



THE  
FISHERMEN'S  
MISSION



## IMPACT REPORT 2022

“Fishing is a dangerous and lonely job. The Fishermen’s Mission being there means everything to me.”

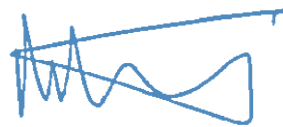


## Introduction

Our operating year 2021/22 has been crucially important and reassuringly very successful. We emerged from COVID-19 and quickly set about re-establishing the Fishermen's Mission at pre-pandemic levels; re-engaging with all our clients and becoming visible again in all we do, having done so much 'out of sight' since early 2020. Concurrently we said farewell to one Chief Executive after ten years of outstanding service, welcomed another, and agreed a bold plan for the next five years and beyond.

But the Fishermen's Mission has not been sitting on its hands. We have worked tirelessly to support our clients; whatever their need. The SeaFit initiative has gone from strength to strength, reaching more people with more services and will continue to expand in reach and ambition. The changing economic situation has been closely monitored and our staff have offered increasing levels of practical support, care and comfort to many who have started to feel the bite of the cost of living crisis at home and at work. It is impossible to single out any one issue as having a greater impact than any other, but the cumulative effect on mental health and wellbeing has been stark. Connecting more people to mental health practitioners has been right at the fore of what we've done - when you hear that these services have truly saved lives, then you know that what you're doing is right. There can be no more positive impact than that.

You can read more in our Annual Report for the year ending 31 October 2022.











Marc Evans  
Chief Executive Officer



Michael Vlasto  
Chairman, Board of Trustees

### A Year of the Fishermen's Mission in Numbers

|   |                 |   |
|---|-----------------|---|
|  | <b>3,871</b>    | Clients including 622 new clients   |
|  | <b>17,297</b>   | Interactions with clients   |
|  | <b>£377,950</b> | In one-off FishMish grants  |
|  | <b>75,570</b>   | Miles of travel in our wonderful cars<br>(thank you MNWB for our cars through the car scheme) |
|  | <b>£1.7m</b>    | In grants accessed for clients  |
|  | <b>131</b>      | Funerals we officiated at   |
|  | <b>£1.6m</b>    | Raised to make our vital work possible  |
|  | <b>575</b>      | Prayer Calendars distributed  |



Our fishermen have a special relationship with the sea. They enjoy its harvest and provision but are forever aware of its precarious nature. For fishermen, salt water runs through the veins.

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(Incorporating the income and expenditure account) For the year ended 31 October 2022

