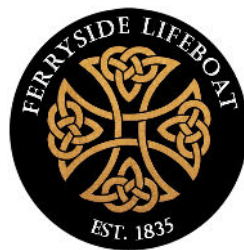


Ferryside Lifeboat
Chair of Trustees' Report
29th May 2025



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1. Purpose and Activities

Ferryside Lifeboat exists to save lives at sea and along inland waterways through the provision of an independent lifeboat service. The charity also promotes maritime safety and works to prevent accidents through education and training.

We operate and maintain an independent lifeboat service, deliver safety education, and provide emergency search and rescue across Carmarthen Bay and the rivers Towy, Taf and Gwendraith.

We support anyone requiring emergency assistance at sea or along the shoreline. Where safe, we also assist pets and livestock. Our service is free and operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.



2. Achievements and Impact

After taking over the operational management of Ferryside Lifeboat on the 1st April 2025, the charity has maintained a continuous 24/7 emergency response capability and supported incidents as tasked by His Majesty's Coastguard.

Our work provides life-saving assistance, improved water safety, and delivered reassurance to the local community.

To support this, members have worked continuously to improve our systems, equipment, and training. Through several successful grant applications and our own local fundraising, we have been able to purchase industry gold-standard D4H software. We have also made several significant purchases that improve both operational capability and crew safety; new FLIR cameras, crew dry-suits, helmets with fully integrated bluetooth communications, and renewed first aid packs to name just a few examples.

3. A year in review.

Ferryside Lifeboat was formed as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on the 13th February 2025 with the objective of forming an organisation capable of operating an effective lifeboat service in Ferryside, taking over operation of Ferryside Lifeboat from the Marine Division of St John Cymru Wales, on the 1st April that year.

This transfer was the culmination of many months work following discussions with St John where they made clear their intention to close the Division, and the crew expressed a strong desire to continue the near 200-year Lifeboat tradition in Ferryside.

Specific thanks should go to Mr. Simon Lamble, and Mr. David Atkinson, whom the charity owes a debt of gratitude to for their tireless efforts in setting up the new charity and in working with His Majesty's Coast Guard to ensure a seamless transition in operations.

Special thanks should also go to Mrs. Bryony Evett-Hackfort, Mr. Michael Utting, Ms. Catherine Marks, and Mr. Ian Jones for their work as Trustees and Treasurer. It should also be noted that without the work of Mr. Dan Jones in the background, our policies and procedures would not be as effective and fit for purpose as they are.

For the record, at the time of formation, Ferryside Lifeboat Crew are Mr. Anthony Rees (Coxswain/ Chair of Trustees), Mr. Mike Hackfort (Coxswain), Mr. Dave Atkinson (Senior Coxswain/ Trustee), Mr. Simon Lamble (Coxswain/ Operations Manager/ Secretary to Trustees), Mr. Pete Bailey (Coxswain), Mr. Mark Lucas (Crew), Mr. Mark Foxton (Crew), Mr. Dan Jones (Crew), Mr. Steven Baynton (Trainee Crew), Mr. Jordan Daniels (Trainee Crew), Mr. Grant Holder (Trainee Crew), Mr. Ned Stephens (Crew), Mr. Rob Lilley (Trainee Crew), Mr. Anthony Walsh (Senior Shore Crew), Mr. Andrew Morgan (Senior Shore Crew), Mr. David Martin (Shore Crew), Mr. Chas Bidmead (Shore Crew), and Mr. Michael Basham (Shore Crew). All of these men have helped maintain the lifeboat tradition in Ferryside with their ongoing commitment to Ferryside Lifeboat and the wider Search and Rescue Community.

2025/26 will go down in the history of Ferryside Lifeboat as a memorable one, as well as a very busy year for those involved with the charity. Our crews launched on 16 service requests from HM CG and carried out weekly training, as well as a variety of community events where we took the opportunity to talk to those we serve and educate the public on matters relating to water safety. Our "shouts" were wide and varied in nature, and included everything from stranded walkers, vessels in distress, and professional fishermen in need of first aid assistance.

As well as on-water activity, there has been a huge amount of administration carried out to develop and validate our risk assessments, operating procedures, and other governance.

Ferryside Lifeboat could not operate without the efforts of our small band of dedicated fundraisers. This past year has proven no exception to that statement. The charity and Trustees wish to formally recognise and offer thanks to; Ms. Sue Burgess and Ms. Emma Harding, who have worked continuously to raise money selling Lifeboat Merchandise at the White Lion – Ferryside; to Mrs. Jan Owen, Mrs. Victoria Harley, and all our other fundraisers who continue to support lifeboat operations through helping out at our various fundraising events. We also would like to thank Mr. Adrian Dyer for his continued help and support.



4. Financial Review

Income is derived from donations, grants, and fundraising. Expenditure supports operations, training, equipment, and running costs.

Charity income is derived mainly from local charity events, individual fundraisers, and grant support. This year we will be running, for the 28th year, the Ferryside Garden Crawl, which has traditionally been one of our single biggest fundraisers. Also of note is the efforts of Mr. Chris Francis who ran a marathon on a treadmill. Chris, along with crew members Mr. Ned

Stevens, Mr. Simon Lamble, Mr. Anthony Rees and a number of other fundraisers took part in the Carten100. Rasing several thousand pounds in the process.

