ANGEL COMMUNITY CANAL BOAT TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1103542

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	05088108
Registered	2004-04-30
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	3 Vincent Terrace London N1 8HJ
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Activities

Objects: TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE-TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE OF THOSE PERSONS RESIDENT IN OR IN THE VICINITY OF THE LONDON BOROUGH OF ISLINGTON WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE INFIRMITY OR DISABLEMENT, POVERTY OR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES.

Activities: The Trust operates a skippered community canal boat based in Islington, London for use by community groups, schools and local residents at affordable prices. On day or residential trips users experience the activity of a canal cruise, learn about local history, flora, fauna and ecology, supplement classroom learning, develop social skills living together, escape inner city life and much more.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, Amateur Sport, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

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Geography

- **Area of benefit:** PERSONS RESIDENT IN OR IN THE VICINITY OF THE LONDON BOROUGH OF ISLINGTON
- Camden
- Hackney
- Islington

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£83,724	£59,746	-	-
2024-03-31	£62,076	£67,904	-	-
2023-03-31	£55,717	£52,214	-	-
2022-03-31	£49,895	£36,856	-	-
2021-03-31	£34,375	£27,866	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
GILES STEPHEN EYRE	Chair	
Dawn Marie Jarrett		2026-03-11
Debra Louise Whitaker		2018-10-30
Luisa Myers-Nobbs		2017-08-09
MARTIN DAVID LINSEY		2022-10-26
Nancy Harrison		2013-10-08
Nigel Vernon Bartlett		2024-10-02
Susan Margaret Sorensen		2020-10-26

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Accounts

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Angel Community Canal Boat Trust

Annual Report 2024/25



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Angel Community Canal Boat Trust (ACCT), also known as '*The Angel Boat*', is a charity which operates two skippered community canal boats for use by local residents and community groups at a cost they can afford. It was originally established in 1976 as Islington Narrow Boat Association (INBA) and continues to be based at City Road Lock in Islington on the Regent's Canal.

The Charity enables up to 2,000 people a year to have the opportunity, on a trip lasting from three hours to 5 days, to:

- experience the fun and activity of a canal cruise
- learn about the history and development of their local area and London through the inland waterways
- see the extensive flora and fauna of the canal environment and understand the ecological balance
- gain the confidence and social skills necessary for travelling, working and living together on a canal boat, and, for many, to have the novel experience of a period away from the city, cars, street lights, TVs and all that comes with life in an inner-city area.

The Charity's narrow boat, *Angel II of Islington,* is designed along traditional lines for both residential and day trips.

From the 2023/2024 year, ACCT has in addition run a second narrow boat, *Long Tom*, which is designed for day trips. Owned jointly with the London Canal Museum, *Long Tom* provides trips run for the Museum operated by ACCT. This allows a further several thousand passengers a year to discover the Regent's Canal.

The Charity has also developed and runs projects based on its two boats and the canal, focussing on the needs of particular groups of people from our local community.

ACCT is supported by Islington Council and receives grants from a variety of charities and grant-making organisations (both local and national), donations and subscriptions from supporters and hire fees from user groups, which are related to their ability to pay.

Many of our users are local children and young people and others who would not be able to afford the cost of such an experience if we did not exist and if we were not able to charge heavily subsidised rates.



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100 Club

To become a **Friend of the Angel Boat** you only need to donate a regular annual sum to support the Charity. This regular donation will give local people the opportunity of a trip to remember, to learn new skills and to have new experiences. As a Friend you can also contribute to the development of our operations by offering ideas to improve or expand our service to the community or by helping us in doing so.

To sign up to be a member of the 100 Club, just contribute at least £100 a year. In return, in each year you contribute we offer you and one guest an evening trip on the Angel Boat, along with other 100 Club members. In the company of some of our Trustees and other guests of our organisation you can enjoy a trip to Camden and back, working locks, steering or simply enjoying the ride while enjoying food and drink.

If you aren't a 100 Club Member, why not join the **100 Club** now and help support *The Angel Boat*?

Chair's Report

The second year operating *Long Tom,* our 45' day boat, owned jointly with the London Canal Museum (LCM), has seen a significant increase in the number of trips provided by ACCT and also on *Angel II*. That has of course resulted in an increase in the number of different groups on our boats as well as in the number of passengers. Undoubtedly the presence on a nearly daily basis of an attractive day boat on the Regent's Canal between Little Venice and Victoria Park has acted to greatly increase our profile, as has also the excellent relations we have developed along the Regent's Canal.

As noted in the Trustees' Report and can be seen in the data in the Log Book, taking both boats together there was a 170% increase in day trips, 29% increase in part day trips and 76% increase in evening trips booked to ACCT. Overnight trips on *Angel II* – for young people – increased by 50%. A total of just under 1,800 passengers were taken on trips lasting between 3 hours and 5 days, a 60% increase on 2023/24. In addition, under the arrangement with the London Canal Museum, we provided *Long Tom* with skipper and crew for slightly more days than in the previous year (113) for museum trips, carrying 4,832 passengers to learn more about the history of the canal and its buildings and structures. Therefore, over the year our skipper Phil Gavigan and our volunteer skippers and crews have been responsible for giving over 6,600 people the varied experiences we provide in a canal trip.



Much credit for this growth must go to our growing team of volunteers, skippers and crew, who not only competently and safely handle *Long Tom* but also show excellent personal skills in ensuring that our passengers have an enjoyable trip to remember, whatever the driving force is for their trip. While LCM handles all the booking of passengers on trips from the museum, the number of booking inquiries received by ACCT continues to grow, and handling those inquiries, maintaining an efficient credit control

Chair's Report (continued)

system, and ensuring that we have skippers (and where appropriate crew) on both LCM and ACCT trips would not have been possible without the very efficient and effective systems run by Trustee Nigel Bartlett, and the great deal of time he gives to doing this.

To ensure access to out boat trips, we have kept our hire fees at extremely reasonable levels. In addition to that, it is important to appreciate that over one third of all trips during the year received discounted or free trips thanks to the various grants and donations we have received, and the funds that we make available from our own resources in suitable cases. We work hard to keep our trips accessible to those who can really benefit from them.



Angel II is ageing, and we have been putting in place some necessary maintenance to extend her working life with us and to delay the need to raise the very substantial funds needed for a replacement boat. A troublesome leak at the bearing which takes the drive shaft through the rear end of the boat was eventually identified as being the consequence of a distortion that had developed in the drive shaft and of damage to the propellor. While it was relatively straightforward to change the bearing and drive shaft, the production of a new propellor had to wait in line behind those of cross-channel ferries and oil tankers at the manufacturers. But the wait was worthwhile as *Angel II* slides through the water in a manner we had all but forgotten. The old propellor has now disappeared into the eager hands of our Trustee Nancy Harrison and we wait to see the piece of art into which it is being turned!

Our regular engineer has warned us that after 25 years of reliable service, we can no longer depend on *Angel II*'s engine, and we have now planned an engine replacement for the autumn. The age of the boat and its fittings means that

Chair's Report (continued)

such maintenance items are likely to continue but at relatively modest cost compared with the total replacement of *Angel II.*

Our financial situation is strong enough to bear these additional expenses. Our income from ACCT trips and from our relationship with LCM gives us this confidence, while the additional funding we receive from Friends, donations and grants enables us to ensure our canal experiences are available for all.

This has been a year of consolidation of our operations, the second with two boats and a team of volunteer skippers and crew. Thanks go again to the many who help and support us - our team of volunteer skippers (Nigel, Alan, Skev, David, Martin, Tim, Joanna, who are being joined by Rod, Robert, Richard and Jane), our volunteer crew members, volunteer admin people, our Hon Treasurer Susan, our Hon Secretary Debbie and co-Trustees, our skipper Phil, PTE and the Thomas family for facilitating our annual review meeting, our mooring and our office/storeroom, Martin, Tim, Craig and Sam at our partners LCM for all their help and the many others who support us whether financially or by action in support of the Angel Boat.

Giles Eyre



Skipper's Report

A busy year for both boats!

Long Tom trips operated for our partners at London Canal Museum have increased visitor numbers there to an all-time record while our private and community trips have also increased substantially over last year.



We were delighted to provide trips for local groups with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), as a result of funding we had received from Cloudesley. These trips are especially rewarding to me as they cater for young people who are often denied the experiences sometimes taken for granted by those in mainstream education. It has long been established the calming effect of being close to water. Being onboard Angel II slowly drifting along watching the scenery pass by certainly proves this point. The opportunity of completing a residential trip, often a first for many of them, and the chance to be outside discovering canal life while having the safe space on board, make this a very special experience for these groups.

As part of our Cloudesley funding, we welcomed back Haywards Adventure Playground. They had previously experienced a taster day trip and a short weekend, but this was the first time they had had a full 5-day residential trip.

> *'The children took part in multiple activities on the boat such as colouring in pictures of ships and designing mugs. Before the journey came to an end the children had adapted to how to open the locks that they carried out the task almost unaided. The children came away with more confidence and this strengthened team bonding as they had to work together to open/close the locks along the canal. The children we work with have special needs which makes it difficult for them to go on trips, but this was an event that they could all participate in. The children who did not enjoy working the locks certainly appreciated the spectacular views*

Skipper's Report (continued)



on the boat. We cannot thank the captain enough for his directions and this is a trip I would recommend to others to participate in.' – group leader

Only 2 days into our operating year our first residential trip was for Prospex Youth Club, regular visitors over many years, this time with younger members experiencing canal life for the first time. As described by their leader the young people learnt '*Teamwork skills, canal knowledge, boating skills, resilience and tolerance*'. May brought a return by 7th St Pancras Guides for a weekend trip to celebrate their advance from Brownies into Guides. They are a regular hirer and enjoy the trips so much they have already booked for 2026.