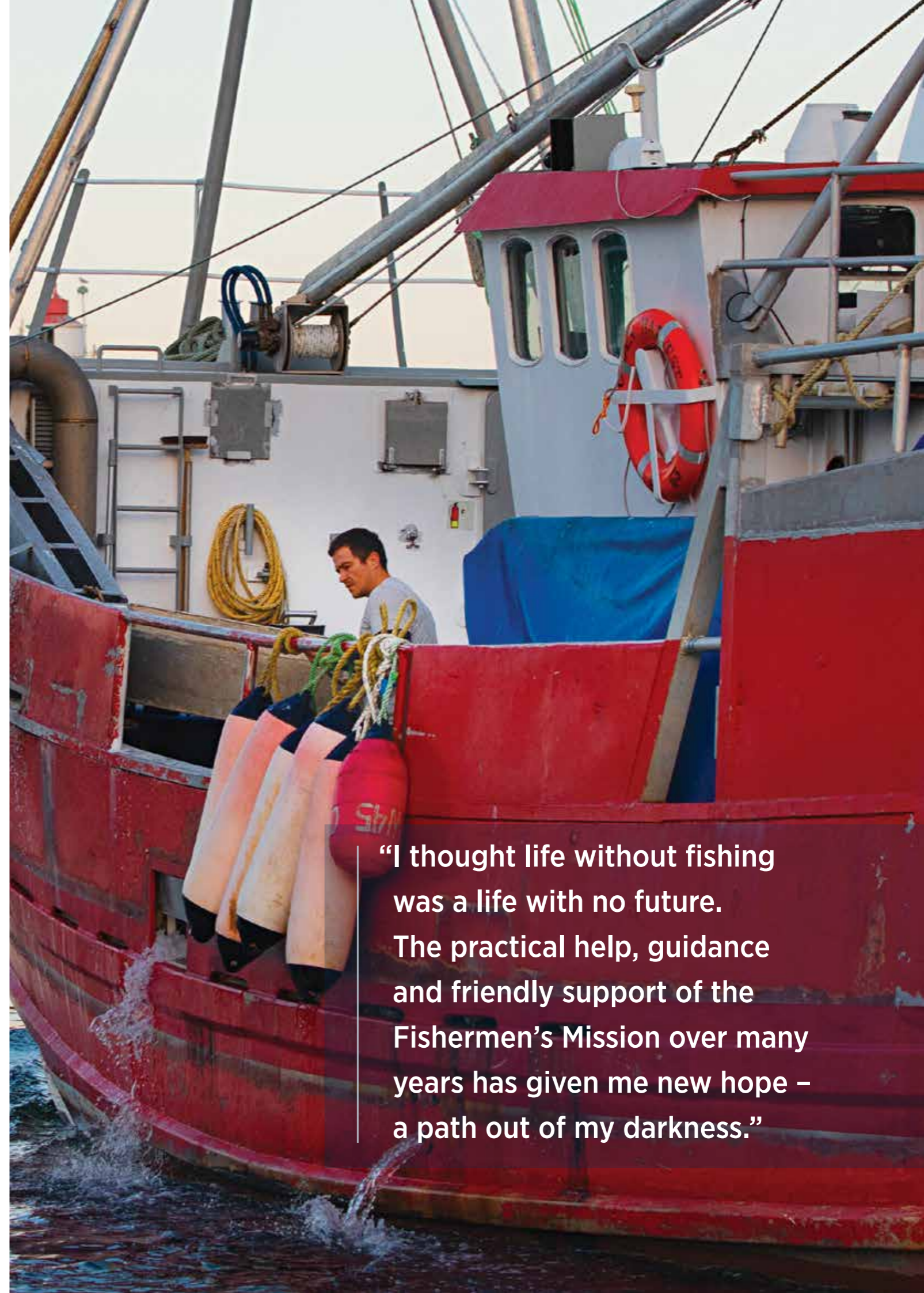
|  | Total Funds<br>2022 £ | Total Funds<br>2021 £ |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>INCOMING RESOURCES -</b>                              |                       |                       |
| Incoming resources from generated funds:                 |                       |                       |
| Voluntary Income: Donations & Gifts                      | 1,509,790             | 1,515,682             |
| Legacies   | 265,803               | 1,059,469             |
| Investment Income  | 300,000               | 310,299               |
| <b>Incoming resources from charitable activities</b>     |                       |                       |
| Charity Shop   | 115,289               | 77,780                |
| Net realised gain/(loss) on sale of fixed assets         | 110,360               | -                     |
| Rental Income  | 47,871                | 50,884                |
| <b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>                          | <b>2,349,113</b>      | <b>3,014,114</b>      |
| <b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>                                |                       |                       |
| <b>Less: Costs of generating funds</b>                   |                       |                       |
| Fundraising and publicity                                | 1,069,783             | 957,041               |
| <b>Charitable activities</b>                             |                       |                       |
| Charitable expenditure                                   | 2,214,784             | 1,891,124             |
| <b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>                          | <b>3,284,567</b>      | <b>2,848,165</b>      |
| <b>NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFER</b> | <b>(935,454)</b>      | <b>165,949</b>        |
| Unrealised gain/(loss) on investment assets              | (1,489,684)           | 1,494,703             |
| Actuarial gain/(loss) on defined pension scheme          | 144,000               | (682,000)             |
| <b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUND</b>                              | <b>(2,281,138)</b>    | <b>978,652</b>        |

The summarised financial information shows the income raised and expenditure of the Fishermen's Mission for the year. The information is taken from the full financial statements which were approved by the Trustees on 9th February 2023.

In order to gain a full understanding of the financial affairs of the charity, the full audited financial statements, Trustees' Annual Report and auditors' report should be consulted. Copies can be obtained from the charity.



**Michael Vlasto**  
Chairman, Board of Trustees



**“I thought life without fishing was a life with no future. The practical help, guidance and friendly support of the Fishermen’s Mission over many years has given me new hope – a path out of my darkness.”**

# SEAFIT PROGRAMME



SeaFit working in partnership with Seafarers Hospital Society

From the waves, to the quayside, to the kitchen table - always there for our fishermen and their families



## In 2022 we have provided:



- 2,544** Health trainer engagements
- 174** NHS health checks
- 121** Health checks at events
- 33** Event days in 14 different ports
- 61** Dental checks
- 317** Mental health engagements
- 46** Clients received counselling
- 188** Counselling sessions
- 215** Physio clients
- 721** Physio sessions



## Since we started the programme in 2019 we have offered:



- 6,414** Health trainer engagements
- 782** NHS health checks
- 502** Health checks at events
- 114** Event days in 26 different ports
- 501** Dental checks



# Always Ready

A call from Aberdeen Coastguard - a vessel had sunk just outside the harbour. Two fishermen rescued and recovering at the Aberdeen RNLI station.

