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Year Ended 31 March 2025*







COMPANY INFORMATION

Isles of Scilly Steamship Company Limited
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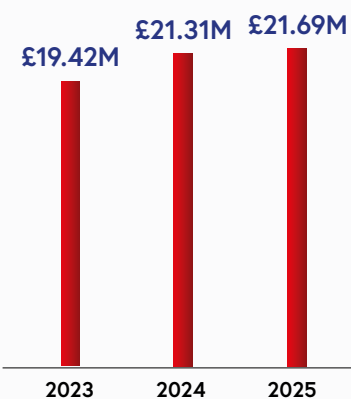
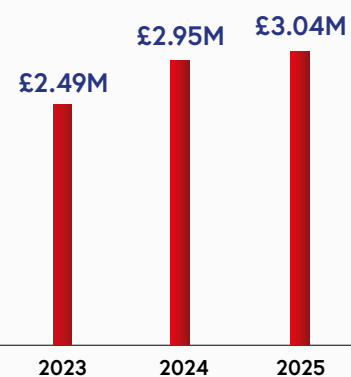
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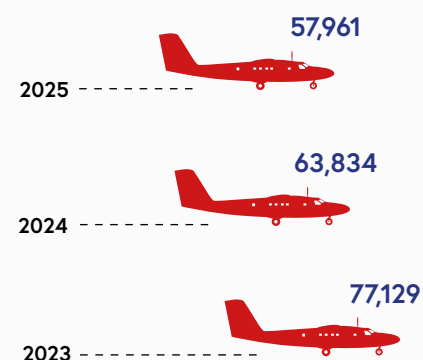
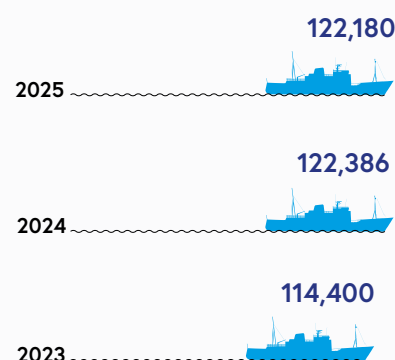
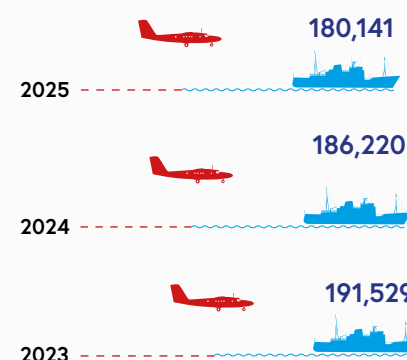
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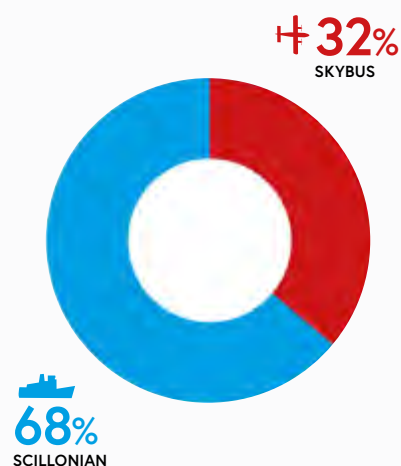
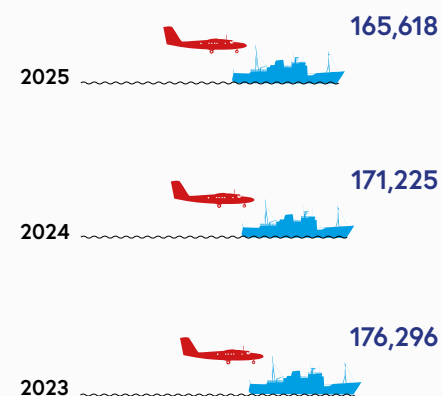
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TURNOVER
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH

PROFIT BEFORE TAX
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH

EBITDA
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH

SKYBUS
AIR PASSENGERS
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH

SCILLONIAN
SEA PASSENGERS
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH

COMBINED AIR AND
SEA PASSENGERS
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH

CASH BALANCE
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH

£7.34m 2024

£7.16m 2025

PASSENGER NUMBERS
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH

PASSENGER NUMBERS
SUMMER MARKET (APR-OCT)

CHAIRMAN'S
STATEMENT


This last year to 31 March has seen profit before tax rise to £3.04m (2024: £2.95m) on revenue of £21.69m (2024: £21.31m). Another record year. Cash remained on a par with last year at £7.16m (2024: £7.34m) despite significant payments for aircraft engines, as a result of recent regulatory changes, and also the loan interest payments. Cash is a particular focus given the commencement in 2026 of repayments of capital relating to our new vessels (interest only payments are made until the vessels are delivered).

Progress on the build of our new vessels, Scillonian IV and Menawethan, continues apace. We have a first class team in Vietnam overseeing our investment scrupulously and we look forward to welcoming our new vessels in 2026.

In the meantime, shipping has had another good year. Passenger numbers reached 180,141 (2024: 186,220) despite Easter not falling during the year, and on the freight side, the addition of the landing craft Gugh to our fleet significantly

increased our ability to tender for large construction contracts and the transportation of building materials. We are confident that freight revenue will increase in the current year as infrastructure projects commence and contracts are awarded for the transportation of freight. However, we cannot afford to be over-reliant on Shipping as our bread basket. We need other reliable profit sources.

I said last year that Aviation had to pay its way. In January we appointed Jonathan Hinkles to head up Skybus and the recently announced deal with Aurigny to run two Twin Otters on the Guernsey to Alderney route for them already demonstrates the opportunities available to us if we think and act more entrepreneurially. I believe Skybus has turned a corner and with more initiatives in the pipeline the future looks much brighter. This year Aviation posted a loss of £0.04m (2024: £0.2m loss) but in the forthcoming year we fully expect Aviation to move into profit.

But beyond Shipping and Aviation, other opportunities also exist to diversify revenue streams and build greater resilience for the Company and we will continue to look out for these. Rest assured we will do nothing rash. We want sound, low risk businesses which we can bolt on to our own and benefit from immediate and predictable cash generation.

How to fund new acquisitions continues to be a challenge. Our share price is simply too low to make an equity raise worthwhile. We have therefore embarked on a series of actions to improve the liquidity and price of our shares. The resolution recommended to shareholders relating to payment of a dividend is one example. We are also working with Asset Match to make it simpler to buy and sell shares and to promote the Company more widely as an exciting company to invest in.

In the meantime, we will have to rely for funds on existing reserves and possibly a small amount of additional debt. This is a fine balancing act

and caution is paramount.

As foreshadowed above, the Board has thought long and hard about recommending the payment of a dividend. It ultimately decided to recommend a payment of 15p per share and as an alternative to issue new shares on a scrip basis at a 10% discount to the market price. We are hopeful that the majority of shareholders will take the scrip issue and that the cash payments will be kept within reasonable bounds. The scrip would be the default position for those shareholders who do not respond.

I am incredibly proud that the Group has recently been named Business of the Year in the Maritime UK awards, a prestigious award that honours excellence, innovation, and exceptional achievements in the maritime industry. It is a significant milestone in the Group's history which demonstrates the hard-work and commitment of our employees.

I would like to conclude this report by thanking the Directors, executive and non-executive, for their hard work and commitment during the year. We are a good team, guided by the Company's values and driven by its strategy. Thank you for your continuing support.



Ian Howard



BOARD OF DIRECTORS



STUART REID
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Stuart joined Isles of Scilly Steamship Group as Chief Financial Officer in July 2013 and appointed as Chief Executive Officer in 2019. Originally from Cornwall, Stuart graduated from Cardiff University with a BSc (Hons) degree in Pharmacology & Toxicology and qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 2007. Stuart previously worked at Smart Solutions Recruitment, one of Wales fastest growing companies.

Stuart is a non-executive director of Visit Isles of Scilly, a not-for-profit organisation which exists to develop the Isles of Scilly as a visitor destination. He is also a member of the Isles of Scilly Transport Board and an Enterprise Advisor for Five Islands School. In his spare time, Stuart is a keen cyclist and triathlete competing over multiple distances and enjoys spending time with his family at home in Cornwall.



IAN HOWARD
CHAIRMAN

Ian joined the Board on 1 February 2019 becoming Chairman two months later.

Having qualified as a solicitor in 1980, Ian spent most of his working life with Siemens the global electronic concern undertaking a wide range of roles, the last of which, working out of Munich, was Senior Vice President, Mergers and Acquisitions.

Having left Siemens, Ian chaired the board of one of Europe's leading copper fabricators, MKM, until its sale in 2019. He now serves on the Board of the acquiring company KME SE.

