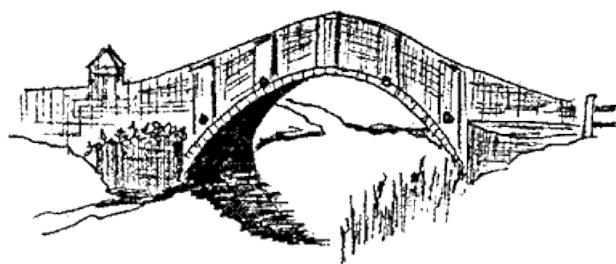
*There being no further business the meeting concluded at midday.*





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## The Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts

for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018

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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 2018

## A. REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

The Alde and Ore Association  
Charity Registration No 1154583

### Correspondence Address

19 Lee Road, Aldeburgh, IP15 5HG

### 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 2018

##### Officers

Alison Andrews	Chairman
Birgitta Bostrom	Treasurer
Vacancy	Honorary Secretary

##### Other Trustees

Colin Chamberlain	Legal Adviser
Simon Barrow	Marketing
Keith Martin	Planning, SCAR
John Grayburn	Webmaster/Events Co-ordinator
Roy Truman	Butley Ferry

##### Representatives Appointed by the Trustees

Grant Lohoar	National Trust
Richard Brunt	Wildfowlers

##### 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 (The 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 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 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.
- 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.
- 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**

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 active voting member of The Alde and Ore Estuary Partnership (AOEP), The AOEP continued the work needed to realise the Estuary Plan for a programme of works to rebuild the river defences to a resilient standard. This included extensive and extended modelling to ensure that the planned order of works would not leave any part at a heightened likelihood of being flooded in extreme events, even temporarily. At the same time detailed costings were developed and advice sought as to how to maximise the likely possible funding from government grants. A local consultation and information meeting is planned by the AOEP on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019 when the figures and plans should be clearer.

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 completed in 2017 to meet the AOEP resilient standard to withstand overtopping in 2050: and in 2018, once it was re-opened after a period left closed to allow the grass cover to grow and thicken, it was providing a broad walk for the public.

As in previous years The Association worked to assist progress towards the plan being realised in both the Partnership, working groups, local consultations and dissemination of information so that members were aware of progress and how they might help. The Association received a report it had commissioned from Professor Pye at the end of 2017 which was used to help the assessments made by the AOEP in early 2018 in relation to proposals from Tidal Lagoon Power for a tidal lagoon in the estuary. The proposals were subsequently dropped.

Further 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 in Aldeburgh, an area very vulnerable to storms and surge tides. The second stage looking at the environmental and economic aspects was been mostly completed in 2018 and work on the third stage which will lead to a full public consultation of the options in 2019 is in hand. The Association assists with this through its membership of the AOEP including its member being the AOEP representative participating in the review alongside government bodies. The report commissioned from Professor Pye by The Association in particular on the possible impact of a breach in the sea wall continues to be used as valuable evidence.

As in 2017, The Association, directly and through the AOEP, reported the renewed weakening of the upper part of the shingle bank wall south of Martello Tower in Aldeburgh in the winter storms in early 2018. The Environment Agency organised and carried out the shingle recharge for the autumn of 2018. Unfortunately, shortly afterwards strong winds undid some of the work but The Association continues to update the Agency with photographic reports to supplement the Agency's own close continuing monitoring of the shoreline.

The Association has sought to keep members informed about the estuary plans, in addition to their seeing AOEP newsletters, mainly through its newsletters and emails during the year. The Association places great store on its communications about the Estuary and regards it as important that members can obtain a good understanding of the progress being made.

## **Protection of the landscape**

In September 2018 a public inquiry was held in Aldeburgh to examine the local authority rejection of a major planning application for 43 houses under Phase 3 of the development of Brick Dock: account was taken of the objections made to the development by the Association over a number of years along with the objections of many residents and the Aldeburgh Town Council. In order to secure good representation at the inquiry, The Association contributed to a fund set up to pay the costs of the Counsel who made the case against the over urbanisation of a green corner of the estuary. It was very good news that the appeal was turned down.

The Association has actively worked on the Government's proposals made a few years ago to create more Marine Conservation Zones, including the Alde and Ore estuary. The concern was excessive regulation as the conservation needs of the estuary area were already well protected by reason of the designation of multiple national and international conservation zones covering the estuary. It is good news that the estuary was not included in the final list of zones.

Natural England (NE) in 2017 announced the start of its work to identify the line of the England coastal path for the Aldeburgh to Bawdsey stretch. It is continuing its preparatory work and no proposals have yet emerged. The Association publicised the opportunity for members as well as landowners to comment on the possible lines of the path and it is pleasing to hear that a number of members responded to this.