**At the Fishermen's Mission, we are there every hour of every day, ready to respond to fishing incidents and emergencies. Mike Dale, Fishermen's Mission Area Officer in Newlyn shares with us his incident log from a busy weekend on-call.**

## **Saturday 01:00**

**Call from Stornoway Coastguard.** Scottish fisherman airlifted from a vessel 40 miles off the Butt of Lewis lighthouse. Emergency medical evacuation with a suspected heart attack.

The injured fisherman was contacted to ensure the safe arrival of the casualty. My contact details were relayed to the fisherman should he require any support. Incident details were passed to our Fishermen's Mission Area Officer in Stornoway.

## **Sunday 08:00**

**Call received on Sunday morning from our Area Officer in Troon.**

The injured fisherman was from the area and the family is known to us.

Fishermen's Mission Area Officers in Troon and Stornoway liaised to make sure that the fisherman's immediate needs (clean clothes/toiletries/phone charger, etc.) were met whilst he remained in hospital in Stornoway.

## **Sunday 18:00**

**Call from Solent Coastguard.**

A Scottish vessel had capsized in the North Sea off Norway with eight fishermen in the water. The Norwegian Coastguard coordinated the rescue. Three of the fishermen were airlifted to hospital in Bergen where one tragically subsequently died.

Contacted our Aberdeen Mission Area Officer to alert him of a fatality from a boat in his area. I continued to work with the Solent Coastguard through the night to determine the support we could offer to the rescued fishermen.

Linked back with Mission Area Officer in Aberdeen, having now spoken with local police to ascertain details of the deceased fisherman. Held a briefing with the wider Fishermen's Mission team as the lost boat also had connections to Scarborough through the crew.