This year we have been successful in securing income from several grants, most notably from the Carmarthenshire County Council SPF equipment grant, and the Peggy and Molly Thomas Charitable Trust.



5. Governance and Structure

Ferryside Lifeboat became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) in February 2025 and formally separated from St John Cymru Wales in April 2025.

Trustees:

Mr Anthony Rees (Chair of Trustees/ Coxswain)

Mr David Atkinson (Trustee/ Senior Coxswain)

Ms Bryony Evett-Hackfort

Ms Catherine Marks

Mr Michael Utting

Officers:

Mr Simon Lamble (Operations Officer & Secretary)
Mr Ian Jones (Treasurer)

6. Risks

Key risks include operational hazards, volunteer reliance, funding sustainability, equipment reliability, governance transition, and regulatory compliance. These are managed through training, maintenance, governance controls, and financial planning.

Risks to our charity come from three main sources. First is the financial risk, second is a lack of people and volunteers coming forward, and third is the age of our main lifeboat “The Freemason.”

Running a lifeboat is expensive, and the charity operates two lifeboats along with a range of support vehicles. Those costs will only increase with time, and this poses a significant risk to ongoing future operations. In addition to this, our main lifeboat, The Freemason, has now been continuously serving the community for 14 years and, while she has had a major mid-life service/upgrade, is nearing the end of her operational lifespan. At some point the charity will need to find at minimum £150,000 to replace her.

Perhaps the most significant risk to the charity's future is a lack of people coming forward to volunteer. Putting it bluntly, the charity simply does not have enough people and currently relies on its existing volunteers to perform multiple roles to operate. We need more volunteers for every role, specifically active crew, shore crew, support crew, and fundraisers.

7. Future Plans

Priorities include maintaining operational readiness, strengthening volunteer capacity, improving financial sustainability, enhancing community engagement, and embedding governance arrangements.

8. Public Benefit

The charity provides a free, 24/7 emergency rescue service, promotes water safety, and ensures equal access to life-saving support.

9. Community Impact

Ferryside Lifeboat supports the safety and resilience of the local community, providing emergency response, safety awareness, and support for people and animals.



10. Administrative Details

Charity Name: Ferryside Lifeboat

Charity Number: 1212126

Address: The Foreshore , Ferryside. SA15 5SF

11. Trustee Sign off

The below Trustees declare they approve this report.

Signed by the following trustees:

Full Name: Anthony Rees
Position: Chair of Trustees
Date: 29th May 2026

Full Name: Bryony Hackfort
Position: Trustee
Date: 29th May 2026

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12. Appendix I: Financial Statement



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Ferry-side Lifeboat

No (if any)
1212126

Receipts and payments accounts

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| | | | |
|------------------------|---|----|---------------------------------------|
| For the period from | Period start date 13th February 2025 | To | Period end date 31st December 2025 |
|------------------------|---|----|---------------------------------------|

Section A Receipts and payments

| | Unrestricted funds to the nearest £ | Restricted funds to the nearest £ | Endowment funds to the nearest £ | Total funds to the nearest £ | Last year to the nearest £ |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| A1 Receipts | | | | | |
| Receipts | 61,969 | - | - | 61,969 | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total (Gross income for AR) | 61,969 | - | - | 61,969 | - |
| A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table). | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 61,969 | - | - | 61,969 | - |
| A3 Payments | | | | | |
| Payments | 39,061 | - | - | 39,061 | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | 39,061 | - | - | 39,061 | - |
| A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table) | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | 39,061 | - | - | 39,061 | - |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | 22,908 | - | - | 22,908 | - |
| A5 Transfers between funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | - | - | - | - | - |
| Cash funds this year end | 22,908 | - | - | 22,908 | - |

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

| Categories | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
|----------------------|--|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| B1 Cash funds | Cash at Bank | 22,908 | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | Total cash funds | 22,908 | - | - |
| | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | OK | OK | OK |

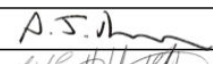

| Categories | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
|---------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| B2 Other monetary assets | None | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |

| Categories | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|-----------------------------|---------|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| B3 Investment assets | None | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |

| Categories | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|---|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use | 6.4m Ribcraft Lifeboat | | - | - |
| | Boat Trailer | | - | - |
| | Talus MB-H | | - | - |
| | Zodiac MilPro 380 Surf Rescue Boat | | - | - |
| | Toyota Hi-Lux | | - | - |
| | 2 x Ocean Scout Pro FLIR | | - | - |
| | Tohatsu 25hp Engine (Spare) | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |

| Categories | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
|-----------------------|---------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| B5 Liabilities | | | - | |
| | | | - | |
| | | | - | |
| | | | - | |
| | | | - | |

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

| Signature | Print Name | Date of approval |
|---|-----------------|------------------|
|  | Anthony Rees | 31/05/2026 |
|  | Bryony Hackfort | 31/05/2026 |

13. Appendix II: Charity Certificate



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

THIS CERTIFIES THAT

FERRYSIDE LIFEBOAT

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER

1212126

HAS BEEN REGISTERED BY THE

Charity Commission for England and Wales

ON THE DATE OF

13 February 2025

CERTIFIED BY

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Simms'.

Mark Simms OBE
Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Holdsworth'.

David Holdsworth
Chief Executive Officer