In parallel, Ian has served on the boards of the British Triathlon Federation, the British Olympic Association and World Triathlon.



JUDITH PIPER
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
AND COMPANY SECRETARY

Judith Piper joined the Isles of Scilly Steamship Group as Chief Financial Officer in October 2018 and was appointed as a Board Director in May 2019. Before joining the Group, Judith worked for W. Stevenson & Sons Ltd as Finance Director, Company Secretary and Acting Managing Director.

Her earlier career included Finance Manager at Unipart Group Ltd and Financial and Management Accountant at Westcountry Ambulance Services NHS Trust. Originally from Cornwall, Judith graduated from Plymouth University with a BSc (Hons) degree in Psychology. She qualified as an ACCA accountant in 2001 and was awarded Fellowship (FCCA) status in 2006. Judith now lives in St. Levan with her husband and three children enjoying many sports activities and the local beaches.



SAM HICKS
SENIOR INDEPENDENT
DIRECTOR

Sam Hicks is from a longstanding St Agnes family. He was educated in Scilly, then at Truro School and graduated from the University of Bath in 2001 with a BSc Hons in Business Administration. He worked in various commercial management roles on the mainland before returning home to help grow the family business.

Together with his wife and parents he manages Troytown Farm dairy, self-catering cottages and campsite. Fully engaged in the local community, Sam is Watch Manager of the island fire service, captain of the cricket team and a member of the Shah gig crew. His three children have all attended the Five Islands School.



STEPHEN HICKS

Born on St Mary's, Steve Hicks was educated on the island and at Truro School before becoming a cadet in the Merchant Navy with P&O. He spent over twenty years at sea predominantly in sea going tugs and in the offshore oil industry in the North Sea.

In 1995, Steve spent his first full year in the family passenger launch business. In February 2018, after twenty years, he sold the vessel built on St Mary's to his design in 1997. He is one of the three pilots licensed for the waters of Scilly and a former lifeboat crew member. He is now the Lifeboat Operations Manager for the St Mary's Station.

In the summer, Steve can still occasionally be seen on the passenger launches when acting as a relief skipper or crew. He spends time out in the Swordfish angling and on family leisure time. He is also finding time for doing watercolours of vessels and the islands and working on maintenance and projects in his boatshed.



GARY RANDALL

Gary is a Chartered Accountant heading up a large practice that has offices in Devon and Cornwall. He has been a Non-Executive Director for the company since 2018 and reflects on the varying challenges that have been faced during that period.

The company has reported strong financial performance in recent years, and this provides a base from which to develop; the replacement vessel project is an exciting one, but navigating through the development and construction phase will require financial skill and judgment.

Gary hopes that his financial mind and commercial awareness will bring much needed support to the Executive Team.



KEVIN GEORGE

Kevin's early career was with British Airways as an avionics engineer, progressing through to senior management roles in marketing and operations. In 2007, Kevin joined Monarch Airlines initially as their operations director before taking the position as CEO in 2011. After 30 years in aviation, he moved to the marine industry and joined the Red Funnel Group as CEO in 2014 and then became Chair in 2018 until 2021.

Kevin is currently the Chair of Aurigny Air Services in Guernsey.



SONYA BASSETT

With over 20 years' experience in law and business, Sonya spent 10 years in corporate and commercial roles in a number of leading international law firms, Eversheds and Osborne Clarke (for whom she also worked in San Francisco), as well as five years in-house in the private sector as Legal Director for a leading renewable energy company running projects for both Tesco and Marks and Spencer and working closely with the government Department of Energy and Climate Change in respect of the Green Deal project.

Sonya is currently a Corporate solicitor working as a consultant for the international law firm Spencer West LLP specialising in mergers and acquisitions and company reorganisations, particularly with a view to becoming an Employee Ownership Trust. Sonya has notable experience in the tourism and renewables business sectors and particularly enjoys working with and assisting businesses of all sizes in the South West region. In her spare time Sonya enjoys adventures with her son in their campervan and being in or on the water.



ANDREW WALDER

Born on the Islands, Andrew was educated in Scilly, then Penwith College. He graduated from the University of Wales College Newport in 2000 with a BA Honours in Documentary Photography. In 2002, Andrew began his Cadetship with Trinity House studying for the Officer of the Watch certificate at Warsash Maritime Academy.

After 15 years at sea, 10 of which was working for the British Antarctic Survey, Andrew began to make his move to working ashore at home on the family farm on St Martins. Whilst working as skipper on the Inter-island boats, Andrew continued with ongoing work setting up SC Dogs distillery. Andrew is now ashore and, along with his wife and parents, is managing SC Dogs Distillery, SC Salt, holiday lettings and the family farm. Andrew has three children at the Five Islands Academy and is a volunteer in the St Martins Coastguard Rescue team.



STRATEGIC
REPORT

For the year ended 31 March 2025

The directors present their strategic report for the year ended 31 March 2025.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The principal activities of the Group and its subsidiaries are the provision of regular sea and air services for passengers and cargo between the mainland and the Isles of Scilly. During the year under review, the Group continued the operation of ancillary activities including aeronautical engineering, fuel supplies, and road haulage services on St Mary’s, inter-island freight and mail services, and the operation of Land’s End Airport.

REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS

The results of the year are shown in the profit and loss account on page 26. The financial year ended 31 March 2025 marks the sixth year under the Group’s refreshed strategic direction. The Group delivered another record financial performance while continuing to invest in customer experience and long-term asset renewal.

PASSENGER NUMBERS

Total passengers for the year were 180,141 (2024: 186,220), a decrease of 3.3%:

By air: 57,961 (2024: 63,834)
By sea: 122,180 (2024: 122,386)

Easter fell in March and therefore the financial year 2025 excluded an Easter period which impacts passenger numbers. In addition, performance was impacted by weather disruption but buoyed by improved scheduling and promotional activity.

The increase in day trip passengers is notable. During the year, day trip passenger numbers increased to 44,687 (2024: 38,945), an increase of 14.7% which has been achieved through strong marketing campaigns and competitive pricing. This is very encouraging for both the Group and the islands as our own data concludes that passengers who initially

visit on a day trip often return for extended stays in later years.

PROFIT BEFORE TAX AND FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

The Group reported a profit before tax of £3.04m (2024: £2.95m). EBITDA decreased slightly to £4.59m (2024: £4.66m) due to higher employment costs and significantly increased St Mary’s landing fees. However, the impact of these cost increases was minimised through robust trading across both marine and aviation divisions, with continued discipline in cost management.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

Safety remains the Group’s foremost value, underpinning every aspect of our operations. It is embedded through comprehensive Safety Management Systems, which are overseen and reinforced at weekly Marine and Aviation Management meetings, with regular input from the Group’s dedicated safety managers.

Our culture encourages the active reporting of both potential and actual safety concerns, and we maintain a strong focus on incident and near-miss reporting. This helps us identify areas for improvement, strengthen our safety systems, and implement effective mitigations in a timely manner.

The Group’s Risk Management Team - comprising senior representatives from both marine and aviation - meets regularly throughout the year to assess and update our business continuity plans. Managers continually review operational risk assessments to ensure they remain relevant, responsive, and robust.

We are grateful to our employees across the Group for continuing to champion our health and safety culture and for their unwavering commitment to keeping our passengers, colleagues, and operations safe every day.

STRATEGIC OVERVIEW

This year we launched our 2030 Business Strategy, which sets out a clear roadmap for strengthening our core lifeline services while diversifying revenue streams and improving long-term financial performance.

Our vision “Delivering for Scilly” remains true but we recognise that focusing on our core can also present longer term risks to the Company. We have to deliver increasing financial performance and protect the ability to meet financial obligations as they fall due and so we must look outside the core market and diversify to protect the company and the lifeline link.

Our new strategic objective is “to protect the Isles of Scilly lifeline link by improving financial performance through delivering a safe, reliable and affordable service”.

Our strategy is built around five goals and targets both marine and aviation:

1. Deliver improved financial performance targeting £8m EBITDA by 2030
2. Deliver a safe passenger and freight service targeting zero harm to passengers and employees
3. Deliver a reliable passenger and freight service through the implementation of new and well maintained assets
4. Deliver an affordable passenger and freight service through maximising direct revenue and diversification into new markets
5. Deliver a passenger and freight service which minimises the impact on our environment seeking Government support to achieve our path to carbon net zero by 2050.

We look forward to embracing this strategy and working with our stakeholders to deliver long-term value, protecting the lifeline link and delivering for Scilly.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

The Group is conscious that its activities have an environmental impact but is happy to note that reducing that impact aligns with our overall strategy.