## **River Defence Committee**

With Roger Baxter as the lead River Defence team organiser, about 30 volunteers, some veterans and some new walkers, carried out the annual walks to examine 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.

## **Enjoyment of the area**

This year there were two good walks organised for members which were well supported and much enjoyed. It is disappointing though that a leader could not be found for a third walk and members are urged to put themselves forward to the Committee for this important role.

The May walk explored another part of 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. In September members walked the far loop of the Gedgrave river walls and also very much enjoyed a fascinating visit to Pinney's oyster beds and smokery guided by Bill Pinney, to whom many thanks, before gathering at Orford Sailing Club for a simple but delicious ham and salad lunch. Our thanks go to Liz Feibusch for this good event.

Despite appalling wind and rain, a very successful annual barbecue was held in August, and our great thanks go to the Skepper family for hosting the event on their saltings overlooking Chapmans Creek. We are very grateful to Lizzie Clark for masterminding and running the whole event.

## **The Butley Ferry**

Passenger numbers were slightly higher than in 2017 but the number of cyclists increased by about 20%, leading to our highest ever annual income. The unusually warm weather caused a dip in numbers throughout June, July and August as it was possibly too hot for many walkers. The good weather in the other months, however, more than made up for this with passengers taking advantage of the good early

and late season weather. The new ferry leaflet, produced with grant aid from the AONB, has proved popular, with many passengers turning up having found it online.

In April and May, teams of volunteers completed the huge task of refurbishing the Gedgrave jetty giving passengers easier, drier access to and from the ferry.

2018 marked the 25th anniversary of the reinstatement of the ferry. This was celebrated at the annual ferryman's lunch at the end of the season by raising a glass to Bryan Rodgers and Graham Hussey whose foresight and hard work laid the foundations for the ferry as it is now. In the first year they averaged two passengers a week. We now have forty times that number.

### **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 as mentioned above.

### **Communication with members**

To comply with the new Government Data Protection Regulations, The Association published its Privacy Policy Document in January 2018. It asked all members to return consent forms if they wished to receive information emails from The Association.

In addition to the usual circulation of two Newsletters, further steps were taken to make The Association website more user-friendly and to keep it updated more frequently to report on news or on matters of interest to the estuary community. Emails were also sent on matters of urgency, where addresses were known to The Association and members had confirmed that they were content to receive these communications which saves The Association considerable expense and ensures that urgent matters can reach members quickly. 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.

### **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 which may affect the estuary and its banks either positively or adversely, 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 The Association created the strapline 'Your Voice – Your Estuary' in 2018, after consulting with members.

At the 2017 AGM we mentioned the need to widen and increase our membership and our level of engagement. We are grateful to volunteers who have come forward to form our new Marketing Group led by Simon Barrow – William Eddis, Chris Gill, Frances Barnwell, Bobby Rusack, Susie Bridges and Mark Goyder. The remit for their work was agreed in June and a first report was reviewed in October. Detailed plans are in hand and will include communications on the strong role of the Association, existing and possible new activities and data management.

## 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 members enrolled by reason of their membership 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 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 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019



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

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We welcome comments and ideas.

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## Statement of financial activities for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018

For general comments see Note 1.

	<i>Notes</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds £</i>	<i>Restricted funds £</i>	<b>2018 Total funds £</b>	<b>2017 Total funds £</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>2</b>				
Membership fees and donations		10,418	-	<b>10,418</b>	<b>21,799</b>
Activities for raising funds		6,133	-	<b>6,133</b>	<b>5,752</b>
Investment income		162	2,924	<b>3,086</b>	<b>1,978</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>16,713</b>	<b>2,924</b>	<b>19,637</b>	<b>29,530</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>3</b>				
Raising funds		5,921	-	<b>5,921</b>	<b>30,843</b>
Charitable activities		7,972	-	<b>7,972</b>	<b>24,326</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>13,893</b>	-	<b>13,893</b>	<b>55,169</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>2,820</b>	<b>2,924</b>	<b>5,744</b>	<b>(25,639)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Fund balances brought forward		41,730	620,878	<b>662,608</b>	<b>688,247</b>
Net movement in funds		2,820	2,924	<b>5,744</b>	<b>(25,639)</b>
<b>Fund balances carried forward</b>		<b>44,550</b>	<b>623,802</b>	<b>668,352</b>	<b>662,608</b>