One of the activities I like to suggest to groups is a bit of canalside foraging. While we are filling the water tank at Pickets lock the group are dispatched with bowls to harvest the abundance of blackberry's surrounding the lock and to pick apples from the adjacent tree. The dessert for that evening is (obviously) apple & blackberry crumble which tastes so much better having been picked and cooked by themselves, an unexpected bonus on a canal trip.

This summer's residential trips faced the problem of three separate and unexpected canal stoppages along our route, but by being flexible and thanks to the kind offer of Leaside Trust to use their minibus to ferry groups back to Islington, we made the best of the routes available to us. Luckily the main stoppage at Tottenham Lock was lifted to allow us to return just in time for the Angel Canal Festival.

The summer holidays also saw the return of the Eritrean Youth Group after an absence of 8 years. Around the campfire I was educated with facts & traditions about Eritrea, a country I knew nothing about till that trip. Another bonus for me was sharing a meal with the group and my introduction to their national dish, Zigni, was surely one of my favourites. Another group returning to *Angel II* after an absence was our neighbours, Islington Boat Club, who joined us for

Skipper's Report (continued)

an unplanned one-way trip due to these same canal stoppages. We were able to cruise further afield reaching the end of navigation at Bishops Stortford. The Stort is a very narrow and twisting canal which kept our young steerer on their toes. As we passed Roydon activity centre one of the group leaders who had a contact there arranged for a visit on our return. This turned out to be a tree top walkway with many obstacles to negotiate. After a safety brief and fitted with harnesses they took to the trees like squirrels. Fun to watch but I felt no urge to join them, heights not being my thing.

I had more opportunities during the year to practice my skills as a 'secret' skipper while *Angel II* was used for filming – see the Volunteers' Report below for details! 'Secret' because somehow I am never in the picture!

Maintenance continues to keep both boats up to standard with Angel II having 2 trips to Enfield dry dock for work on the stern gear and a new propeller being fitted. We have regular cleaning and maintenance days on Long Tom, and we always have a good turnout from our volunteer skippers and a great opportunity to share and learn new skills. This was also an opportunity to issue our volunteers with branded baseball caps, T-shirts and waterproofs, which look very smart indeed.

Phil Gavigan

Kids on residential trips:
"I enjoyed the whole trip from start to end. It was fun and exciting and it was a nice experience."
"My favourite thing was the aqua splash and the thing that I didn't like was the spiders."
"I really enjoyed spending time with others and mostly being away from technology. The best bit was singing, building the hut and making new friends."
"Fantastic! Epic!"
"Phil made it really easy for us to do everything, such as the steering and locks."
Leader:
"The group didn't know each other before the trip – it was lovely to see them get along and overcome small disagreements themselves. The teamwork and friendship was amazing."

Adult groups – day trips:
"The experience was perfect – relaxation, peace of mind, close to nature, learning about the canal"
"The boat trip relaxed me and my mind."

Volunteers' report

A view from our volunteer crew

(1) Nancy Harrison

Many groups, many trips and many stories over the past year – for both Angel and Long Tom. All are special – but here is a small sampling:



One volunteer favourite this past year has been a group that had taken a few trips – day and evening last summer -- and are planning another trip shortly. The Latin Ageing UK group have taken to the canal like ducks to water – grasping the slow, quiet pace of life and turning it on its head – with music, dancing and lots of food. Taking trips both to Camden, and to Little Venice, they filled every inch of Long Tom with laughter and singing, creating a great atmosphere, and impressed both crew and skippers with their stamina as they virtually danced all the way to Little Venice.



Added to their culinary skills across a wide range of dishes they brought with them was their generosity, ensuring everyone was very well fed.

Volunteers' Report (continued)



March 2025 also saw a canal-side celebration – the unveiling of a Green Plaque to honour Beryl Windsor, who took over the leadership of the Angel Canal Festival after the death of Angel's founder Crystal Hale. Always a close friend of Angel, Beryl's plaque is situated canal-side just below the City Road lock, next to one honouring Crystal – the two formidable ladies of the Regent's Canal re-united. The unveiling was followed by a flotilla of boats – including both Angel and Long Tom – ferrying everyone up to a packed reception event at St Pancras Cruising Club clubhouse.

And rather unexpectedly, in the past year Angel has become a bit of a favourite with music video makers – after a new video by Fairground Attraction ("Beautiful Happening") was shot on Angel in June 2024, the mega star Ed Sheeran followed up in October 2024 by shooting his "Plus Medley 2024 Acoustic Boat Sessions" video also aboard Angel. The 12-minute film features Ed perched on the bow with just his guitar as he glides along the Regents Canal, performing several of his songs. The video, which has been viewed over 1.5 million times, clearly shows Angel's interior and exterior, and proudly displays her name. A hit with fans on YouTube, both videos have also been uploaded to the Angel website. In addition, a video taken by a towpath jogger of *Angel II* (and Ed Sheeran) was seen on BBC Breakfast and had 10 million views on social media.



Volunteers' Report (continued)



(2) Skev Loizou

It's been such a privilege being a skipper and volunteer for ACCT over the past two and a half years. However, my first contact with Angel was in 1989, where I started a new job in Islington Council, as a Recreation Officer for Islington's Parks and Recreation service. One of our roles was as a liaison officer with the voluntary sector, and (guess what) I was given Angel and dealing with the formidable Crystal Hale! 'Formidable', as we were very aware of her political influence in Islington. So, it was not going to be an organisation that you were going to interfere with if you could help it!

I was amazed with having Management meetings in her kitchen and even more amazed looking out from there at the Canal, coming as I did from East London. I do remember her referring to Giles as Young Giles! (Ed: he was once young!) I once entered an Angel AGM and Crystal welcomed me and turned to the meeting and said, "This is Skevos - he's from Cyprus." I smiled and said, in my best East End accent, "via Forest Gate Crystal", at which the whole meeting laughed.

It was a privilege then and a privilege now to be involved in this wonderful organisation and the opportunities it provides for children and young people.

Trustees' Report

The Management Committee presents its report and independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name:	Angel Community Canal Boat Trust
Working Name:	The Angel Boat
Charity registration number:	1103542
Company registration number:	5088108
Registered office:	3 Vincent Terrace, London N1 8HJ
Operational address:	38 Graham Street, London N1 8JX
Employer's Insurance:	Travelers Insurance Co Ltd Policy No. XE14375AA000/205

Management Committee

Giles Eyre	Chair
Susan Sorensen	Hon. Treasurer
Debra Whitaker	Hon. Secretary
Nancy Harrison	
Luisa Myers-Nobbs	
Nigel Bartlett	(Appointed 2nd October 2024)
Martin Linsey	

Independent Examiner

Victoria Lloyd, ACA	32 Burgh Street, London N1 8HG

Bankers

Co-operative Bank, 25 Islington High Street, London N1 9LQ

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 30 March 2004 and registered as a charity on 30 April 2004. The Company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable Company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the Company being wound up members are each required to contribute an amount not exceeding £10. On 31 March 2005, the assets of Islington Narrow Boat Association (registered in 1976 as charity number 271457) were transferred to the Company for the express purpose of taking over the charitable operations of Islington Narrow Boat Association as of 1 April 2005. The Company has identical objects to Islington Narrow Boat Association and the approval of the Charities Commission was obtained for the 31 March 2005 asset transfer.

Trustees' Report (continued)

Recruitment and Appointment of Management Committee

The directors of the Company are also the Charity Trustees for the purposes of charity law and are known as members of the Management Committee. Under the terms of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, one third of the directors are required to retire each year at the Annual General Meeting. The directors retiring are Debbie Whitaker and Nancy Harrison. In addition, Nigel Bartlett, appointed by the directors in the course of the year, is required to retire at the Annual General Meeting. Debbie Whitaker and Nancy Harrison, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election, and Nigel Bartlett offers himself for election. Anyone interested in appointment as a director should contact any one of the existing directors.

Risk Management

Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers, users and visitors. Written procedures for the protection of children and vulnerable adults are regularly reviewed and enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service disclosures are maintained for all staff and volunteers. Internal control risks are minimised by implementation of procedures for financial management and control.

Organisational Structure

The Management Committee meets at least four times a year and is responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the Charity. Day to day responsibility is delegated to the Chair with day-to-day operational management the responsibility of the Project Manager and Skipper.

Objectives and Activities

The objects of the Company are, inter alia, 'to provide or assist in the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life of those persons resident in or in the vicinity of the London Borough of Islington, who have a need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, poverty or social and economic circumstances'. This is achieved by the operation of two canal narrow boats, *Angel II of Islington* (the asset of the Company) and *Long Tom* (owned jointly with the London Canal Museum, a charity), and the employment of a full-time skipper, providing day and residential cruises on the Regent's Canal and connecting waterways from its base at Diespeker Wharf, 38 Graham Street, London N1 8JX. Groups using the boat include schools, playgroups, adventure playgrounds, Scouts and Guides, homeless and psychiatric hostels, ethnic minority and refugee groups, survivors of domestic abuse and their children and senior citizens, young people and adults with special educational needs and learning difficulties and those participating in educational and environmental projects involving waterways or local topics.

Public Benefit Statement

The directors have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

Trustees' Report (continued)

Achievements and Performance

The year saw a substantial increase in the operations of our second boat, *Long Tom,* in its second year of operations for which we continued to recruit and train volunteer skippers and crew. *Angel II* also saw an increase. Trips were both under our partnership with the London Canal Museum in providing trips for visitors to the museum, and also for groups hiring ACCT direct. More skippers were trained on *Angel II* by our skipper Phil Gavigan, and all have acquired the Certificate in Community Boat Management. This new body of volunteers also continues to help in maintenance of *Long Tom* and with other tasks in support of ACCT. *Long Tom* has become a familiar sight on the stretch of the Regent's Canal between Little Venice and Victoria Park.