In line with our 2030 Strategy, the Group has committed to minimising its environmental impact and supporting the UK Government's Net Zero 2050 ambitions. Our objectives include:

- Developing an environmental roadmap with interim carbon reduction milestones
- Lobbying for local infrastructure investment in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly to support carbon-efficient operations
- Seeking grant funding for clean energy projects at our freehold and leasehold sites
- Reducing office waste and electrifying ground support operations.
- The introduction of new vessels and investment in energy-efficient operations will materially reduce our carbon footprint and future operating costs.

VESSEL REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Our new vessels project commenced in 2019 as part of our new beginnings era with a view to constructing new vessels for replacements of Scillonian III, Gry Maritha and Lyonesse Lady.

On 18 January 2024, the Group signed contracts with shipbuilder Piriou for the construction of a new passenger ferry, Scillonian IV and new cargo vessel, Menawethan. This milestone was the result of four years of work by the Board, the new vessel project team and support from its advisors.

The privately financed new vessels will bring a significant improvement to the sea links service but will also provide assurances to the community of protecting the lifeline link at the earliest opportunity. Work on the new vessels in Vietnam continues at pace. Following the steel cutting ceremony held on 25 June 2024 and the keel laying ceremony in October 2024 the project is now in its latter stages. The hull construction of Scillonian IV and Menawethan are now predominantly complete. In the last few days, the engines that will power these vessels have arrived at the shipyard and are being integrated into their respective engine rooms.

There is a growing excitement from employees and the community about the delivery of our new fleet. I would like to thank our new vessel replacement committees and internal project teams for their work and commitment in delivering the project to date. In particular I would like to thank our project team in Vietnam, Chris Lingham and Peter Broad who remain in Vietnam overseeing the build and managing our investment.

We remain excited about welcoming our new vessels in 2026 which will provide significant service improvements to our visitor market and the community of the Isles of Scilly.

AVIATION

Our aviation business, consisting of Skybus and Land's End Airport, has set new ambitious targets. In my 2024 strategic report, I stated that there is a "longer-term pressure of returning our aviation business to sustainable profitability". Over the last 12 months we have set the foundations at Skybus to deliver future growth and cash generation.



Jonathan Hinkles
Managing Director of Skybus.

A major step forward this year was the appointment of Jonathan Hinkles as Managing Director of Skybus. Jonathan's knowledge of the aviation industry and experience from previous executive roles puts Skybus in an excellent position to deliver on its strategic ambitions. His appointment has been warmly welcomed by colleagues and stakeholders and reflects the Group's ambition and drive to return Skybus to profitability.

A new strategic partnership with Aurigny Air Services, announced in June 2025, provides strong commercial prospects and an example of our ambition. As part of this agreement, two additional Twin Otter aircraft will be deployed on services to Alderney under a multi-year agreement, supported by Skybus

engineering and pilot training.

This contract supports our diversification aims and improves Group profitability without compromising the delivery of air services to Scilly.

The aviation strategy also includes:

- Securing a new engineering base at Newquay Cornwall Airport to improve engineering resilience and support operations between Guernsey and Alderney
- Continuing to lobby Government for air subsidies to support affordability for the Isles of Scilly community
- Development of PSO route opportunities in the UK.

GROUP EMPLOYEES

The average number of employees during the year was 214 (2024: 209), reflecting increased investment in operations and engineering. We thank our colleagues for their professionalism, especially during a period of operational growth and vessel construction.

KEY CHALLENGES

- **New Vessel Delivery:** To maintain project management oversight, processes and controls to ensure our new passenger ferry and cargo vessel remain on target to be delivered in 2026.
- **Fleet Resilience:** Until new vessels are delivered, our aging fleet continues to pose operational risk. Spare parts procurement and additional maintenance investment remain essential.
- **Labour Market:** Recruiting skilled aviation personnel remains difficult due to national shortages and local housing pressures.
- **Inflationary Costs:** Cost control will be a priority across all Group operations.
- **Currency Risk:** Exposure to GBP-EUR foreign exchange rate for shipbuilding is being managed through forward contracts.

STAKEHOLDERS & EMPLOYEES

The Group's continued success relies on the valued support of our customers, suppliers, and employees. I would like to express my gratitude to our customers for their loyalty throughout the year. We remain committed to working closely with them to meet their evolving expectations and deliver a service that reflects their needs.

Our wider stakeholder network plays a vital role in enabling us to operate efficiently and to a high standard. We collaborate regularly with harbour authorities, airport operators, service partners, and product suppliers to enhance service delivery and operational performance. Their support is integral to the consistent and high-quality experience we provide.

Finally, I extend my sincere thanks to our employees. Their commitment, expertise, and focus on delivering outstanding customer service is exceptional.

OUTLOOK

The year under review delivered strong operational and financial momentum across the Group, building on the progress we've made since 2019. The significant investments made over that time - including the commissioning of our new vessels and the recently announced partnership with Aurigny Air Services - have created a strong platform for long-term, sustainable growth across all areas of the business.

Looking ahead, we remain focused on identifying opportunities to strengthen our core operations, enhance resilience, and invest in areas that will deliver long-term value for our customers, communities, and stakeholders.

Approved by the Board on 23 July 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Stuart Reid

Stuart Reid
Chief Executive Officer



FINANCIAL RISK
MANAGEMENT

The Group's operations expose it to a variety of financial risks which include price risk, credit risk and foreign exchange risk.

During the year, the Group continued to face price risks which impacted operating costs, including increased employment costs as a result of the relatively high levels of inflation and significant landing fee price increases.

The Group is a retailer of oil-related products that are subject to changes in world commodity price for crude oil. The Group manages the price risk of fuel through a combination of forward contracts, spot rate buys when favourable and appropriate management of stock holdings.

The Group has limited suppliers of both shipping and aviation parts and mitigates this risk by holding appropriate levels of stock. The Group has aviation consumable suppliers with liabilities which are settled in dollars. The Group manages currency risk on such goods through spot rate buys when favourable.

In May 2020, the Group signed an aircraft finance lease commitment repayable over 8 years, with the option to extend the final payment over another 2 years. In July 2021, the Group signed a forward contract to mitigate exchange rate risk exposure over the term of the lease.

Credit checks are performed on potential and established customers. The amount of credit risk exposure to any individual customer is controlled by means of a credit limit that is set and monitored by the business.

The Group operates solely in the UK and is therefore susceptible to changes in the economic environment and consumer confidence in the UK.

Brexit does give rise to certain operational and financial impacts on the Group, although to date the impact of Brexit has been minimal and managed through the decisions of senior management.

The Lombard NatWest new vessels loan is subject to Bank of England base rate changes which are currently moving in a favourable direction. The Group will have the option to fix the interest rate after the new vessels are delivered.



ENVIRONMENTAL,
SOCIAL AND
GOVERNANCE
REPORT

The Group is committed to high standards of corporate governance and believes that a strong governance structure is critical to future growth and stability. The Group strives to maintain integrity and professionalism at all times. Our values of safety, people, excellence, transparency, respect, trust, collaboration and community form a framework for our decision-making.

The Board of Directors, led by the Chairman, Ian Howard, is the principal decision-making forum for the Group. It has overall responsibility for leading and controlling the Group and is accountable to the shareholders for financial and operational performance. The Board approves Group strategy and monitors performance.

Building on this existing platform of sound governance, we are pleased to provide our Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) report. Every one of our trading companies can play its part in addressing ESG issues, including those in our local stakeholder communities. Our ESG Report aims to capture our approach to the environment, to people and to governance.

ENVIRONMENTAL

The membership of the Environmental Committee is made up of a representative from each area of the Group with Sonya Bassett (a Non-Executive Director) as Chair. The Committee meets on a quarterly basis. The Committee's remit is to review and develop the Group's environmental strategy and support the CEO, CFO and senior management team by making recommendations to assist them in achieving the Group's environmental aspirations.

The Committee has developed an environmental strategy and has set achievable targets in every area of the Group. These include working with other community environmental initiatives in order to protect and improve our environment and the Group's contribution to it.

Environmental issues are an important factor when we look to the future of our transport activities, and they feature heavily in the design of the new vessels. The Group will ensure that its future ships and aircraft are designed such that they may be adapted to more environmentally friendly propulsion systems in the coming years.

In the meantime, the Committee is focusing on reducing electricity consumption throughout the Group. The committee is extremely pleased to be joined by a group of Green Champions who are a team of people throughout the Group who have volunteered to assist with the holistic approach to becoming a more environmentally friendly and sustainable business. The Green Champions are a great addition to the Group and are working as a team and within their departments to encourage a greener approach to everyday life within the Group

SOCIAL

We aim to be a socially responsible employer and make this part of our internal culture. We strive to ensure that there is no discrimination in the organisation and have a more gender-balanced Board with two female members.