## Balance sheet as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018

	<i>Notes</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds £</i>	<i>Restricted funds £</i>	<b>2018 Total funds £</b>	<b>2017 Total funds £</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Tangible assets		-	-	-	-
Intangible assets		-	-	-	-
Investments		-	-	-	-
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Stocks		-	-	-	-
Debtors - Gift Aid reclaim		1338	-	<b>1338</b>	-
Cash at bank and in hand		44,458	623,802	<b>668,261</b>	<b>663,311</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>45,796</b>	<b>623,802</b>	<b>669,598</b>	<b>663,311</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Due in less than a year	<b>4</b>	1246	-	<b>1246</b>	<b>703</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>44,550</b>	<b>623,802</b>	<b>668,352</b>	<b>662,608</b>

Approved by the Trustees and signed by:

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**28<sup>th</sup> January 2019**  
**Lady Andrews, OBE**  
**Chair of the Trustees**

## **The notes on pages 9 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>Unrestricted funds</i> £	<i>Restricted funds</i> £	<b>2018 Total funds</b> £	<b>2017 Total funds</b> £
<b>Income from membership fees and donations</b>				
Membership fees	6,094	-	6,094	6,752
Membership fees from Aldeburgh Yacht Club	2,766	-	2,766	2,766
Gift Aid Refund	1,338	-	1,338	1,390
Donations and legacies	220	-	220	10,891
<b>Total income from membership, donations and legacies</b>	<b>10,418</b>	-	<b>10,418</b>	<b>21,799</b>
<b>Income from other trading activities</b>				
BBQ	2,237	-	2,237	2,080
Walks	435	-	435	1,092
Butley Ferry	3,256	-	3,256	2,474
Sales of publications/DVDs	205	-	205	106
<b>Total income from other trading activities</b>	<b>6,133</b>	-	<b>6,133</b>	<b>5,752</b>
<b>Income from investments</b>				
Interest on cash deposits	162	2,924	3,086	1,979
<b>Total income from investments</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>2,924</b>	<b>3,086</b>	<b>1,979</b>
<b>Total income</b>	<b>16,713</b>	<b>2,924</b>	<b>19,637</b>	<b>29,530</b>

## Notes to the accounts (continued)

### 3. Expenditure

	<i>Unrestricted funds</i> £	<i>Restricted funds</i> £	<b>2018 Total funds</b> £	<b>2017 Total funds</b> £
<b>Cost of raising funds</b>				
BBQ Cost	2226	-	<b>2226</b>	<b>1703</b>
Walks cost	267	-	<b>267</b>	<b>462</b>
Butley Ferry cost	3428	-	<b>3428</b>	<b>2620</b>
AOEP Brochure	-	-	-	<b>1058</b>
AOEP Grant	-	-	-	<b>25000</b>
<b>Total cost of raising funds</b>	<b>5921</b>		<b>5921</b>	<b>30843</b>
<b>Cost of Charitable Activities</b>				
Newsletter	3574	-	<b>3574</b>	<b>3283</b>
Website costs	153	-	<b>153</b>	<b>138</b>
Postage/Stationary	59	-	<b>59</b>	<b>120</b>
Miscellaneous	212	-	<b>212</b>	<b>15</b>
Consultants (Professor Pye)	420	-	<b>420</b>	<b>3780</b>
Donations and grants by A&O	1000	-	<b>1000</b>	<b>15000</b>
AGM	1955	-	<b>1955</b>	<b>1431</b>
Independent Examination of Accounts	336	-	<b>336</b>	<b>300</b>
Insurance	263	-	<b>263</b>	<b>259</b>
<b>Total cost of charitable activities</b>	<b>7972</b>	-	<b>7972</b>	<b>24326</b>
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>13893</b>	-	<b>13893</b>	<b>55169</b>

## Notes to the accounts (continued)

### 4. Liabilities

	<i>At 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018</i>
	£
Postage	922
Independent Examination	324
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<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>1246</b>
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### 5. Funds

	<i>At 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018</i>	<i>Incoming resources</i>	<i>Outgoing resources</i>	<i>At 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018</i>
	£	£	£	£
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
David Andren Bequest	<b>620,878</b>	2,924	-	<b>623,802</b>
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<b>620,878</b>	2,924	-	<b>623,802</b>
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<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General funds	<b>41,730</b>	16,713	13,893	<b>44,550</b>
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<b>41,730</b>	16,713	13,893	<b>44,550</b>
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<b>Total funds</b>	<b>662,608</b>	<b>19,637</b>	<b>13,893</b>	<b>668,352</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 2018.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

- i. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act;  
or
- ii. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Dated: .....5.3.19.....