The total number of trips provided by ACCT to community and other groups increased over the previous year, with day trips increasing by 170%, part day trips by 29% and evening trips by 76%. There was a 50% increase in the number of overnight trips provided by *Angel II*. A total of just under 1,800 passengers were taken on trips lasting between 3 hours and 5 days, a 60% increase on 2023/24. In addition, under the arrangement with the London Canal Museum ACCT provided *Long Tom* with skipper and crew for slightly more days than in the previous year (113) for museum trips, carrying 4,832 passengers to learn more about the history of the canal and its buildings and structures. The presence of *Long Tom* on the Regent's Canal continues to raise the profile of ACCT amongst the public.

As part of the programme to extend the useful life of *Ángel II* the boat underwent extensive repairs on the drive shaft and a propellor replacement.

Financial Review

Details of the year's operations are to be found in the Statistical Summary from the Log Book and the List of Hirers (page 23-4). The total number of passengers carried on ACCT booked trips increased significantly over the previous year to just under 1,800 in addition to the 4,832 passengers carried on London Canal Museum trips crewed by ACCT volunteers.

Total grant resources utilised in the year were £16,700, representing an encouraging increase on the previous year. Contributions to hire fees and trip costs were attributed to Solace/Survivors of domestic abuse fund (£1,000), the John Murray Charitable Trust (£13,240), Cloudesley (£3,735), the Islington Community Chest (£825) and Islington's Local Initiative Fund (£1,100). A residual sum of £14,539 of grant income was carried forward for activities in 2025/26. In addition, a further grant of £20,000 from the John Murray Charitable Trust for the funding of residential trips in 2025/26, which was received in February 2025, was deferred to 2025/26. A new grant of £500 from Tesco has also been carried forward. Donations and Friends' subscriptions received in the current year were again significantly lower than the previous year: donors of sums exceeding £500 and £200 are listed at Note 8b.

Trustees' Report (continued)

As previously reported, grant resources used directly for contributing to trip hire and costs are now described as either designated or, where specified by the donor, as restricted. The general funds earmarked for future Trust projects or capital developments continue to be treated as designated. The Trustees resolved in 2022/23 that the New Boat Fund, hitherto described as restricted, should be redefined as an unrestricted designated fund in accordance with the Charities Commission guidance.

The accounts are set out on pages 16 to 21 and show an overall surplus of £23,978 compared to a deficit of £5,828 in the previous year, which had included non-recurrent expenditure of £8,175 on a major refurbishment of Angel II funded from reserves. There was a further significant increased net income from the operation of *Long Tom* which more than offset the reduction in donation income. Total expenditure amounted to £59,746 and is broken down in note 2. *Angel II* has been fully depreciated but an annual depreciation charge of 15% of net book value has been applied to *Long Tom*. The Trust remains dependent upon the level of grant aid in addition to donations from supporters, both individual and corporate. It continues to actively explore ways to expand its income base. All outgoings, in light of the uncertainty of grant income, are constantly reviewed so as to remain within income constraints.

Policy on reserves
As indicated above, the designated ACCT funds are to cover future capital projects and refurbishment in addition to any major boat repair. In addition, an ACCT fund for trips funded from donations has been created. The general fund is maintained at a level to cover at least 50% of anticipated expenditure, but the designated reserve can also be drawn down if there is a shortfall on income. The designated and restricted funds representing grant balances carried forward are intended to be utilised within the year. The new boat fund has been redefined by resolution of the Trustees as a designated fund, to cover the reduction in value of the existing boat since purchase and to contribute to its replacement.

Trustees' assessment of the Charity as a "going concern"
The Trustees have considered the short- and medium-term financial status of the Charity in the light of the overall balance sheet and the prospects for community, private and grant body support in future years. The net current assets of £170,163 are almost three times last year's expenditure and the Charity has no long-term liabilities. As part of the project to extend the life of *Angel II* it is planned to replace the engine, now 25 years old, at a budget of £15,000. Despite the withdrawal of local authority grant support, the Charity has maintained its income by securing grant funding and donations from a wide range of corporate, charity and private sources, and more recently from the additional income produced through the operation of *Long Tom*. Operational risks have been managed through the careful application of sound procedures and appropriate insurance. The Charity recognises that it will need to replace the existing narrow boat, *Angel II*, within the next decade and has set aside £85k in the New Boat fund, including the depreciation provision for the recently-acquired half share in *Long Tom*. This reserve may well be

Trustees' Report (continued)

supplemented by any resale value of the current boat. Although the replacement cost would be significantly in excess of £100,000, there is a further reserve of £20,000 designated for future projects and contingencies and the possibility of raising an appeal to meet any shortfall. The Trustees are therefore confident that the Charity is a going concern for the foreseeable future.

Responsibilities of the Directors

Company law requires the directors to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the year end. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the 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 proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Members of the Management Committee, who are directors for the purpose of company law and Trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report were:

Giles Eyre
Susan Sorensen
Luisa Myers-Nobbs
Nigel Bartlett
Nancy Harrison
Debra Whitaker
Martin Linsey

Approved by the Management Committee on 7th July 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Giles Eyre
Director

Statement of financial activities
For the year ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025 Unrestricted General Funds £	2025 Unrestricted Designated Funds £	2025 Restricted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £	2024 Total £
Incoming resources						
Fees from hirers		35,978	-	-	35,978	19,865
Fees funded from grants		-	14,065	5,835	**19,900	10,085
Grants and donations	8	7,884	-	-	7,884	10,826
Gift Aid tax reclaim	8	366*	-	-	366*	3187
Income from fundraising		711	-	-	711	497
Income from LCM		14,622	-	-	14,622	12,543
Investment income		4,263	-	-	4,263	3,756
Other income		0	-	-	0	1,317
		63,824	14,065	5,835	83,724	62,076
Resources Expended						
Cost of Generating Funds						
Fundraising and publicity		-	-	-	-	-
Charitable Expenditure						
Boat and running costs	2,3	59,746	-	-	59,746	67,904
Total resources expended		59,746	-	-	59,746	67,904
Net income before transfers		4,078	14,065	5,835	23,978	(5,828)
Net transfers between funds		16,096	(5,526)	(10,570)	-	-
Net movement in funds		**20,174**	**8,539**	**(4,735)**	**23,978**	**(5,828)**
Fund balances:						Prior year
at 1 April 2024	7	30,697	110,239	5,249	146,185	152,013
at 31 March 2025	7	**50,871**	**118,778**	**514**	**170,163**	**146,185**

*The low Gift Aid tax reclaim in 2024/25 reflects a correction for a previous over-estimate

**This includes trips funded from grants which have been received in previous years but recognised in the year that they are used. Note 8 lists the grants received in 2024/25.

There were no recognised gains or losses other than the result for each year as shown above.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement of financial activities.

There were no related party transactions during the year.

Balance Sheet
As at 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	5	14,757	17,361
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		183,427	148,935
Debtors and Prepayments		8,535	12,369
Creditors & deferred income:			
Amounts falling due within one year	6	(36,556)	(32,480)
Net current assets		155,406	128,824
Total assets less current liabilities		170,163	146,185
Funds			
Unrestricted general fund	7	50,871	30,697
Unrestricted Designated funds	7	118,778	110,239
Restricted funds	7	514	5,249
		170,163	146,185

Audit Exemption Statement

For the year ending 31st March 2025 the Company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- the members have not required the Company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476,
- the directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts,
- these accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 7th July 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Giles Eyre	Susan Sorensen
Director	Director

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this balance sheet.

Notes to the Accounts

1 Accounting policies

a) Basis of accounting
The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

The accounts, incorporating a Statement of Financial Activities, have been prepared in accordance with Statement of Recommended Practice - 'Accounting & Reporting by Charities' and applicable accounting standards ('SORP FRS102' & 'SORP FRSSE').

b) Fund accounting
Unrestricted general funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity.

Unrestricted designated funds are funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the Trustees to help finance specific operations.

Restricted funds are funds subject to specific restrictive conditions imposed by donors or by the purpose of the appeal or for specific capital projects. The purpose and use of restricted funds is set out in the notes to the accounts.

c) Resources expended
The cost headings comprise operating staff costs, fundraising & publicity activities, general administration costs and depreciation.

Central overheads are allocated on the basis of their use with the aim of ensuring that those costs remaining within administration relate to the management of the Charity's assets, and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

d) Tangible fixed assets
Depreciation of *Angel II* and its fixed equipment was provided at a rate calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, on a straight-line basis over its expected useful life of 20 years.

Depreciation of *Long Tom* is being provided for on a reducing balance basis at 15% per annum agreed with the join owners, the London Canal Museum.

e) Taxation
No corporation tax has been provided in these accounts because the income of the Charity is within the exemption granted by Section 505 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

2 Analysis of total resources expended

	2025	2024
	£	£
Staff costs	33,600	34,350
Fundraising and publicity	-	45
"*Angel II*" running costs	11,107	13,834
"*Long Tom*" commissioning and running costs	4,629	6263
Trip supplies and activities	1,290	3,009
Administration costs	5,935	6,424
Other	581	915
Depreciation	2,604	3064
Total	59,746	67,904

3 Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year

is stated after charging:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	2,604	3,064

The narrow boat *Angel II* is fully depreciated. The narrow boat *Long Tom* will be depreciated on a reducing balance basis at 15% per annum.

4 Staff costs

Particulars of employees are shown below:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Employee costs during the year amounted to:		
Wages and salaries	33,600	34,350
Social security costs	-	-
	33,600	34,350

The Company benefited from the Employment Allowance which exempted small companies from the Employers National Insurance charge.

The average number of persons employed by the Trust during the year was 1. The Trustees do not receive remuneration for their services to the Charity. No employee earned more than £50,000 per annum.