We strive to be transparent and honest in both our internal and external communications.

We support various community groups and give back around £0.5m every year through discounted travel for the Island community and the NHS.

We support a number of local charities such as Isles of Scilly Wildlife Trust, St Mary's Haven and Cornwall Air Ambulance through the donation facility on our website's booking pages. Recently the Wildlife Trust reached aggregate contributions of £120,000 through this facility, ensuring Isles of Scilly wildlife thrives and the stunning landscape remains so for future generations.

We are sensitive to domestic and global human rights issues and will not knowingly source from suppliers guilty of human rights abuses such as the employment of under-age children.

GOVERNANCE

The Board is sensitive to, and driven by, good Corporate Governance.

Stuart Reid, Chief Executive Officer, holds primary responsibility for the running of

the business on a day-to-day basis. Judith Piper, Chief Financial Officer, supports Stuart in his role and together the two Executive Directors provide regular reports to the Board to enable Board members to make informed, effective and timely decisions. The Board is supplied with comprehensive and timely reports in advance of each meeting, covering all the Group's business activities. Financial and operational reports are reviewed and discussed along with the Group's strategic aims together with performance, financial and risk management. Board meetings are structured to allow open discussion by all Directors.

As at the date of approval of the Group accounts, the Board comprises seven Non-Executive Directors and two Executive Directors. The Directors believe that the Board functions effectively and efficiently. The Directors provide a mix of skills, experience and expertise appropriate to the size of the business and its activities.

Our committee structure ensures that other areas of governance are vouchsafed. The Chairman, CEO and CFO may attend any Committee at their discretion. Equally, the relevant Committee Chairman may

proactively invite one or more of the aforesaid directors to attend any meeting of his or her Committee.

Directors are appointed in accordance with a fair and transparent process through the Nominations Committee. Executive director pay is addressed by the Remuneration Committee. Our Audit Committee, in conjunction with external auditors, tests the robustness of financial controls to reduce the risk of fraud and other forms of financial corruption. The audit committee's terms of reference have recently been updated to ensure key company policies, such as risk management and treasury, are reviewed and updated regularly.

We ensure the privacy of customer data through compliance with the relevant regulations and are ever vigilant to the risk of cyber security, the risks of which we take all reasonable measures to mitigate.

DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION

	Salary 2025	Fees 2025 £	Benefits in kind 2025 £	Total 2025 £	2024 £	Pension contributions 2025 £	2024 £
EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS							
S Reid	132,317	-	5,678	137,995	121,134	43,604	42,550
J Piper	120,720	-	256	120,976	106,632	1,316	1,136
NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS							
I Howard	-	30,003	-	30,003	29,078	-	-
T S Hicks	-	12,326	-	12,326	11,852	-	-
S M Hicks	-	10,033	-	10,033	9,647	-	-
G Randall	-	10,033	-	10,033	9,647	-	-
K George	-	47,053	-	47,053	26,447	-	-
S Bassett	-	10,033	-	10,033	9,647	-	-
A Walder	-	10,033	-	10,033	804	-	-
	253,037	129,514	5,934	388,485	324,888	44,920	43,866

Includes bonus based on performance-related targets for the Executive Directors. | S Reid's benefits in kind relate to the provision of a fully expensed motor vehicle. J Piper's benefits in kind relate to the provision of motor vehicle (50% contribution) from 1 February 2025.

REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

The Members of the Remuneration Committee are Sam Hicks, Gary Randall and Sonya Bassett (Chair).

The Committee's remit is to determine and agree with the Board the financial and non-financial targets, salary and benefits for the Executive Directors and Chairman, as well as to work with the Executive Directors to assist in the design of any performance

related pay schemes operated by the Group by reviewing the workforce remuneration and related policies and methodology. Recommendations are made after obtaining information from a variety of sources to benchmark the quantum of salary and benefits of the contracts. Legal and employment advice is taken when required and new contracts are checked by consultants to ensure compliance with employment law and best practice.

The Committee has been active throughout the year, holding quarterly formal meetings as well as consulting by video, email and telephone conferencing. The focus of the Committee has been the setting of targets aligned with the Group's mission and values. A Group pay award was approved at the start of the financial year for all employees which took into account both the level of inflation and the financial targets for the Group.



NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Members of the Nominations Committee at the end of the year were Ian Howard (Chairman), Steve Hicks and Sonya Bassett. The Committee has a wide remit which includes:

- i) reviewing the Board's structure, size and composition;
- ii) identifying and nominating candidates to fill Board vacancies;
- iii) reviewing the time commitment required from non-executive directors to fulfil their responsibilities;
- iv) formulating succession plans for executive and non-executive directors;
- v) recommending changes to the membership of all Board Committees as and when required.

The Committee met on a number of occasions throughout the year.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The members of the Audit Committee are Sam Hicks, Steve Hicks and Gary Randall (Chairman).

The Committee possesses a range of experience and commercial knowledge with the current Chairman being a Registered Auditor. When appropriate, advice is sought from external professionals and we constantly strive to keep up to date with changing audit priorities, risks, best practice and good governance.

The regulatory environment in which the Group operates is challenging and the Executive Team work hard to ensure a high level of corporate governance. The Audit Committee seek to challenge and assist in delivering high level compliant standards.

Our role is first and foremost to monitor the integrity of the financial statements of the Group and any formal communications

relating to the Group's performance, review the Group's internal financial controls, and monitor the effectiveness of the Group's internal audit function. The committee also considers and recommends to the Board, the appointment of external auditors for approval by shareholders at the AGM.

The Chairman is invited to attend audit meetings as and when appropriate. Risk and compliance is a constant focus at all our meetings, we monitor the risk reporting and compliance process and provide critical challenge as appropriate. The risk management committee report to the Audit Committee and Board on continuity risks and actions identified to mitigate these risks. As Audit Committee Chairman, I consider the key role of our committee is to provide oversight and reassurance, specifically with regard to the integrity of the Group's financial reporting, audit arrangements and internal control processes. We are committed to this responsibility.

SKYBUS COMMITTEE

With the appointment of a new Managing Director for Skybus, a Skybus Board Committee has been established to provide oversight and guidance for the airline as it enters a new phase of growth and change. Its members are Ian Howard (Chairman), Sam Hicks, Kevin George, Stuart Reid, Judith Piper and Jonathan Hinkles.

The Committee reports to the Board and its Terms of Reference include delegated authority for key aspects of Skybus strategy and development. Major transactions such as taking on new aircraft, contracts or partnerships with other airlines are considered by the Committee prior to approval by the Board. The Committee met on two occasions through the year including its introductory meeting in January 2025 and expects to meet between six and eight times per year depending on activity levels and progress in Skybus.



DIRECTORS' REPORT

For the year ended 31 March 2025

The directors present their report for the year ended 31 March 2025.

DIRECTORS OF THE COMPANY

The directors who held office during the year were as follows:

Committees		2025	2024
Current directors:			
Ian Howard		95,394	95,394
Stuart Reid	M	2,620	2,620
Judith Piper	M	1,030	1,030
Ian Howard	N	450	450
Gary Randall	A, M, R		
Stephen Hicks	A, M, N		
Sam Hicks	A, R		
Kevin George	M		
Sonya Bassett	E, N,R		
Andrew Walder	S		

Past directors:

‘A’ signifies that the director is a member of the Audit Committee.

‘R’ signifies that the director is a member of the Remuneration Committee.

‘N’ signifies that the director is a member of the Nominations Committee.

‘M’ signifies that the director is a member of the Marine Asset Replacement Committee.

‘E’ signifies that the director is a member of the Environmental Committee.

‘S’ signifies that the director is Chairman of the Steamship Advisory Board.

The Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer may attend any committee at their discretion.

The interests of the directors in the ordinary shares of the Company as at 31 March 2024 are set out below. There have been no changes to these interests between 1 April 2025 and 23 July 2025.

DIVIDENDS

Post year-end the directors propose the payment of a dividend of 15p for the year ended 31 March 2025 (2024:£nil).

Disclosure of information to the auditor

Each director has taken steps that they ought to have taken as a director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company’s auditor is aware of that information. The directors confirm that there is no relevant information that they know of and of which they know the auditor is unaware.

Approved by the Board on 23 July 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Mr I Howard

Mr I Howard
Chairman



STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law).

Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company’s transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

OPINION
We have audited the financial statements of Isles of Scilly Steamship Company Limited (the 'parent company') and its subsidiaries (the 'group') for the year ended 31 March 2025, which comprise the Consolidated Profit and Loss Account, Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income, Consolidated Balance Sheet, Balance Sheet, Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity, Statement of Changes in Equity, Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows, and Notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Group's and the parent company's affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of the Group's profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

BASIS FOR OPINION

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the group in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical

responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

CONCLUSIONS RELATING TO GOING CONCERN

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate. Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the group's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the original financial statements were authorised for issue. Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

OTHER INFORMATION

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

OPINION ON OTHER MATTER PRESCRIBED BY THE COMPANIES ACT 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Strategic Report and Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Strategic Report and Directors' Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

MATTERS ON WHICH WE ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT BY EXCEPTION

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Strategic Report and the Directors' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the parent company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the parent company financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the group's and the parent company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern

and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intends to liquidate the group or the parent company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

EXPLANATION AS TO WHAT EXTENT THE AUDIT WAS CONSIDERED CAPABLE OF DETECTING IRREGULARITIES, INCLUDING FRAUD

The objectives of our audit, in respect to fraud, are: to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud; to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud, through designing and implementing appropriate responses; and to respond appropriately to fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both those charged with governance of the company and management.

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the group at the planning stage

of the audit. Firstly, the group is subject to laws and regulations that directly affect the financial statements including financial reporting legislation (including related company legislation) and taxation legislation and we assessed the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the related financial statement items. Secondly, the group is subject to other laws and regulations where the consequences of non-compliance could have a material effect on amounts or disclosures in the financial statements, for instance through the imposition of fines or litigation or the loss of the company's licence to operate. In making this assessment we determined that the most significant elements of legislation include licencing laws, employment laws and regulations, and health and safety legislation.

Based on this understanding we designed our audit procedures to identify non-compliance with such laws and regulations. Our procedures involved the following:

- Enquiries of management regarding their knowledge of any non compliance with laws and regulations that could affect the financial statements. As part of these enquiries we also discussed with management whether there have been any known instances, allegations or suspicions of fraud, of which there were none.
- Considering the filings made at Companies House, and any omissions thereon of which there were none identified.
- Reviewing the most recent Civil Aviation Authority, and Maritime and Coastguard Agency reports, and where there had been visits discussing with management their findings.
- Discussing with management compliance with licencing legislation and health and safety legislation.
- Undertaking transactional testing on grant claims made in the year.
- Auditing the risk of management override of controls, including through testing journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, and evaluating the business rationale for significant transactions outside the normal course of business, of which there were none.
- Reviewed estimates and judgements made in the accounts for any indication of bias and challenged assumptions used by management in making the estimates.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations (irregularities) is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it. In addition, as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls.

We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities This description forms part of our auditor's report.

USE OF OUR REPORT

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Nicola Cornish | BSc BFP FCA CTA
(Senior Statutory Auditor)
PKF Francis Clark, Statutory Auditor,
Lowin House,
Tregolls Road, Truro,
Cornwall, TR1 2NA

Date: 8 August 2025

CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025 (£000)	2024 (£000)
TURNOVER	3	21,688	21,314
Cost of sales		(18,734)	(18,510)
GROSS PROFIT		2,954	2,804
Other operating income	4	163	122
OPERATING PROFIT	5	3,117	2,926
Other interest receivable and similar income	9	94	90
Interest payable and similar charges	10	(169)	(62)
PROFIT BEFORE TAX		3,042	2,954
Taxation	11	2	(8)
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		3,044	2,946
PROFIT/(LOSS) ATTRIBUTABLE TO			
Owners of the company		3,044	2,496

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

Year Ended 31 March 2025

	2025 (£000)	2024 (£000)
PROFIT FOR THE YEAR	3,044	2,946
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR	3,044	2,946
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO:		
Owners of the company	3,044	2,946

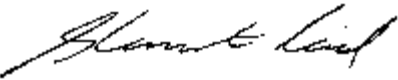
The notes on pages 31 to 42 form an integral part of these financial statements.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025 (£000)	2024 (£000)
FIXED ASSETS			
Intangible assets	12	371	387
Tangible assets	13	36,629	20,123
Investment property	14	297	-
		37,297	20,510
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks	16	1,586	1,514
Debtors	17	2071	2,414
Cash at bank and in hand		7,162	7,336
		10,819	11,264
CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	19	(10,842)	(10,656)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		(23)	608
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		37,274	21,118
CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR	19	(14,825)	(1,793)
Provisions		(349)	(267)
Deferred tax liabilities		(179)	(181)
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES	23	(528)	(448)
NET ASSETS		21,921	18,877
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	25	1,455	1,455
Share premium account		384	384
Profit and loss account		20,082	17,038
EQUITY ATTRIBUTABLE TO OWNERS OF THE COMPANY		21,921	18,877
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		21,921	18,877

Approved and authorised by the Board
on 23 July 2025 and signed for by:



Mr S Reid
Director

Company Registration Number 00165746

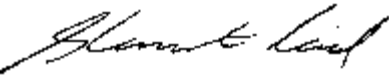
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BALANCE SHEET

Year Ended 31 March 2025	Notes	2025 (£000)	2024 (£000)
FIXED ASSETS			
Intangible assets	12	371	387
Tangible assets	13	3,521	3,732
Investments	15	4,165	4,165
		8,057	8,284
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	17	2,071	219
Cash at bank and in hand		7,138	7,310
		9,209	7,529
CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	19	(483)	(7,064)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		8,726	465
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		16,783	8,749
CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR	19	(485)	(552)
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES	23	(143)	(146)
NET ASSETS		16,155	8,051
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	25	1,455	1,455
Share premium reserve		384	384
Profit and loss account		14,316	6,212
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		16,155	8,051

No Profit and Loss Account is presented for the Company as permitted by section 408 of the Companies Act 2006. The company made a profit after tax of £8,104,000 (2024 - £114,000). £8,000,000 of this profit relates to an intercompany dividend from Isles of Scilly Shipping Company Limited to Isles of Scilly Steamship Company Limited carried out on 24 July 2024.

Approved and authorised by the Board
on 23 July 2025 and signed for by:



Mr S Reid
Director

Company Registration Number 00165746

The notes on pages 31 to 42 form an integral part of these financial statements.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

Year Ended 31 March 2025	Share capital (£000)	Share premium (£000)	Profit and loss account (£000)	Total equity (£000)
At 1 April 2024	1,455	384	17,038	18,877
Profit for the year	-	-	3,044	3,044
Total comprehensive income	-	-	3,044	3,044
At 31 March 2025	1,455	384	20,082	21,921

	Share capital (£)	Share premium (£)	Profit and loss account (£)	Total equity (£)
At 1 April 2023	1,455	384	14,092	15,931
Profit for the year	-	-	2,946	2,946
Total comprehensive income	-	-	2,946	2,946
At 31 March 2024	1,455	384	17,038	18,877

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

Year Ended 31 March 2025	Share capital (£000)	Share premium (£000)	Profit and loss account (£000)	Total (£000)
At 1 April 2024	1,455	384	6,212	8,051
Profit for the year	–	–	8,104	8,104
Total comprehensive income	–	–	8,104	8,104
At 31 March 2025	1,455	384	14,316	16,155

	Share capital (£)	Share premium (£)	Profit and loss account (£)	Total (£)
At 1 April 2023	1,455	384	6,098	7,937
Profit for the year	–	–	114	114
Total comprehensive income	–	–	114	114
At 31 March 2024	1,455	384	6,212	8,051

The notes on pages 31 to 42 form an integral part of these financial statements.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Year Ended 31 March 2025

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	Notes	2025 (£000)	2024 (£000)
Profit for the year		3,044	2,946
ADJUSTMENTS TO CASH FLOWS FROM NON-CASH ITEMS			
Depreciation and amortisation	5	1,480	1,739
Profit on disposal of tangible assets		(12)	(4)
Finance income	9	(94)	(90)
Finance costs	10	169	62
Corporation tax expense	11	(2)	8
		4,585	4,661
WORKING CAPITAL ADJUSTMENTS			
(Increase) / decrease in stocks	16	(72)	104
Decrease / (increase) in debtors	17	344	(537)
Increase / (decrease) in creditors	19	63	(57)
Increase in provisions	23	82	199
Decrease in government grants		(71)	(71)
Net cash flow from operating activities		4,931	4,299

CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES

Interest received		94	90
Acquisitions of tangible assets		(17,578)	(9,888)
Proceeds from sale of tangible assets		14	9
Acquisition of intangible assets	12	(70)	(94)
Acquisition of investment properties	14	(297)	-
Net cash flows from investing activities		(17,837)	(9,883)

CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES

Interest paid	10	(169)	(62)
Interest capitalised		(324)	-
Proceeds from bank borrowing draw downs		13,559	-
Repayment of bank borrowing		(92)	-
Payments to finance lease creditors		(241)	(241)
Net cash flows from financing activities		12,733	(303)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(173)	(5,887)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April		7,335	13,223
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March		7,162	7,336

The notes on pages 31 to 42 form an integral part of these financial statements.

