



The Señora Trust - Chairperson's Annual Report 2019/20 and 20/21, covering the period from March 2019 to January 2022

With the agreement of the Charity Commission, the report has covered both years. This was because of the impact of the Pandemic.

## Introduction

In July 2019 the Trust was awarded a grant of £8.4k via the Community Fund, from the 1989 Willan Charitable Trust.

With Funding of 8.4k the Charity planned to:-

- a. *cover rates arrears*
- b. *move Senora to an inexpensive storage facility in Wallsend which is properly secure.*
- c. *build a weather proof outdoor frame and roof for her.*
- d. *support a group of volunteers to be involved in the planning and execution of the move, and make a film of the process and the benefit to volunteers, as a record and a tool for further fund raising*
- e. *pay a years rent and rates in advance*
- f. *regain momentum to recruit volunteers to do work on Senora such as caulking and painting and raise funds for a workshop and boat building instructor. Also to make use the offers we have had from volunteers who want to set up a website and promote the Charity in social media.*

Progress on the above

- a. Rates arrears were covered. We also began a discussion with Sunderland Councils Rates department and the Valuation office re a revaluation of Bay 3 in Pallion Shipyard, as the rates assessment seems to be too high. This is ongoing up to January 2022.
- b. Finding a suitable storage facility took a great deal of time. We explored secure sites all over the NE - and by January 2020 had decided on trans-world yachtsman David Scott-Cowper's Capstan Park in Wallsend. We then found a suitable company with the specialist skills and equipment to move Senora from Pallion - the roof clearance created particular problems for access by a mobile crane. The way she had been offloaded from the low loader in 2016, had been by use of both the 5 ton beam cranes that service bay 3. However, by 2018 both these had broken and our landlord did not consider them repairable. However, in the second week of March the first national lockdown in response to Covid began and all activity had to cease. By July 2020 we were able to resume the move plan, but the company we had engaged had sold their specialist vehicle that they had planned use for the lift, and after extended negotiations, informed us that they did not have a suitable replacement. Despite approaching five alternatives we were not able to find a quote sufficiently close to our budget. We therefore chose a different way forward - see below.
- c. This was completed - see below
- d. New volunteers were involved in planning, but the Covid restrictions made it not possible to recruit and work with groups of volunteers in the ways we intended.
- e. Done
- f. See below

The period to summer 2021 has been dominated by Covid and the uncertainties created. Unable to recruit and train volunteers to move Senora, or to continue work on her, we concentrated on building partnerships with organisations whose involvement would broaden the project's appeal and strengthen our ability to carry through. Our intention was to be better placed with improved strategy and means of fund-raising by the time the pandemic was over.

We developed a strategy to work with two NE charities, both with good reputations for integrity and good outcomes for people needing extra support to get into training and work. These are Three13, an established training company with a good reputation for above average results, and Handcrafted, a charity specialising in woodworking skills. Links to their websites -

<https://www.three13.co.uk>

<https://handcrafted.org.uk>

For our part, the Senora Trust provided a flagship project that fitted well with their values and their wider goals.

The partnership also aimed to bring Senora to Stockton rather than Newcastle, so the agreement with Capstan Park was for six months only, up to May 2021, when we anticipated release of training funds by central Government, and resumption of more normal working, would allow us to carry out the plan to train volunteers on a level 2 Community Leadership course. We intended to use the move of Senora to Three13's Yarm site as the mini - project around which the training would be arranged. Further training in woodwork skills and employability would follow as outlined in the flyer.

From August 2020 to January 2021, we worked on an application to buy a sister ship for Senora, to allow the project to accelerate our sail training program once Covid restrictions were lifted. Emma is a virtually new 47 foot Dutch-built 8 berth wooden ketch, to a Colin Archer design. She was being sold for €80,000, a 'give away' price, for a vessel of exceptional materials and build quality. Approx £16,000 was raised in three weeks via a GoFundMe campaign, but the Key Fund declined our application for a joint grant/loan for the remainder of the purchase price, and the initial staffing costs of the sail training program. Emma was sold to a private buyer and we returned the GoFundMe donations where the donations were made for the purchase of Emma.