5 Tangible fixed assets

The net book value of tangible fixed assets consists of the narrow boat *Angel II* which is now fully depreciated and the narrow boat *Long Tom* for which two years and four months depreciation has been charged.

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

	Previous year	2025 Narrow boats £	2024 Narrow boats £
Cost			
1 April 2023 (boat purchased April 2000)	1 April 2023	77,860	77,860
Additions (boat purchased Dec 2022)		21,500	21,500
Disposals		-	-
31 March 2025	31 March 2024	99,360	99,360
Depreciation			
1 April 2023	1 April 2024	(81,999)	(78,935)
Charge for the year		(2,604)	(3,064)
Disposals		-	-
31 March 2025	31 March 2024	(84,603)	(81,999)
Net book value			
31 March 2025	31 March 2024	**14,757**	**17,361**

All fixed assets have been used for the charitable activities of the Charity.

6 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Salary and skipper expenses payable	193	-
Other creditors	10,724	6,841
Accrued Grant Income (including donations received up to 31st March 2025 in respect of projects in 2025/26 and future years)	25,639	25,639
	36,556	32,480

7 Funds

	Balance 1 April 2024 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfer of Funds £	Balance 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted					
General fund	30,697	63,824	(59,746)	16,096	50,871
Designated grants	5,390	14,065	-	(13,460)	9,725
ACCT trips	2,850	-	-	1,600	4,450
ACCT projects	20,000	-	-	-	20,000
ACCT New Boat Fund	81,999	-	-	2,604	84,603
Total unrestricted	140,936	77,889	(59,746)	(1,470)	169,649
Restricted					
Restricted grants	5,249	5,835	-	(10,570)	514
Total funds	**146,185**	**83,724**	**(59,746)**	**-**	**170,163**

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

The designated grants fund and restricted grants fund represent grant income brought forward from previous years to be applied in support of community boat trips in the current and future years. It also includes the provision for future ACCT capital projects and refurbishment in addition to any major boat repair, and running costs of the Charity should income levels reduce in order that appropriate action could be taken. The new boat fund is to cover the reduction in value of the existing boat since purchase and to contribute to its future replacement.

8a Grants

Grants for trips	2024/2025 £ Rec'd in Year	£ B/F from 2023/24	£ Utilised in Year	£ C/F to 25/26
ACCT funded trips	-	2,850	(1600)	4,450
Solace/Survivors of domestic abuse	-	1,514	1,000	514
Islington Community Chest	2,900	-	825	2,075
John Murray Trust – residential trips*	15,000	200	11,600	3,600
John Murray Trust – day hire	-	5,190	1,640	3,550
Tesco Bags of Help	500	-	-	500
Cloudesley	-	3,735	3,735	-
Local Initiative Fund	1,100	-	1,100	-
Total	19,500	13,489	18,300	14,539

*excluding a grant received in February 2025 deferred to 2025/26

8b Donations and Friends

	2024/25 **£**	2023/24 £
Donations of £500 and more:		
J Douglas	2,500	2,500
D Wadham		1,000
Anon		1,000
Angel Association		500
Arlington Association	500	
Virginia Low in memory of Robin King	500	
Total donations over £500	**3,500**	**5,000**
Donations of £200 - £500:		
Arlington Association		275
Angel Canal Festival	200	
Individuals (7)	950	1,700
Other Friends' subscriptions and donations	3,234	2,711
Total donations	**7,884**	**9,686**
Less allocated to hire fees		(2,725)
Tax reclaimed from Gift Aid	366	3,187
Total	**8,250**	**10,148**

Independent Examiner's Report

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Angel Community Canal Boat Trust ('the Company')

I report to the Charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Charity's Trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your Charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charities Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)]

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:
Name: Victoria Lloyd, ACA (ICAEW)
Address: 32 Burgh St, London, N1 8HG
Date: …. July 2025

Log book 2024/25

Number of Bookings:-

	2024/25	2023/24
Day trips		10
Part days		56
2-day trips		7
3-day trips		3
4-day trips		1
5-day trips		3
Evenings		17
Total		97

Ethnic Monitoring (% of Users):-

White UK	23%
Black (Caribbean, African, British & Other)	6%
Asian	5%
Others (Inc. European, Greek, Turkish, Middle East)	14%
Not stated	52%

Types of Trips:-

	2024/25	2023/24
Schools	17	7
Special needs groups	13	5
Youth clubs/ Playgrounds	9	10
Guides and scouts	8	6
Survivors of domestic abuse	3	1
Elderly and isolated	4	5
Private	77	53
Other	17	10
Total	148	97
Days of trips operated for London Canal Museum	113	97

	2024/25	2023/24
Total number of passengers carried:-	1,758	1,083
Total number of adults (18+)	1,122	757
Total number of under 18s	636	326
Plus on trips operated for London Canal Museum	4,832	3,656

'Private' encompasses all bookings not made in the name of established community organisations.

Log book 2024/25

List of Hirers 2024/25

12th Hampstead Scouts
1st Plast Ukrainian Scout Group
7th St Pancras Guides
Argyle Primary School
Arsenal Foundation
Black History Walks
BM Caterers
Brecknock School
Brimstone Explorer Scouts
Camden Canals & Narrowboat Association
Canal & River Trust
City of Westminster Guide Lecturers' Association
Eritrean Youth Club
Gower School
Hanley Crouch Community Association
Hanover Primary School
Hayward Adventure Playground
Hillside Clubhouse
Holloway Neighbourhood Group
Islington Adult Social Care
Islington Boat Club
Islington Mind
Islington Pensioners Forum
Latin Ageing UK
Learning Disabilities Group Islington
Leaside Trust
London Canal Museum
Maya Centre
North Bridge House School
Northgate School
One Degree Academy
Pears Family School
Phoenix Academy
Prospex
River Place Health Centre
Silverdale Rangers
Solidarity Hub Women's Group
St George The Martyr Primary School
St Luke's Community Centre
St Peter's Summer Project
Stoneydown Park Primary School
Stuart Low Trust
Survivors UK
Virtual Schools
Waterside Adventure Playground
Wells Scouts (Pheasants Explorer Unit)
Whittington Park Community Association

'Private' hirers are not listed



Supporters and Funders 2024/25

Thank you to everyone who has supported us, whether through volunteering, making donations, providing grants or being our 100 Club members. This has enabled us to provide much needed services to people in our community.
A special thanks also to:

- Bill Thomas and PTE Architects
- James Douglas
- John Murray Charitable Trust
- Angel Association
- Arlington Association
- Canal & River Trust
- Cloudesley
- Tesco
- London Borough of Islington

Canal & River Trust
Making life better by water

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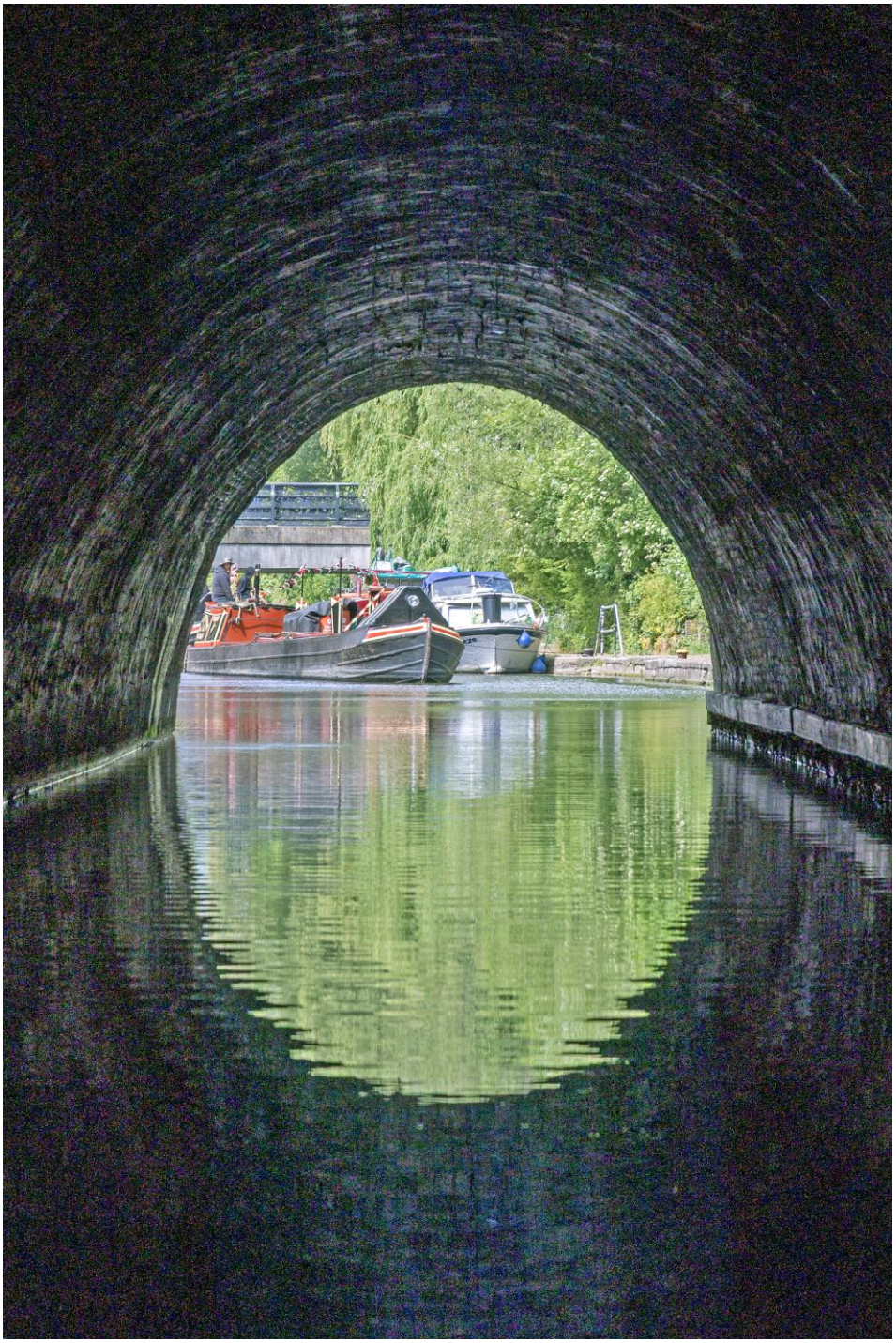
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And all the Friends of the Angel Boat

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Angel Community Canal Boat Trust

Annual Report 2023/24



Registered Charity Number: 1103542
Company Number: 5088108

Angel Community Canal Boat Trust (ACCT), also known as '*The Angel Boat*', is a charity which operates two skippered community canal boats for use by local residents and community groups at a cost they can afford. It was originally established in 1976 as Islington Narrow Boat Association (INBA) and continues to be based at City Road Lock in Islington on the Regent's Canal.