NOTES

to the financial statements, Year Ended 31 March 2025

1 GENERAL INFORMATION

The company is a private company limited by share capital, incorporated in England and Wales. The address of its registered office is:
Hugh Town
St Mary's, Isles of Scilly
TR21 0LJ

2 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

These financial statements were prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared using the historical cost convention except that as disclosed in the accounting policies certain items are shown at fair value.

The functional currency of the Group is considered to be pounds sterling because this is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the company operates.

Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements consolidate the financial statements of the company and its subsidiary undertakings drawn up to 31 March 2025.

No Profit and Loss Account is presented for the Company as permitted by section 408 of the Companies Act 2006. The company made a profit after tax of £8,104,000 (2024 - £114,000).

A subsidiary is an entity controlled by the company. Control is achieved where the company has the power to govern the financial and operating policies of an entity so as to obtain benefits from its activities.

The purchase method of accounting is used to account for business combinations that result in the acquisition of subsidiaries by the Group. The cost of a business combination is measured as the fair value of the assets given, equity instruments issued and liabilities incurred or assumed at the date of exchange, plus costs directly attributable to the business combination. Identifiable assets acquired and liabilities and contingent liabilities assumed in a business combination are measured initially at their fair values at the acquisition date. Any excess of the cost of the business combination over the acquirer's interest in the net fair value of the identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities recognised is recorded as goodwill.

Inter-company transactions, balances and unrealised gains on transactions between the company and its subsidiaries, which are related

parties, are eliminated in full.

Intra-group losses are also eliminated but may indicate an impairment that requires recognition in the consolidated financial statements.

Business combinations

Business combinations are accounted for using the purchase method. The consideration for each acquisition is measured at the aggregate of the fair values at acquisition date of assets given, liabilities incurred or assumed, and equity instruments issued by the Group in exchange for control of the acquired, plus any costs directly attributable to the business combination. When a business combination agreement provides for an adjustment to the cost of the combination contingent on future events, the Group includes the estimated amount of that adjustment in the cost of the combination at the acquisition date if the adjustment is probable and can be measured reliably.

Summary of disclosure exemptions

FRS102 allows a qualifying entity certain disclosure exemptions subject to certain conditions which the company has complied with. This includes the notification of, and no objection to, the use of such exemptions by the company's shareholders.

On this basis the company has taken advantage of the following exemptions:

- i) From preparing a statement of cash flows, on the basis that it is a qualifying entity and the consolidated statement of cash flows included in these financial statements includes the company's cash flows;
- ii) From the financial instrument disclosures, required under FRS102 paragraphs 11.39 to 11.48A as the information is provided in the consolidated financial statement disclosures.

The Group and company have also taken advantage of the exemption under FRS102 paragraph 33.1A in respect of transactions between members of the Group, on the basis that the Group companies are 100% owned.

Revenue recognition

Turnover represents charges for the supply of sea and air passenger and freight services and associated income. Turnover is recognised when the Group fulfils its contractual obligations to customers in respect of the goods and services provided. Turnover is shown net of value added tax, returns, rebates and discounts and after eliminating sales within the company.

Government grants

Government grants in respect of capital expenditure are credited to a deferred income account and are released to profit over the expected useful lives of the relevant assets by equal annual instalments. Grants of a revenue nature are credited to income so as to match them with the expenditure to which they relate.

Foreign currency transactions and balances

Transactions in foreign currencies are initially recorded at the functional currency rate prevailing at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated into the respective functional currency of the entity at the rates prevailing on the reporting period date. Non-monetary items carried at fair value that are denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rate on the date when the fair value is re-measured.

Non-monetary items measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are not retranslated.

Tax

Tax is recognised in profit or loss, except that a change attributable to an item of income or expense recognised as other comprehensive income is also recognised directly in other comprehensive income. The current corporation tax charge is calculated on the basis of tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date in the countries where the Group operates and generates taxable income.

Deferred tax is recognised on all timing differences at the balance sheet date unless indicated below. Timing differences are differences between taxable profits and the results as stated in the consolidated profit and loss account and other comprehensive income. Deferred tax is determined using tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets are reviewed at each reporting date and a valuation allowance is set up against deferred tax assets so that the net carrying amount equals the highest amount that is more likely than not to be recovered based on current or future taxable profit.

Intangible assets

Intangible assets are stated in the statement of financial position at cost, less any subsequent accumulated amortisation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

The cost of intangible assets includes directly attributable incremental costs incurred in their acquisition and development.

Amortisation

Amortisation is provided on intangible assets so as to write off the cost, less any estimated residual value, over their useful life as follows:

Asset class	Amortisation method and rate
Goodwill	Straight line over 5 years
Software development costs	Straight line over 10 years
Other intangibles	Straight line over 5 years

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are stated in the balance sheet at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

The cost of tangible assets includes directly attributable incremental costs incurred in their acquisition and installation.

Depreciation

Depreciation is charged so as to write off the cost of assets, other than land and properties under construction over their estimated useful lives, as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Freehold land and buildings	Straight line over 20 or 50 years
Leasehold land and buildings	Straight line over the term of the lease
Runways	Straight line over 18 years
Aircraft engines and major components (included within plant and machinery)	Straight line over the number of flight hours remaining
Ships (included within plant and machinery)	Straight line over the life of the ship
Other plant and machinery	At various rates appropriate to the relevant asset (straight line)

Ship maintenance

When the ships are dry-docked for overhaul, the costs of these overhauls are charged against the profit and loss account as incurred. Other repair or service costs are also charged against the profit and loss accounts as incurred.

Investments

Investments in equity shares which are not publicly traded and where fair value cannot be measured reliably are measured at cost less impairment.

Dividends on equity securities are recognised in income when receivable.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell.

Work in progress comprises direct materials and, where applicable, direct labour costs and those overheads that have been incurred in bringing the stocks to their present location and condition. At each reporting date, stocks are assessed for impairment. If stocks are impaired, the carrying amount is reduced to its selling price less costs to complete and sell; the impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Group has an obligation at the reporting date as a result of a past event, it is probable that the Group will be required to settle that obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

Leases

Leases in which substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership are retained by the lessor are classified as operating leases. Payments made under operating leases are charged to profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

Leases are classified as finance leases whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the lessee.

Assets held under finance leases are recognised at the lower of their fair value at inception of the lease and the present value of the minimum lease payments. These assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the useful life of the asset and the lease term. The corresponding liability to the lessor is included in the balance sheet as a finance lease obligation.

Lease payments are apportioned between finance costs in the profit and loss account and reduction of the lease obligation so as to achieve a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability.

Share capital

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Equity instruments are measured at the fair value of the cash or other resources received or receivable, net of the direct costs of issuing the equity instruments. If payment is deferred and the time value of money is material, the initial measurement is on a present value basis.

Defined contribution pension obligation

A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the Group has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as employee benefit expense when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

Financial instruments

Classification

The company has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 ‘Basic Financial Instruments’ and Section 12 ‘Other Financial Instruments Issues’ of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

All financial instruments are classified as basic, with the exception of fuel hedging contracts.

Recognition and measurement

Financial instruments are recognised in the company’s statement of financial position when the company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented

in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets, which include trade and other receivables, cash and bank balances, and loans to related parties, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest.

Basic financial liabilities, including trade and other payables, loans and borrowings, and loans from related parties are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest.

The Group uses fuel hedging contracts to reduce its exposure to movements in fuel prices. Fuel hedging contracts are initially recognised at fair value at the date of inception and are subsequently remeasured to fair value at each reporting date. The resulting gain or loss is recognised immediately through the profit and loss account.

Impairment

Financial assets are assessed for indicators of impairment at each reporting end date.

Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows have been affected. If an asset is impaired, the impairment loss is the difference between the carrying amount and the present value of the estimated cash flows discounted at the asset’s original effective interest rate.

If there is a decrease in the impairment loss arising from an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the impairment is reversed. The reversal is such that the current carrying amount does not exceed what the carrying amount would have been, had the impairment not previously been recognised. The impairment reversal is recognised in profit or loss.

Critical accounting judgements and estimation uncertainty

Management evaluate estimates and judgements on an annual basis, and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

The key estimates applied by management are as outlined below:

Depreciation and useful economic lives of intangible and tangible assets

Management have carefully considered the depreciation estimates applied on the intangible and tangible assets held by the Group. This assessment is performed on an annual basis, and would be amended when necessary to reflect current estimates, based on technological advancements, future investments, economic utilisation and the physical condition of each asset.