## **Monday 19:00**

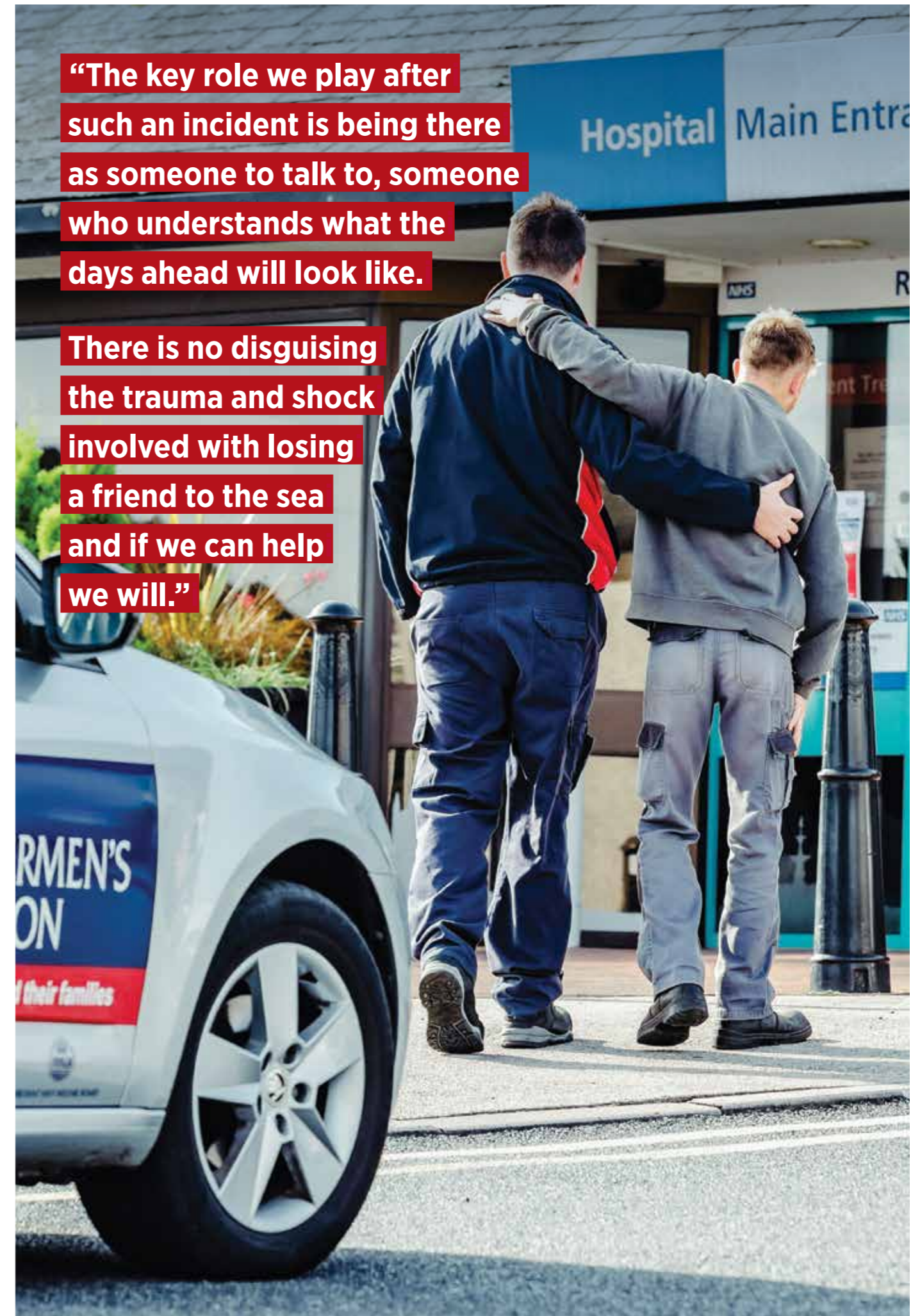
**Call from Aberdeen Coastguard.**

A vessel had sunk just outside the harbour. Two fishermen had been rescued and were recovering at the Aberdeen RNLI station. Asked the Coastguard to pass on my details and for the guys to call me. Talked to the safe but traumatised fishermen about the incident and arranged their immediate needs - dry clothes, food, and overnight accommodation.

**Our vital emergency response covers the whole of the UK and is only possible through your donations. Please give today to ensure our Fishermen's Mission Port Staff are always ready, always on-call, for any fishing emergency.**



Mike Dale at Newlyn Harbour



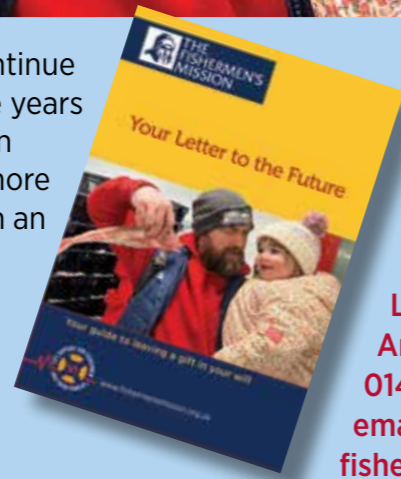
**“The key role we play after such an incident is being there as someone to talk to, someone who understands what the days ahead will look like.**

**There is no disguising the trauma and shock involved with losing a friend to the sea and if we can help we will.”**



To ensure the Fishermen's Mission can continue helping fishermen and their families in the years to come, please consider including a gift in your will. Since the charity was founded more than 140 years ago, gifts in wills have been an essential part of the charity's income.

By following in the footsteps of those before you and including a gift in your will, you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you are making a difference to the lives of fishermen in the future.



For more information or to request a copy of our leaflet, please contact our Legacy Manager, Andy Perry, on 01489 566922 or email [andyperry@fishermensmission.org.uk](mailto:andyperry@fishermensmission.org.uk)

It costs nothing today to provide care for tomorrow



### How you can help

#### Make a donation

■ We receive no government funding or lottery support so every single donation makes a real difference to us. You can make a donation by calling **FREEPHONE 0800 6341020**. You can also donate online at: [www.fishermensmission.org.uk](http://www.fishermensmission.org.uk) or post a cheque to our address shown below. **For every £1 we generate we spend 88p on our services.**

#### Become a volunteer

■ We are always grateful for the help given to us by our dedicated volunteers. If you can spare a few hours each month please call us for a chat on: **FREEPHONE 0800 6341020** or email: [enquiries@fishermensmission.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@fishermensmission.org.uk)

#### Remember us in your will

■ Everyone wants to ensure that friends and family are well provided for if you are writing or updating your will. However, just a small gift to the Fishermen's Mission can make all the difference to our work and ensure that your help continues. If you would like our "Guide to Gifts in Wills" booklet call: **01489 566922** or **FREEPHONE 0800 6341020** or email: [andyperry@fishermensmission.org.uk](mailto:andyperry@fishermensmission.org.uk)

## Fundraising - the facts and figures



-  **11,796** Gifts received
-  **1,500** New donors
-  **1,100** Donors have given for more than twenty years
-  **26** Restaurants/Cafes joined as Hospitality Champions
-  **£74,000** Donated 'In Memory' of a loved one
-  **1,883** Online gifts
-  **£7,884** Worth of puzzles sold in our charity shop



thank you

## DONATING



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## VOLUNTEERING

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## CONTACT US

If you would like to find out more about the work of the Fishermen's Mission or would like to speak to one of our team you can contact us by:

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