The charity enables up to 2,000 people a year to have the opportunity, on a trip lasting from three hours to 5 days, to:

- experience the fun and activity of a canal cruise
- learn about the history and development of their local area and London through the inland waterways
- see the extensive flora and fauna of the canal environment and understand the ecological balance
- gain the confidence and social skills necessary for travelling, working and living together on a canal boat, and, for many, to have the novel experience of a period away from the city, cars, street lights, TVs and all that comes with life in an inner-city area.

The charity's narrow boat, *Angel II of Islington,* is designed along traditional lines for both residential and day trips.

From the 2023/2024 year, ACCT has in addition run a second narrow boat, *Long Tom*, which is designed for day trips. Owned jointly with the London Canal Museum, *Long Tom* provides trips run for the Museum operated by ACCT. This allows a further several thousand passengers a year to discover the Regent's Canal.

The charity has also developed and runs projects based on its two boats and the canal, focussing on the needs of particular groups of people from our local community.

ACCT is supported by Islington Council, and receives grants from a variety of charities and grant-making organisations (both local and national), donations and subscriptions from supporters and hire fees from user groups, which are related to their ability to pay.

Many of our users are local children and young people and others who would not be able to afford the cost of such an experience if we did not exist and if we were not able to charge heavily subsidised rates.

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100 Club

To become a **Friend of the Angel Boat** you only need to donate a regular annual sum to support the charity. This regular donation will give local people the opportunity of a trip to remember, to learn new skills and to have new experiences. As a Friend you can also contribute to the development of our operations by offering ideas to improve or expand our service to the community or by helping us in doing so.

To sign up to be a member of the 100 Club, just contribute at least £100 a year. In return, in each year you contribute we offer you and one guest an evening trip on the Angel Boat, along with other 100 Club members. In the company of some of our trustees and other guests of our organisation you can enjoy a trip to Camden and back, working locks, steering or simply enjoying the ride while enjoying food and drink.

If you haven't, why not join the **100 Club** now and help support *The Angel Boat*?

Chair's Report

This was a transitional year for ACCT.

The year from April 2023 was the first time in this charity's existence we had two boats to run. *Long Tom*, *Angel II*'s little brother and owned jointly with the London Canal Museum (LCM), came on stream. For three days a week throughout much of the year, ACCT provided *Long Tom* with a volunteer skipper to run trips for LCM along the Regent's Canal. For the rest of the time, *Long Tom* was available to ACCT, in addition to *Angel II*, to provide our usual mixture of canal trips – although only for day and evening trips. Only *Angel II* is suitable for residential trips.



This transition brought additional requirements to which our small team had to adapt. Finding, training and managing the necessary volunteer skippers took up a considerable amount of volunteer time as well as creating additional tasks for Phil, our skipper. The presence of *Long Tom* making frequent trips on the Regent's Canal, and the publicity given to *Long Tom* by LCM, resulted in an increased number of inquiries about booking a boat. Receiving these inquiries for bookings for two boats, and managing the booking arrangements, added more essential tasks to be covered by our small active team. As a result, we facilitated a considerable growth in visitors at LCM lured by trips on *Long Tom*, and over 3.600 passengers were carried by our skippers on those trips. However, ACCT saw a slight reduction compared with the previous year, in the total number of trips booked despite having a second boat, and a small reduction in number of passengers carried through ACCT bookings during the year.

Long Tom is proving to be a very popular boat with its seating arrangement and the excellent views through its large windows. Feedback from users of all ages and backgrounds confirms that a day boat works very well as an addition to *Angel II*'s very different (and more traditional) charms. From an operating viewpoint, *Long Tom* is also an easier boat for our volunteer skippers to learn to manoeuvre compared with the additional length and weight of *Angel II*.

Chair's Report (continued)

The large number of trips *Long Tom* makes and the thousands of passengers it carries result in additional demands on maintenance which is not insignificant. Willing volunteers and our skipper Phil have risen to the task.

The year showed that our booking system needed improvement and a dedicated (and willing!) person to operate it. That is now in place and we are very grateful to Nigel Bartlett, volunteer skipper, for taking on that challenge. It also showed that our outreach and marketing to local community groups required revitalising to ensure that all parts of our local community benefited from the additional opportunities that two boats now provided. This is now a priority for ACCT and we continue to look for volunteers who would like to join us in the rewarding work of bringing in new groups, and bringing back groups we have not seen in recent times. Islington contains so many who would benefit from the opportunities we offer, but many of whom still need to be introduced to us and made aware of what we can offer them.



Although the accounts show a deficit for the year, our financial arrangements with LCM for managing *Long Tom* result in additional funding to support our charitable objects. An ageing boat (*Angel II* is now 25 years old) brings additional expenditure and it was decided that a repaint could not be put off any longer (unless we wanted to concede defeat to rust!) That essential expense swallowed up what would otherwise have been a healthy surplus, and provides us now with one of the smartest narrow boats on the Regent's Canal. Such 'exceptional' expenses will no doubt continue as long as we keep *Angel II* afloat and running, but we are now in a much stronger position to take them in our stride.

Hire fees in 2023/24 were held for the 5th year running, reflecting the financial circumstances of many of our hirers, but for 2024/25 we have taken the steps to increase these across the board to increase our financial stability. Support for those who cannot afford the fees is provided by grants, and from the income generated by those who can afford to pay.

Chair's Report (continued)



However, we still retain the reputation for the lowest hire fees on the Regent's Canal, and wish to continue to encourage those of limited or modest – or no - means to experience the canal with us.

In sum, an interesting year, a developmental year, and one from which we have learned a great deal about the way we best operate with two boats.

Thanks go again to the many who help and support us - our team of volunteer skippers (Nigel, Alan, Skev, David B, Martin, Tim, David K, Chris and Phil B, shortly to be joined by Joanna), our volunteer crew members, volunteer admin people, our Hon Treasurer Susan, our Hon Secretary Debbie and co-trustees with special mention of Lou and Nancy for their boat cleaning skills, our skipper Phil, PTE and the Thomas family for facilitating our annual review meeting, our mooring and our office/storeroom, Martin, Tim, Craig and Sam at our partners LCM for all their help and the many others who support us whether financially or by action.

Giles Eyre



Robin King



Born on 15th Nov 1948 in Edgware, Robin died on 2nd Dec 2023, 76 years old, in Islington, where he had lived for many years. He qualified as an architect, and was with local architectural practice PTE from its beginnings in July 1974 in Jerusalem Passage. He worked mainly on rehabilitation projects for Islington Council. In the late 1980s he became involved with the Anderson's Yard Campaign Group, an action group seeking to protect the old Collins Music Hall Site on Islington Green from huge office development.

In about 2001 Robin became involved with Virginia Low in the setting up of the Stuart Low Trust and joined the trustee body. He took groups from SLT on residential canal trips on the narrowboat Angel of Islington, which was when those of us involved with *Angel II* got to know him. Robin was persuaded to join the trustee body of the charity then running *Angel II*, Islington Narrow Boat Association, and became a trustee and director when we subsequently incorporated the charity as Angel Community Canal Boat Trust. He remained a trustee director until his death, and a reliable crew member until a year or so before his death when he began to have balance issues. In his gentle and patient way he was a great teacher of boating skills to our novice passengers, and enthusiastic about the canals and the therapeutic nature of canal trips. He was very sad that his ill-health prevented him from continuing to crew.



Robin had very special attributes. He was compassionate, a great listener, someone who regularly came up with very apposite comments whatever you were talking about. He was always happy to prepare meals in the confines of a boat's galley, and when the boat was in dock, there was no job too grubby or uncomfortable for him to volunteer for – whether painting around the gas locker or blacking the bottom of the boat – which involves lying on the floor of a 200 year old dry dock and working on a surface a few inches above the head!

His work as a volunteer was acknowledged by being one of the volunteers recognised when ACCT was awarded QAVS in 2014, and when SLT received the

Robin King

QAVS in 2015 and in 2016 when he received the Pat Haynes Commended Trustee of the Year award made by Voluntary Action Islington.

We join with his long-term friend Jane in grieving the loss of Robin but also celebrating the life of a very special, kind and giving friend. Robin is very much missed.



Robin King (1948-2023)
ACCT Trustee

Skipper's Report

This was our first full year operating our shared boat *Long Tom*, which has proved very popular with our existing and new hirers as well as helping our partners at London Canal Museum reach their highest visitor numbers to date. The addition of *Long Tom* has enabled us to recruit and train volunteer skippers who crew all trips as well as assisting with general maintenance and repairs. Each volunteer brings a lifetime's experiences, many of which are transferrable to boating, such as careers as an electrician or carpenter or in IT.