Recognition of government grants

Management have considered the recognition basis for grants as follows:

- i) Capital grants associated with the construction of the runways are being recognised through the profit and loss in conjunction with any depreciation, or impairment losses of the runways.
- ii) Revenue grants, such as the Department for Transport grants, are credited to other operating income so as to match the corresponding expenditure, or operating losses to which they relate.

3 TURNOVER

The analysis of the Group's turnover for the year by class of business is as follows:

	2025 (£000)	2024 (£000)
Sales by sea	10,547	9,968
Sales by air	10,157	10,496
Other transport activities and services	984	850
	21,688	21,314

All of the Group's revenue is generated within the UK.

4 OTHER OPERATING INCOME

The analysis of the Group's other operating income for the year is as follows:

	2025 (£000)	2024 (£000)
Grant income	135	71
Rental income	28	25
Other operating income	-	26
	163	122

5 OPERATING PROFIT

Operating profit of £3,117,000 (2024: £2,926,000) arrived at after charging/(crediting):

	2025 (£000)	2024 (£000)
Depreciation expense	1,395	1,660
Amortisation expense	85	78
Profit on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(12)	(4)
Operating lease expense – other	119	100
Auditors fees	29	16
Foreign exchange gains	4	7
Operating lease expense - plant and machinery	135	46
Government grants	(135)	(71)

6 STAFF COSTS

The aggregate payroll costs (including directors' remuneration) were as follows:

	2025 (£000)	2024 (£000)
Wages and salaries	6,968	6,419
Social security costs	559	498
Pension costs, defined contribution scheme	296	271
	7,823	7,188

The average number of persons employed by the Group (including directors) during the year, analysed by category was as follows:

	2025 (No.)	2024 (No.)
Employees	205	200
Directors	9	9
	214	209

7 DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION

The directors' remuneration for the year was as follows:

	2025 (£000)	2024 (£000)
Remuneration	388	325
Contributions paid to money purchase schemes	44	44
	432	369

During the year the number of directors who were receiving benefits and share incentives was as follows:

	2025 (No.)	2024 (No.)
Accruing benefits under money purchase pension scheme	2	2

Reference to the highest paid director for the year to 31 March 2025 and 2024 can be found within the strategic report.

8 AUDITOR'S REMUNERATION

	2025 (£000)	2024 (£000)
Audit of these financial statements and subsidiaries	29	16
Other fees to auditors		
All other non-audit services	27	17

9 OTHER INTEREST RECEIVABLE AND SIMILAR INCOME

	2025 (£000)	2024 (£000)
Interest income on bank deposits	94	90

10 INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR EXPENSES

	2025 (£000)	2024 (£000)
Interest on obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts	62	62
Interest expense on other finance liabilities	107	-
	169	62

11 TAXATION

Tax charged/(credited) in the profit and loss account:

	2025 (£000)	2024 (£000)
Deferred taxation		
Arising from origination and reversal of timing differences	(2)	8

The tax on profit before tax for the year is lower than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK (2024 - lower than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK) of 25% (2024 - 25%).

The differences are reconciled below:

	2025 (£000)	2024 (£000)
Profit before tax	3,042	2,954
Corporation tax at standard rate	761	739
Profit of business not subject to taxation	(789)	(743)
Non-deductible expenses	(1)	20
Tax losses (utilised) / arising	130	(120)
Deferred tax expense (credit) relating to changes in tax rates or laws	(102)	112
Tax increase (decrease) from effect of capital allowances and depreciation	(1)	-
Total tax charge/(credit)	(2)	8

The Group's shipping business operates under the UK tonnage tax regime. For the current year the tax charge arising is calculated by reference to the net tonnage of the ships operated by the business rather than the tax adjusted results.

Deferred tax

Deferred tax assets and liabilities

	GROUP		COMPANY	
	2025 (£000)	2024 (£000)	2025 (£000)	2024 (£000)
Accelerated capital allowances	180	182	143	146
Other	(1)	(1)	-	-
	179	181	143	146

An increase in the long-term UK corporation tax rate from 19% to 25% (effective 1 April 2023) was substantively enacted on 24 May 2021. Deferred tax balances have been remeasured to reflect this higher long-term rate, with differences recognised in the prior year tax charge.



12 INTANGIBLE ASSETS

GROUP	Software development costs (£000)	Total (£000)	COMPANY	Software development costs (£000)	Total (£000)
Cost or valuation			Cost or valuation		
At 1 April 2024	828	828	At 1 April 2024	828	828
Additions acquired separately	70	70	Additions acquired separately	70	70
At 31 March 2025	898	898	At 31 March 2025	898	898
Amortisation			Amortisation		
At 1 April 2024	441	441	At 1 April 2024	441	441
Amortisation charge	86	86	Charge of the year	86	86
At 31 March 2025	527	527	At 31 March 2025	527	527
Carrying amount			Carrying amount		
At 31 March 2025	371	371	At 31 March 2025	371	371
At 31 March 2024	387	387	At 31 March 2024	387	387

13 TANGIBLE ASSETS

GROUP	Freehold land and buildings (£000)	Leasehold land and buildings (£000)	Runways (£000)	Plant and machinery (£000)	Assets under construction (£000)	Total (£000)
Cost or valuation						
At 1 April 2024	2,992	598	2,761	23,865	9,183	39,399
Additions	-	-	-	4,616	13,286	17,902
Disposals	-	-	-	(122)	-	(122)
Transfers	-	-	-	7	(7)	-
At 31 March 2025	2,992	598	2,761	28,366	22,462	57,179
Depreciation						
At 1 April 2024	659	469	1,469	16,679	-	19,279
Charge for the year	46	18	154	1,176	-	1,394
Eliminated on disposal	-	-	-	(120)	-	(120)
At 31 March 2024	705	487	1,623	17,735	-	20,550
Carrying amount						
At 31 March 2025	2,287	111	1,138	10,631	22,462	36,629
At 31 March 2024	2,333	129	1,292	7,186	9,183	20,123

Included within the net book value of leasehold land and buildings above is £nil (2024 - £nil) in respect of long leasehold land and buildings and £111,000 (2024 - £129,000) in respect of short leasehold land and buildings.

COMPANY	Freehold land and buildings (£000)	Leasehold land and buildings (£000)	Plant and machinery (£000)	Runways (£000)	Total (£000)
Cost or valuation					
At 1 April 2024	2,992	365	3	2,761	6,121
At 31 March 2025	2,992	365	3	2,761	6,121
Depreciation					
At 1 April 2024	660	259	1	1,469	2,389
Charge for the year	46	10	1	153	210
At 31 March 2025	706	269	2	1,622	2,599
Carrying amount					
At 31 March 2025	2,286	96	1	1,139	3,522
At 31 March 2024	2,332	106	1	1,292	3,731

The net book value of leasehold land and buildings above relates solely to short leasehold land and buildings.

14 INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

GROUP	2025 (£000)
Additions	297
At 31 March	297

There has been no valuation of investment property by an independent valuer given the property was purchased in an arm's length transaction in March 2025 and therefore the cost represents the fair value of the property.

15 INVESTMENTS

COMPANY	2025 (£000)	2024 (£000)
Investments in subsidiaries	4,165	4,165

SUBSIDIARIES	£000
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2024	4,165
At 31 March 2025	4,165
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2025	4,165
At 31 March 2024	4,165



DETAILS OF UNDERTAKINGS

Details of the investments in which the Group holds 20% or more of the nominal value of any class of share capital are as follows:

Undertaking	Country of incorporation	Holding	Proportion of voting rights and shares held	Principal activity
Isles of Scilly Skybus Limited	England & Wales	Ordinary share capital	100%	Provision of freight and passenger air services between the mainland and the Isles of Scilly
Land's End Airport Limited	England & Wales	Ordinary share capital	100%	Operation of Land's End Aerodrome
Isles of Scilly Shipping Company Limited	England & Wales	Ordinary share capital	100%	Provision of passenger and cargo services between the mainland and the Isles of Scilly
Lyonesse Shipping Company Limited	England & Wales	Ordinary share capital	100%	Leasing of ships
Lyonesse Air Transport Limited	England & Wales	Ordinary share capital	100%	Dormant
Island Carriers Limited	England & Wales	Ordinary share capital	100%	Island Carriers trade and fuel sales
Isles of Scilly Shipping (Guernsey) Limited	Guernsey	Ordinary share capital	100%	Offshore crew management
Dormant Company 09887016 Limited	England & Wales	Ordinary share capital	100%	Dormant
Isles of Scilly Travel Limited	England & Wales	Ordinary share capital	100%	Dormant
Lyonesse Shipping Company 1 Limited	England & Wales	Ordinary share capital	100%	Construction of ships
Lyonesse Shipping Company 2 Limited	England & Wales	Ordinary share capital	100%	Construction of ships
Lyonesse Shipping Company 3 Limited	England & Wales	Ordinary share capital	100%	Leasing of Gugh
Isles of Scilly Property Holdings Limited	England & Wales	Ordinary share capital	100%	Acquisition and letting of properties