From December 2020 to March 2021 the Trust paid rent to Capstan Park to secure her place there. Volunteers at Handcrafted completed the wooden frame to support a heavy tarpaulin cover. In December the original moving company cancelled the contract because during Covid they had had to sell off some of their more specialist vehicles. The search for a replacement crane and hauliers who would carry out the job within our budget was lengthy and in the end unsuccessful. Our revised plan was to negotiate a reduction rent and rates such that Senora remained at Pallion. Our intention was then to move her direct to Stockton once our partners Three13 were ready to receive her.

The partnership's training program depended on the dispersal of funds promised by central government as part of the national post-covid recovery program. The funding was to be administered through local government. The timescale for this continued to slip, from March 2021 to early autumn 2021, without the funds materialising. Senora remained at Pallion and we continued to use our reserves to pay rent. Three13 were unable to start the training program without the necessary contracts from the Local Authorities, who are the 'prime contractors' who administer the training programs.

By mid-September 2021 there was no change. We could not carry out the training plan without the contracts. With no clear route to achieve the Charity's core aims we were not in a position to raise alternative grant funding, and the earned income through the training programs was still on hold. With our reserves steadily reducing, we agreed at the AGM on the 24th September that the Charity must close.

We have reserves to cover rent and rates and incidental costs to September 2022. Our focus is now to prepare Senora for sale to a private buyer or to transfer ownership of her to a charitable organisation with similar aims to the Senora Trust. If a sale is made, the proceeds will be distributed to charities whose aims are similar to those of the Senora Trust. Any other outstanding assets or cash will be distributed similarly.

## **People**

### **The Trustees**

Chairperson Mr. Kim Simpson (social work manager)  
Mr. David Thompson (solicitor).  
Mr Mark Humphrey, (businessman)

### **The Management Committee**

Mr Mark Humphrey  
Mr. Kim Simpson  
Mr. David Thompson

**Partnership Volunteers**

Three13  
Handcrafted

**The Emma Project**

Mr Peter Stenner (businessman and Commodore of the Northumberland Yacht club)  
Mr Eric Peacock (retd. Businessman, chair of North East Sailing Team, and Tall Ships committee)

**Finance**

On the 1/8/19 the Charity's current account stood at	<b>£820.</b>
On the 31/2/21 the Charity current account stood at	<b>£2920.</b>

1/8/19 to 31/12/19

Incoming	£8548
Outgoing	£502

1/1/20 to 31/12/20

Incoming	£50
Outgoing	
£4278	

1/1/21 to 31/12/21]

Incoming	£16,231 (of which £7851 was a donation for Emma not through the
Senora account)	
Outgoing	£10,098 (includes refunding donations made for the Emma project)

Mr Kim Simpson  
Chairperson  
Senora Trust





CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES


Charity Name				No (if any)			
Receipts and payments accounts							
For the period from		Period start date		To		Period end date	
		01/01/2020				31/12/2020	

## Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>				
		-	-	-
			-	-
donations	50	-	-	50
	- 0	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)	50	-	-	50
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>				
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-
<b>Sub total</b>	- 0	- 0	- 0	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	50	- 0	- 0	50
<b>A3 Payments</b>				
rent	2,400	-	-	2,400
rates	1,306	-	-	1,306
insurance	573	-	-	573
tools	- 0	-	-	-
refunds				
	- 0	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	4,279	-	-	4,279
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>				
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-
<b>Sub total</b>	- 0	- 0	- 0	-
<b>Total payments</b>	4,279	- 0	- 0	4,279
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	- 4,229	-	-	- 4,229
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	- 0	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	8,867	-	-	8,867
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	4,638	-	-	4,638

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>		8,868	-
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		-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>8,868</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK
		<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>
	<b>Details</b>	to nearest £	to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-
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	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	senora - yacht		-
	tools and equipment		-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which liability relates</b>	<b>Amount due (optional)</b>
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	rent - to be agreed	cash	-
			-
			-
			-
			-
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	
		Kim Simpson	

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Last year
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When due (optional)
Date of approval
27/1/22