Our residential trips are the highlight of our season, and I particularly enjoy seeing the young people trying something completely new to them and seeing the group come together to work as a team. One such group is One Degree Academy who wanted their year 4 students to have a residential experience, so we completed 3 X 2 day trips with an overnight stop to cover the class of 30 students. They have since booked 3 more trips for 2024 and a provisional 5 similar trips for 2025, having recognised the benefit of such trips for their young students, and have now added these trips to their curriculum.

Our usual youth residentials for local youth clubs, adventure playgrounds and Scout/Guides groups provide the opportunity for these young people to take part in a 5-day canal adventure and opens the door to a whole new world for them, many of them visiting "the countryside" for the first time. As well as learning to steer a boat and operate canal locks safely the main observations from group leaders is improved communication skills, teamwork and a significant increase in self-confidence.

After 24 years of service *Angel II* was in need of a makeover and at the end of last year's trips, we booked in to dry dock for a repaint. Thanks to Paul & Jack and especially Jabus the signwriter *Angel II* started the current season looking bright and shiny once more.

Some comments from our users:
'Amazing trip loved by all. The children loved doing the locks and taking it in turns steering the boat.' (Youth group leader)

'We had a great time-brilliant to get the young people out on the water. Very different from an average camp.' (Scout group leader)

Skipper's Report (continued)

What the young people gained from the trip? 'Independence skills, daily life skills like cooking, washing up, etc. Great fun and bonding time.' (Youth group leader)

Best thing about the trip? (Young people on residential trip)

'Being away from home and on a boat.'
'Chilling at the front and looking out at nature and being on the move on a boat.'
'I can't believe Phil let me drive the boat.'
'Blackberry picking along the River Lea.'
'Going shopping and cooking and eating together.'

Phil Gavigan



Volunteers' report

A view from our volunteer skippers

From Nigel Bartlett - The Joy of Skippering Canal Boats

There are several reasons why I love to skipper canal boats. The top one has to be the pleasure it brings to almost all our passengers. Naturally there are exceptions, such as the passenger who said "*I enjoyed the trip, but the boat isn't wide enough*". I still don't know an appropriate response to someone who thinks that a narrowboat is too narrow but, on this occasion, a smile and thanks for the feedback sufficed.



Why do people enjoy our trips? Perhaps because there is something very calming about being close to water. This feeling is helped by the speed at which we travel. Top tip: If you're in a rush don't travel by canal! If you can, let your mind slow down to a walking pace, enjoy the wildlife on and around the canal and wave to the people on the towpath. The number of people who smile and wave back may surprise you.

I find it particularly rewarding when we have children on the boat. They are almost always keen to work the locks and put huge effort in when opening and closing the gates and operating the paddles. The enjoyment and sense of achievement that they feel is reflected in their huge smiles. I can only imagine the conversations they have on their next school day.

On our longer trips I like to give our passengers the opportunity to steer the boat. Sometimes it inspires them to open up about their lives in a way that strangers usually do not. There was a retired military man who told me about the post-traumatic stress disorder for which he is now having treatment. At the end of our trip he had decided that he and his wife were going to rent a canal boat for their next holiday. They had been discussing the idea for a while; she was keen but he was undecided until that day.

On one trip I was chatting to a passenger who seemed to be enjoying the ride. I asked him if he had had any boating experience. He thought about it for a bit and then volunteered "*Well, I was a cross-channel ferry captain for nine years*". And then he proceeded to tell me about the early days and what happened when they first introduced bow thrusters to the fleet.

Volunteers' Report (continued)

Skippering a boat also offers plenty of opportunities to practise and (hopefully) improve my boat-handling skills. As Phil says "*Every day's a school day*" and there is always something new to learn about the boat, the canal and the weather. When things go awry, as they sometimes do, it encourages discussion and a little light-hearted ribbing over a drink after the day's boating has finished.

I get so much pleasure from skippering canal boats and I don't have to pay for the running costs or maintenance. What could be better?





From Alan Byrne (aka Canalan)

Although my name is Alan, I am Canalan when I am volunteering as a skipper on *Long Tom*.

I would like to start by thanking Phil for his training as he is right that "*Every day's a school day*". However, one day I received a passenger compliment and Phil kindly added, "*I taught Alan everything he knows*", so I smiled until he then added "*But not everything I know!*". What I didn't know is that when you get children to help with the bottom 2 locks at Camden, then you get all the "*Gongoozlers*" [bystanders] to clap. Lesson learnt.

Wow! What a wonderful year I have had working for ACCT & the London Canal Museum. It is really pleasing to see new skippers joining the team and to see them skippering charters for ACCT, but why does Nigel always get the Hen Parties? No wonder he wants to manage all the bookings!

Volunteers' Report (continued)

This time last year I was one of the only skippers on *Long Tom* & loving it, getting nearly all of the long trips until Giles kindly asked me to share them with others in our growing group of skippers! Thanks for the opportunity, Giles!

Memorable passengers - Graham, a Tory MP, a Trump fan and a cross-channel ferry skipper.

My Highlights - Witnessing both Skev and Nigel doing a 180 degree turn at Paddington Basin on Little Venice trips they skippered with me; being the audio guide for our first blind passenger on *Long Tom* on a short trip to Camley Nature Park and being his guide dog to get him to and from his seat; involving passengers in helping with locks and with steering when on a straight piece of the canal

I am about to qualify as a Camden Tour Guide and to celebrate my 65th birthday I took all my colleagues from Little Venice to Angel. Hopefully, this will generate new leads and more passengers for future trips.



Camden Guide colleagues.

From Nancy Harrison, Trustee

September 2023

Angel Canal Festival

As ever the Angel Canal Festival was held in September 2023, with the day beautifully sunny (as had been the entire summer 2023). Moored just below City Road lock, *Angel II* was in prime position for the admiring crowds. Although presenting a bit tattered and ever so slightly shabby after being out for the summer project (however with a solution already on the cards – more to follow below…) *Angel II* was festooned with bunting and popular with the towpath visitors, with many people wanting a peek inside. The full team was there and we chatted to those on the towpath and made many new contacts. The wonderful weather had brought out

Volunteers' Report (continued)

sizable crowds, who scooped up jars of jam via the side hatch of *Angel II* and a tremendous number of tickets were secured for the annual Fundraising Raffle (with thanks to Lou, Susan and Debbie – our crack team of ticket sellers). *Long Tom* was on hand (slightly down the towpath from Angel) to supply short trips around the basin, overseen by Skipper Phil and organised by Giles, which were very popular. A successful day overall.

Christmas 2023

A very jolly party for all of the Angelboat and *Long Tom* supporters was hosted by our friends at the London Canal Museum – with lovely food and drinks, it was a great chance for all of us to get together and meet new team members.

Winter 2023

Post Christmas, what better way to begin the new year than to have an overhaul. New



Year's Resolutions - we all do it (join the gym, change your hairstyle, lose weight…) and *Angel II* was no exception. A late winter trip to the wetdock saw her get the full treatment -- a much needed renovation of the roof and a full repaint (including *Angel II's* name and some roses, but alas no castles…). She returned back to Diespecker looking stunning – the team assembling on either side of the tunnel as she emerged majestically to all our admiring eyes.

A wash and a brush-up

After Angel's return to home base once the external overhaul had been completed, a full inside inspection and clean were the logical next step for the New and Improved Angel. A small team of volunteers scrubbed, shined, swept and organised the interior. New curtains for the sleeping berth windows, with a wide green and white vertical striped all-weather fabric (lined in black-out fabric) were made, giving the sleeping areas a cheery water-side look (surprisingly appropriate). In addition, the main cabin curtains were given a serious clean to tackle historical wear-and-tear grime. Plans are afoot to tackle some further issues with the berth cushions after the summer project.

Volunteers' Report (continued)

New uniforms

Although not really uniforms as such, the new (elegant) navy blue tee-shirts are wonderful and stylish. Embroidered logos both front (top left) and across the back, the design features both *Angel II* and *Long Tom* into the design, and will be worn by everyone from both teams. Complimenting the tee-shirt are logoed baseball-style hats (also embroidered) – giving all of us a polished and wonderfully coherent look.

Nancy Harrison





Trustees' Report

The Management Committee presents its report and independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2024.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name:	Angel Community Canal Boat Trust
Working Name:	The Angel Boat
Charity registration number:	1103542
Company registration number:	5088108
Registered office:	3 Vincent Terrace, London N1 8HJ
Operational address:	38 Graham Street, London N1 8JX
Employer's Insurance:	Travelers Insurance Co Ltd Policy No. XE14375AA000/205

Management Committee

Giles Eyre	Chair
Susan Sorensen	Hon. Treasurer
Debra Whitaker	Hon. Secretary
Nancy Harrison	
Luisa Myers-Nobbs	
Martin Linsey	
Robin King	(Died 2nd December 2023)

Independent Examiner

Victoria Lloyd, ACA	32 Burgh Street, London N1 8HG

Bankers

Co-operative Bank, 25 Islington High Street, London N1 9LQ

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 30 March 2004 and registered as a charity on 30 April 2004. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are each required to contribute an amount not exceeding £10. On 31 March 2005, the assets of Islington Narrow Boat Association (registered in 1976 as charity number 271457) were transferred to the company for the express purpose of taking over the charitable operations of Islington Narrow Boat Association as of 1 April 2005. The Company has identical objects to Islington Narrow Boat Association and the approval of the Charities Commission was obtained for the 31 March 2005 asset transfer.

Trustees' Report (continued)

Recruitment and Appointment of Management Committee

The directors of the Company are also the charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and are known as members of the Management Committee. Under the terms of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, one third of the directors are required to retire each year at the Annual General Meeting. The directors retiring are Giles Eyre and Susan Sorensen. Giles Eyre and Susan Sorensen, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election. Anyone interested in appointment as a director should contact any one of the existing directors.