16 STOCKS

	GROUP		COMPANY	
	2025	2024	2025	2024
	(£000)	(£000)	(£000)	(£000)
Other inventories	1,586	1,514	-	-

17 DEBTORS

	GROUP		COMPANY	
	2025	2024	2025	2024
	(£000)	(£000)	(£000)	(£000)
Trade debtors	1,038	1,026	-	-
Amounts owed by group undertakings	-	-	1,831	-
Other debtors	40	47	9	31
Prepayments	942	1,341	231	188
Accrued income	51	-	-	-
	2,071	2,414	2,071	219

18 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	GROUP		COMPANY	
	2025	2024	2025	2024
	(£000)	(£000)	(£000)	(£000)
Cash on hand	2	3	-	-
Cash at bank	7,160	7,333	7,138	7,310
	7,162	7,333	7,138	7,310

19 CREDITORS

		GROUP		COMPANY	
		2025	2024	2025	2024
		(£000)	(£000)	(£000)	(£000)
DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	Notes				
Loans and borrowings	20	363	241	-	-
Trade creditors		1,235	1,131	316	198
Amounts due to Group undertakings		-	-	-	6,666
Social security and other taxes		167	148	17	17
Outstanding defined contribution pension costs		33	31	2	2
Other creditors		13	42	9	11
Accruals and deferred income		9,031	9,063	139	170
		10,842	10,656	483	7,064

DUE AFTER ONE YEAR

Loans and borrowings	20	14,326	1,223	-	-
Government grants		499	570	485	552
		14,825	1,793	485	552

In January 2024, the Group entered into a secured loan agreement with Lombard North Central Plc with a total facility of £37,315,000, with Lyonesse Shipping Company 1 Limited, Lyonesse Shipping Company 2 Limited and Lyonesse Shipping Company 3 Limited as borrowers, and Lyonesse Shipping Company Limited, Isles of Scilly Shipping Company Limited, Isles of Scilly Steamship Company Limited, Isles of Scilly Skybus Limited, Island Carriers Limited, and Land's End Airport Limited as guarantors. Drawdowns of £13,559,000 have been made in the year (year end balance of £13,465,000). The loans attract an interest rate of 3.1% above Bank of England Base Rate. Capital repayments in each company will begin upon completion and delivery of each associated vessel.

The obligations under finance lease agreements are secured on the assets to which they relate.

20 LOANS AND BORROWINGS

	GROUP		COMPANY	
	2025 (£000)	2024 (£000)	2025 (£000)	2024 (£000)
Current loans and borrowings				
Bank borrowings	122	-	-	-
Finance lease liabilities	241	241	-	-
	363	241	-	-

	GROUP		COMPANY	
	2025 (£000)	2024 (£000)	2025 (£000)	2024 (£000)
Non-current loans and borrowings				
Bank borrowings	13,343	-	-	-
Finance lease liabilities	983	1,223	-	-
	14,326	1,223	-	-

21 RECONCILIATION OF NET DEBT

	GROUP			
	1 APRIL 2024	CASH FLOWS	NON-CASH CHANGES	31 MARCH 2025
	(£000)	(£000)	New finance leases Changes in market value and exchange rates (£000) (£000)	(£000)
Cash and cash equivalents	7,336	(174)	-	7,162
Borrowings				
Bank loans	-	(13,465)	-	(13,465)
Finance leases	(1,464)	240	-	(1,224)
Net debt	5,872	(13,399)	-	(7,527)

22 OBLIGATIONS UNDER LEASES AND HIRE PURCHASE CONTRACTS

	GROUP	
	2025 (£000)	2024 (£000)
Finance leases		
The total of future minimum lease payments is as follows:		
Not later than one year	241	241
Later than one year and not later than five years	963	963
Later than five years	20	261
	1,224	1,465

	GROUP	
	2025 (£000)	2024 (£000)
Operating leases		
The total of future minimum lease payments is as follows:		
Not later than one year	85	50
Later than one year and not later than five years	240	158
Later than five years	203	206
	528	414

The amount of operating lease payments recognised as an expense during the year was £42,000 (2023 - £41,400).

23 DEFERRED TAX AND OTHER PROVISIONS

	GROUP				COMPANY
	Employee benefits £000	Deferred tax £000	Lease dilapidation provision £000	Total £000	Deferred tax £000
At 1 April 2024	100	181	167	448	146
Increase (decrease) in existing provisions	50	(2)	32	80	(3)
At 31 March 2025	150	179	199	528	143

Lease dilapidation provision

Lease dilapidation provisions have increased to £199,000 (2024 - £167,000) at the year end. This provision is based on industry averages to form an estimate for the lease dilapidation costs that would be applicable to certain leasehold properties.

Employee benefits provision

An employee benefits provision has been recognised of £150,000 (2024 - £100,000) at the year end. This provision relates to the Merchant Navy Ratings Pension Fund as explained in note 22. The exact amount due and when is uncertain, but the actuary has indicated that further contributions from employers will be required to fund the deficit on the fund calculated in the latest triennial valuation. The amount provided for is based on payments made in previous years.

24 PENSION AND OTHER SCHEMES

Defined contribution pension scheme

The group operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the year represents contributions payable by the group to the scheme and amounted to £296,000 (2024 -£271,000).

Contributions totalling £33,000 (2024 - £31,000) were payable to the scheme at the end of the year and are included in creditors.

During the year the group operated two defined benefit pension schemes - the Merchant Navy Officers Pension Fund (New Section) (MNOPF) and The Merchant Navy Ratings Pension Fund (MNRPF). These schemes are multi-employer schemes. The group has been unable to identify its share of the underlying assets or liabilities of these schemes and therefore has accounted for these schemes as defined contribution schemes in accordance with FRS 102.

Merchant Navy Officers Pension Fund

The main purpose of the actuarial valuation is to review the financial position of the MNOPF fund relative to its statutory funding objectives and to assist the Trustee to determine the appropriate level of future contributions. The actuarial valuation is required under the terms of Clause 26.0 of the Trust Deed & Rules and Part 3 of the Pensions Act 2004.

The most recent valuation was carried out on 31 March 2024 which showed that the market value of the assets was £1,956m (2021: £3,250m) and the scheme had a deficit of £11m (2024: £58m surplus). The Trustee confirmed that no additional deficit contributions would be collected as a result of the improved position.

The financial position of the Fund and the level of Participating Employers' contributions to be paid will be reviewed at the next actuarial valuation, which will be carried out at 31 March 2027.

Merchant Navy Ratings Pension Fund

An actuarial valuation was carried out at 31 March 2023 under the terms of Clause 25 of the Trust Deed & Rules and Part 3 of the Pensions Act 2004. The main purposes of the actuarial valuation are to review the financial position of the Fund relative to its statutory funding objective and to determine the appropriate level of future contributions. The 31 March 2023 valuation has concluded that there is a funding shortfall of £152m, and the Trustee of the Fund will set out a recovery plan and notify participating employers of their additional contributions due. At 31 March 2025, the Group had not received notification of its liability due; however, in response to this latest valuation and deficit, the Group has recognised £150,000 within provisions in anticipation of those future contributions required. This estimate is based on historical contributions made.

Other Schemes

The company and group also operated defined contribution pension schemes during the year.

25 SHARE CAPITAL

Allotted, called up and fully paid shares	No. 000	2025 (£000)	No. 000	2024 (£000)
Ordinary shares of £1 each	1,455	1,455	1,455	1,455

Dividends declared in the year totalled £nil (2024 - £nil). Post year-end the directors propose the payment of a dividend of 15p per share for the year ended 31 March 2025 (2024 - £nil).

26 COMMITMENTS

Group

Capital commitments

By the year end, the Group have entered into two contracts with shipbuilder, Piriou, to build two new vessels to upgrade the existing fleet: a 600-seat passenger vessel, Scillonian IV, and a freight vessel.

The total amount contracted for but not provided in the financial statements was £23,570,000 (2024 - £35,160,000).

The Group also had an engine replacement committed of £356,000. The total Group capital commitment was £23,926,000 (2024 - £35,615,000).

27 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Group

The Group's bankers hold bonds in respect of Air BP for £8,000 (2024 - £8,000) and National Express of £2,500 (2024 - £2,500).

28 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Key management personnel

There are deemed to be no key management personnel outside of the directors. Details of directors remuneration is provided in note 7 to the financial statements and within the strategic report.

Transactions with directors

Reference to transactions with directors for the year to 31 March 2025 and 2024 can be found within the Directors report.



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