



The Señora Trust - Chairperson's Annual Report 2018/19, covering the period from April 2018 to March 2019.

(The period to December 2018 was covered in the previous annual report)

Introduction

Considerable effort was made by the Trustees to achieve the goals outlined in the previous annual report. These were

1. *Recruiting new members of the management committee and Trustees, expanding our skills base, including specialist skills in boat restoration.*
2. *Carry out a new business plan , in summary -*
 - *use the shipyard as a temporary storage facility for Senora, thereby reducing costs.*
 - *develop a stronger more consistent volunteer base from our existing, well developed links in Newcastle/Gateshead*
 - *build up the firewood/wood items business as a source to cover regular core costs and purchase equipment*
 - *become a training provider*
 - *develop reliable referral routes for trainees from voluntary groups and agencies based in Newcastle with whom we already have established relationships*
 - *move Señora to our new secure site at Wallsend on the Tyne*
 - *equip the new workshops as a training facility*
 - *raise 50k by July as an interim funding goal*
3. *Increase funding, via business sponsorship, donations and grant making trusts*
4. *Develop the community and business links that are the basis of Senora's future role as 'The People's Yacht' for the NE.*

Progress on Goals

1. Mr Chris Martin and Mr Ben Ward joined the management committee.
2.
 - Senora remained in the shipyard, however, there were increasing problems with security and we were unable to obtain cooperation from the new management agent to prevent thefts continuing. The decision was taken by the MC to seek move Senora out of Pallion as soon as funds were raised to cover transportation costs and initial rent and rates.
 - Initial discussion confirmed that there was considerable need and interest among groups in Newcastle - growing the volunteer base required an activity that would attract and hold new volunteers. We decided to make the move itself a community development project with opportunity for volunteers to gain a qualification in community leadership.
 - the firewood business did not proceed as members of the MC did not have enough time to give to make it successful and the volunteers who did become involved needed close supervision by MC members because of the H&S implications of using machine tools.
 - becoming a training provider is a goal that will follow on once our workshops are established.
 - our potential referees agree that they want to refer trainees as soon as we are able to fund and deliver the training

- renting and equipping the workshop depends on raising £50k. by the year end we had joined the community foundation and attended training courses for MC members and trustees in fund raising. We had made three funding applications. As the financial year ended we learnt we had been successful in one of these, for £8.5k, to be used for July 2019 onwards.

3. - see above

4. Members of the MC had many meetings and conversations with local agencies and businesses, for example Connect Job Club, Connect Newcastle and Sunderland, Junction 42, Veterans organisations, GP strategies training, Springboard training, North Tyne College, South Tyne College, NE LEP.

The Rates issue was resolved with a reduced rates requirement - storage only - and a monthly instalment agree to cover the arrears.

People

The Trustees

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

The Management Committee

Mr Mark Humphrey
Mr. Kim Simpson
Mr. David Thompson
Mr Ben Ward (Community Worker)
Mr Chris Martin

Challenges

- MC and Trustee group still require larger membership with more time and skills
- Lack of security at the shipyard continues unresolved.
- Obtaining agreement from the new management agent for a new storage contract, and as part of this, agreement to move the boat from their premises.

Finance

The Trust ended the year with expenditure of £2363 and income of £3500.

Future

With Funding of 8.5k the Charity is able to

- cover rates arrears
- move Senora to an inexpensive storage facility in Wallsend which is properly secure.
- build a weather proof outdoor frame and roof for her.
- 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
- pay a years rent and rates in advance
- 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.

Mr Kim Simpson
Chairperson Senora Trust

year/month

Summary accounts April 2017 - December 2018

year/month	item	income	item	outgoing	loan	donations in kind description	approximate value	volunteer time *value	thefts and losses description	approximate value
carried forward from 2016/17		3.90		14400	14400					
2017/April			insurance	104.48				3000		
			rent	1600	1600					
			bank	5						
2017/May			insurance	104.48				3000		
			rent	1600	1600					
			bank	5						
2017/June			insurance	104.48				3000		
			rent	1600	1600					
			bank	5						
2017/July	rental of space	1200	insurance	104.48				3000		
			rent	1600	1600					
			bank	5						
2017/August			insurance	104.48				2000		
			rent	1600	1600					
			bank	5						
2017/September			insurance	104.48				2000		
			rent	1600	1600					
			bank	5						
2017/October			insurance	104.48				2000		
			rent	1600	1600					
			bank	5						
2017/November			insurance	104.48				2000		
			rent	1600	1600					
			bank	5						
2017/December	sale of wood	38	insurance	104.48				2000		
			rent	1600	1600					
			bank	5						
2018/January	sale of wood	200	insurance	104.48		*1 floor paint and painting equipment	11000	3750		
			rent	1600	1600					
			bank	5						
2018/February	sale of wood	235	insurance	104.48				2000		
			rent	1600	1600					
			bank	5						
2018/March	sale of wood	230	insurance	104.48		*1 decorating materials for the office	2000	3750		
			rent	1600	1600					
			bank	5						
2018/April			insurance	104.48				1000		
			rent	1600	1600					
			bank	5						
2018/May			insurance	104.48				1000		
			rent	1600	1600					
			bank	5						
2018/June			insurance	104.48				1000		
			rent	1600	1600					
			bank	5						
2018/July			insurance					1000		
			rent	1600	1600					
			bank	5						
2018/August			insurance					1000		
			rent	1600	1600					
			bank	5						
2018/September			insurance					1000		
			rent	1600	1600					
			bank	5						
2018/October			insurance					900	shipping container	250
			rent	1600	1600				5 metal benches	250
			bank	5					12 bronze portholes	2400
2018/November	donation	3500	insurance					1500	damage to offices	2000
			rent	1600	1600					
			bank	5						
2018/December			insurance					900		
			rent	1600	1600					
			bank	5						
	rent waived	48000		48000						
total		5406.90		1672.20			13000	40800		4900
balance +/-		3734.70								
notes	Rates - 80% statutory grant as a charity - 20% discretionary were being calculated and discussed with Sunderland Council through 2017 /18 - 10% granted, 10 % being paid in instalment's from January 2019			*1 Donations in Kind - from Akzonobel						

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	Tools and materials - volunteers and friends of Senora have purchased small items directly and donated these to keep the restoration going - these items have not gone through the accounts									
	*Volunteer time - this is worked out on the rate used by major grant funders eg Heritage Lottery, at the lowest rate i.e £150 a day.									