Risk Management

Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers, users and visitors. Written procedures for the protection of children and vulnerable adults and enhanced Criminal Record Bureau disclosures are maintained for all staff and volunteers. Internal control risks are minimised by implementation of procedures for financial management and control.

Organisational Structure

The Management Committee meets at least four times a year and is responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. Day to day responsibility is delegated to the Chair with day-to-day operational management the responsibility of the Project Manager and Skipper.

Objectives and Activities

The objects of the Company are, inter alia, 'to provide or assist in the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life of those persons resident in or in the vicinity of the London Borough of Islington, who have a need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, poverty or social and economic circumstances'. This is achieved by the operation of two canal narrow boats, *Angel II of Islington* (the asset of the Company) and *Long Tom* (owned jointly with the London Canal Museum, a charity), and the employment of a full-time skipper, providing day and residential cruises on the Regent's Canal and connecting waterways from its base at Diespeker Wharf, 38 Graham Street, London N1 8JX. Groups using the boat include schools, playgroups, adventure playgrounds, Scouts and Guides, homeless and psychiatric hostels, ethnic minority and refugee groups, female survivors of domestic abuse and their children and senior citizens, young people and adults with special educational needs and learning difficulties and those participating in educational and environmental projects involving waterways or local topics.

Public Benefit Statement

The directors have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

Trustees' Report (continued)

Achievements and Performance

The main achievement of the year has been the operation of our second boat, *Long Tom,* which has involved preparing it for use, recruiting and training volunteer skippers and working in partnership with the London Canal Museum in providing trips for visitors to the museum. The skippers were trained on *Angel II* by our skipper Phil and all have acquired the Certificate in Community Boat Management. In addition to skippering the regular trips with the museum, these volunteers acted as skippers for those groups and organisations booking direct through ACCT. This new body of volunteers also helped in maintenance of *Long Tom* and with other tasks in support of ACCT. *Long Tom* proved popular by users as a day boat with its large windows and seating arrangements.

The total number of trips provided by ACCT to community and other groups was about the same as the previous year, although we were no longer taking bookings on *Angel II* for the London Canal Museum because of the acquisition of *Long Tom,* and the distribution between different types of users was very similar. In addition, under the arrangement with the London Canal Museum we provided *Long Tom* with skipper for approximately 97 days of museum trips carrying 3,656 passengers. It is anticipated that having established the volunteer skipper body and the new systems necessary for the operation of this additional boat, going forward the total number of trips booked through ACCT will increase in 2024/25. The presence of *Long Tom* on the Regent's Canal has also raised the profile of ACCT amongst the public.

Due to considerable deterioration of the paintwork over the life of *Angel II* the boat underwent a major external repaint, including the signwriting, during the winter. It is anticipated that this will now last the rest of the boat's useable life as a community boat.

Financial Review

Details of the year's operations are to be found in the Statistical Summary from the Skipper's Log and the List of Hirers (page 27). The total number of passengers carried on ACCT booked trips fell significantly to about 1,100 as a consequence of the very large number of passengers on the London Canal Museum trips, now covered by the agreement over *Long Tom,* no longer being counted.

Total grant resources utilised in the year were £12,090, representing a very small reduction from the previous year. Contributions to hire fees and trip costs were attributed to Solace/ survivors of domestic abuse fund (£250) the Bowe fund for schools (£250), the John Murray Trust (£8,020), Camden Giving (£250), the Arnold Clark Community Fund (£1,000), and Cloudesley (£1,265) and other donated income designated for hire fees (£1,025). A residual sum of £13,489 of grant income was carried forward for activities in 2024/25. In addition, a further grant of £15,000 from the John Murray Trust for the funding of residential trips in 2024/25, which was received in March 2024, was deferred to 2024/25. Donations and Friends' subscriptions received in the current year were £2,285

Trustees' Report (continued)

lower than the previous year from which £1,125 was applied to hire fees; donors of sums exceeding £500 and £200 are listed at Note 8.

As reported in 2021/22, grant resources used directly for contributing to trip hire and costs are now described as either designated or, where specified by the donor, as restricted. The general funds earmarked for future Trust projects or capital developments continue to be treated as designated. The trustees resolved in 2022/23 that the New Boat Fund, hitherto described as restricted, should be redefined as an unrestricted designated fund in accordance with the Charities Commission guidance.

The accounts are set out on pages 19 to 25, and show an overall deficit of £5,828 compared to a surplus of £3,503 in the previous year. This results from a number of factors, the most significant being the requirement for a major refurbishment of *Angel II* at a cost of £8,175 to be funded from reserves. After taking account of this non-recurrent expense, there was a small surplus of £2,347. There was increased net income from the operation of *Long Tom* but this was offset by a reduction in donation income which needs to be addressed. Total expenditure amounted to £67,904 and is broken down in note 2. *Angel II* has been fully depreciated but a depreciation charge of £3,064 has been applied to *Long Tom* calculated at 15%per annum. The Trust remains dependent upon the level of grant aid in addition to donations from supporters, both individual and corporate. It continues to actively explore ways to expand its income base. All outgoings, in light of the uncertainty of grant income, are constantly reviewed so as to remain within income constraints.

Policy on reserves
As indicated above, the designated ACCT funds are to cover future capital projects and refurbishment in addition to any major boat repair. In addition, an ACCT fund for trips funded from donations has been created. The general fund is maintained at a level to cover approximately 50% anticipated expenditure, but the designated reserve can also be drawn down if there is a shortfall on income. The designated and restricted funds representing grant balances carried forward are intended to be utilised within the year. The new boat fund has been redefined by resolution of the trustees as a designated fund, to cover the reduction in value of the existing boat since purchase and to contribute to its replacement.

Trustees' assessment of the charity as a "going concern"
The trustees have considered the short- and medium-term financial status of the charity in the light of the overall balance sheet and the prospects for community, private and grant body support in future years. The net current assets of £146,185 are more than double annual expenditure and the charity has no long-term liabilities. Despite the withdrawal of local authority grant support, the charity has maintained its income by securing grant funding and donations from a wide range of corporate, charity and private sources. Operational risks have been managed through the careful application of sound procedures and appropriate insurance. The Charity recognises that it will need to replace the existing narrow boat, *Angel II*, within the next few years and had set aside £82k in the New Boat

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fund, including the depreciation provision for the newly-acquired half share in *Long Tom*. This reserve may well be supplemented by any resale value of the current boat. Although the replacement cost would be significantly in excess of £100,000, there is a further reserve of £20,000 designated for future projects and contingencies and the possibility of raising an appeal to meet any shortfall. The trustees are therefore confident that the charity is a going concern for the foreseeable future.

Responsibilities of the Directors

Company law requires the directors to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the year end. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the 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 proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Members of the Management Committee, who are directors for the purpose of company law and trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report were:

Giles Eyre	Nancy Harrison
Susan Sorensen	Debra Whitaker
Luisa Myers-Nobbs	Martin Linsey

Approved by the Management Committee on 2nd July 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Giles Eyre
Director

Statement of financial activities
For the year ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	2024 Unrestricted General Funds £	2024 Unrestricted Designated Funds £	2024 Restricted Funds £	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Total £
Incoming resources						
Hire Fees		19,865	8,320	1,765	29,950	33,115
Grants and donations	8	6,961	3,865	-	10,826	17,187
Gift Aid tax reclaim	8	3,187	-	-	3,187	3,570
Income from fundraising		497	-	-	497	43
Interest and other income		17,616	-	-	17,616	1,802
		48,126	12,185	1,765	62,076	55,717
Resources Expended						
Cost of Generating Funds						
Fundraising and publicity		-	-	-	-	-
Charitable Expenditure						
Boat and running costs	2,3	59,729	8,175	-	67,904	52,214
Total resources expended		59,612	8,175	-	67,904	52,214
Net income before transfers		(11,603)	4,010	1,765	(5,828)	3,503
Net transfers between funds		18,680	(20,771)	1,470	-	-
Net movement in funds		**7,077**	**(16,140)**	**3,235**	**(5,828)**	**3,503**
Fund balances:						Prior year
at 1 April 2023	7	23,620	126,379	2,014	152,013	148,511
at 31 March 2024	7	**30,697**	**110,239**	**5,249**	**146,185**	**152,013**

There were no recognised gains or losses other than the result for each year as shown above.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement of financial activities.

There were no related party transactions during the year.

Balance Sheet
As at 31 March 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	5	17,361	20,425
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		148,935	132,380
Debtors and Prepayments		12,369	12,361
Creditors & deferred income:			
Amounts falling due within one year	6	(32,480)	(13,152)
Net current assets		128.824	131,589
Total assets less current liabilities		146,185	152,013
Funds			
Unrestricted general fund	7	30,697	23,620
Unrestricted Designated funds	7	110,239	126,379
Restricted funds	7	5,249	2,014
		146,185	152,013

Audit Exemption Statement

For the year ending 31st March 2022 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- the members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476,
- the directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts,
- these accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 1st July 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Giles Eyre	Susan Sorensen
Director	Director

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this balance sheet.

Notes to the Accounts

1 Accounting policies

a) Basis of accounting
The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

The accounts, incorporating a Statement of Financial Activities, have been prepared in accordance with Statement of Recommended Practice - 'Accounting & Reporting by Charities' and applicable accounting standards ('SORP FRS102' & 'SORP FRSSE').

b) Fund accounting
Unrestricted general funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Unrestricted designated funds are funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the Trustees to help finance specific operations.

Restricted funds are funds subject to specific restrictive conditions imposed by donors or by the purpose of the appeal or for specific capital projects. The purpose and use of restricted funds is set out in the notes to the accounts.

c) Resources expended
The cost headings comprise operating staff costs, fundraising & publicity activities, general administration costs and depreciation.

Central overheads are allocated on the basis of their use with the aim of ensuring that those costs remaining within administration relate to the management of the charity's assets, and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

d) Tangible fixed assets
Depreciation of *Angel II* and its fixed equipment was provided at a rate calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, on a straight-line basis over its expected useful life of 20 years.

Depreciation of *Long Tom* is being provided for on a reducing balance basis at 15% per annum agreed with the join owners, the London Canal Museum.

e) Taxation
No corporation tax has been provided in these accounts because the income of the charity is within the exemption granted by Section 505 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

2 Analysis of total resources expended

	2024	2023
	£	£
Staff costs	34,350	32,428
Fundraising and publicity	45	-
"*Angel II*" running costs	13,834	6,886
"*Long Tom*" commissioning and running costs	6,263	3,426
Trip supplies and activities	3,009	3,558
Administration costs	6,424	3,691
Other	915	1,150
Depreciation	3,064	1,075
Total	67,904	52,214

3 Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year

is stated after charging:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	3,064	1,075

The *Angel II* narrow boat is fully depreciated. The *Long Tom* narrow boat will be depreciated on a reducing balance basis at 15% per annum.

4 Staff costs

Particulars of employees are shown below:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Employee costs during the year amounted to:		
Wages and salaries	34,350	32,428
Social security costs	-	-
	34,350	32,428

The company benefited from the Employment Allowance which exempted small companies from the Employers National Insurance charge.

The average number of persons employed by the Trust during the year was 1. The trustees do not receive remuneration for their services to the charity. No employee earned more than £50,000 per annum.

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

5 Tangible fixed assets

The net book value of tangible fixed assets consists of the *Angel II* narrow boat which is now fully depreciated and the *Long Tom* narrow boat for which one year and four months depreciation has been charged.

	Previous year	2024 Narrow boats £	2023 Narrow boats £
Cost			
1 April 2022 (boat purchased April 2000)	1 April 2022	77,860	77,860
Additions (boat purchased Dec 2022)		21,500	21,500
Disposals		-	-
31 March 2024	31 March 2023	99,360	99,360
Depreciation			
1 April 2023	1 April 2022	(78,935)	(77,860)
Charge for the year		(3,064)	(1,075)
Disposals		-	-
31 March 2024	31 March 2023	(81,999)	(78,935)
Net book value			
31 March 2024	31 March 2023	**17,361**	**20,425**

All fixed assets have been used for the charitable activities of the charity.

6 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Salary and skipper expenses payable	-	271
Other creditors	6,841	3,177
Accrued Grant Income (including donations received up to 31st March 2023 in respect of projects in 2024/25 and future years)	25,639	9,704
	32,480	13,152

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

7 Funds

	Balance 1 April 2023 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfer of Funds £	Balance 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted					
General fund	23,620	48,126	(59,729)	18,680	30,697
Designated grants	7,690	11,160	-	(13,460)	5,390
ACCT trips	3,875	1,025	-	(2,050)	2,850
ACCT projects	35,879	-	(8,175)	(7,704)	20,000
ACCT New Boat Fund	78,935	-	-	3,064	81,999
Total unrestricted	149,999	60,311	(67,904)	(1,470)	140,936
Restricted					
Restricted grants	2,014	1,765	-	1,470	5,249
Total funds	**152,013**	**62,076**	**(67,904)**	**-**	**146,185**

The designated grants fund and restricted grants fund represent grant income brought forward from previous years to be applied in support of community boat trips in the current and future years. It also includes the provision for future ACCT capital projects and refurbishment in addition to any major boat repair, and running costs of the charity should income levels reduce in order that appropriate action could be taken. The new boat fund is to cover the reduction in value of the existing boat since purchase and to contribute to its future replacement.

8 Grants, Donations and Friends

Grants for trips	2023/2024 £ Rec'd in Year	£ B/F from 2022/23	£ Utilised in Year	£ C/F to 24/25
Camden Giving	-	250	250	-
Solace/Survivors of domestic abuse	-	1,764	250	1,514
Bowe (schools)	-	280	280	-
John Murray Trust – residential trips*	-	3,000	2,800	200
John Murray Trust – day hire	7,000	3,410	5,220	5,190
Arnold Clark – community fund	-	1,000	1,000	-
Cloudesley	5,000	-	1,265	3,735
Trips funded from donations	-	3,875	1,025	2,850
Total	12,000	13,579	12,090	13,489

*excluding a grant received in March 2024 deferred to 2024-25

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

	2023/24	2022/23
Donations and Friends	**£**	
Donations of £500 and more:		
J Douglas	2,500	
D Wadham	1,000	
Anon	1,000	
Angel Association	500	
Total donations over £500	**5,000**	**7,243**
Donations of £200 - £500		
Arlington Association	275	
Individuals (7)	1,700	
Other Friends' subscriptions and donations	2,711	
Total donations	**9,686**	**11,971**
Less allocated to hire fees	(2,725)	(1,125)
Tax reclaimed from Gift Aid	3,187	3,570
Total	**10,148**	**14,416**

Independent Examiner's Report

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Angel Community Canal Boat Trust ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charities Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)]

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:
Name: Victoria Lloyd, ACA (ICAEW)
Address: 32 Burgh St, London, N1 8HG
Date: 6th July 2024

Skipper's Log 2023/24

Number of Bookings:-

	2023/24	*2022/23*
Day trips	10	*41*
Part days	56	*46*
2-day trips	7	*3*
3-day trips	3	*6*
4-day trips	1	*0*
5-day trips	3	*3*
Evenings	17	*8*
Total	97	*107*

Ethnic Monitoring (% of Users):-

White UK	37%
Black (Caribbean, African, British & Other)	5%
Asian	6%
Others (Inc. European, Greek, Turkish, Middle East)	17%
Not stated	35%

Types of Trips:-

	2023/24	*2022/23*
Schools	7	*4*
Special needs groups	5	*2*
Youth clubs/ Playgrounds	10	*10*
Guides and scouts	6	*10*
Survivors of domestic abuse	1	*3*
Elderly and isolated	5	*12*
Private	53	*46*
Other	10	*4*
Total	97	*107*
Days of trips operated for London Canal Museum	97	*16*

	2023/24	*2022/23*
Total number of passengers carried:-	1,083	*1,811*
Total number of adults (18+)	757	*1,097*
Total number of under 18s	326	*714*
Plus on trips operated for London Canal Museum	3,656	-

'Private' encompasses all bookings not made in the name of established community organisations.

Skipper's Log 2023/24

List of Hirers 2023

1st Islington Scouts
7th St Pancras Guides
Awesome Adventure Play
Barnes School
Canal & River Trust
Camden Carers
Discovery Scouts
Dragon Hall School
Global Generation
Gospel Oak Rangers
Gower School
Haywards Adventure Playground
Hilldrop Ccommunity Centre
Homerton Adventure Playground
Islington Pensioners
Leaside Trust
Manor Gardens Welfare Trust
N1 Residents Association
North Bridge School
Northgate School
One Degree Academy
Parent House
Pillion Trust
Prospex
Rosebowl Youth Centre
Roundhouse Youth Centre
SEN Family Saturdays
St Luke's Community Centre
St Mary's
Solidarity Hun Women's Group
Young Hackney Youth Hubs



'Private' hirers are not listed

Supporters and Funders 2023/24

Thank you to everyone who has supported us, whether through volunteering, making donations, providing grants or being our 100 Club members. This has enabled us to provide much needed services to people in our community.
A special thanks also to:

- Bill Thomas and PTE Architects
- James Douglas
- John Murray
- Angel Association
- Arnold Clark
- Arlington Association
- Camden Giving
- Canal & River Trust
- Cloudesley
- The Co-op
- London Borough of Islington

CAMDEN GIVING | KING'S CROSS FUND

Pollard Thomas Edwards

Canal & River Trust
Making life better by water

Cripplegate Foundation

ISLINGTON

Cloudesley

TESCO Bags of Help

And all the Friends of the Angel Boat

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Annual Report 2022/23



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Angel Community Canal Boat Trust (ACCT) is a charity which operates a skippered community canal boat – *Angel II of Islington* also known as *The Angel Boat* - for use by local residents and community groups at a cost they can afford. It was originally established in 1976 as Islington Narrow Boat Association (INBA) and continues to be based at City Road Lock in Islington on the Regent's Canal. From the 2023/2024 year, ACCT is operating jointly with the London Canal Museum a second boat, *Long Tom*, designed for day trips.

The charity enables up to 2,000 people a year to have the opportunity to:

- experience the fun and activity of a canal cruise
- learn about the history and development of their local area and London through the inland waterways
- see the extensive flora and fauna of the canal environment and understand the ecological balance
- gain the confidence and social skills necessary for travelling, working and living together on a canal boat, and, for many, to have the novel experience of a period away from the city, cars, street lights, TVs and all that comes with life in an inner-city area.

The charity has also developed and runs projects based on *Angel II* and the canal, and focused on the needs of particular groups of young people from our local community.

Now onto our second specially designed steel narrow boat we offer trips lasting from one to seven days.

ACCT is supported by Islington Council, and receives grants from a variety of charities and grant-making organisations (both local and national), donations and subscriptions from supporters and hire fees from user groups, which are related to their ability to pay.

Most of our users are local children and young people who would not be able to afford the cost of such an experience if we did not exist and if we were not able to charge heavily subsidised rates.

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100 Club

To become a **Friend of the Angel Boat** you only need to donate a regular annual sum to support *Angel II*. This regular donation will give local people the opportunity of a trip to remember, to learn new skills and to have new experiences. As a Friend you can also contribute to the development of our operations by offering ideas to improve or expand our service to the community or by helping us in doing so.

To sign up to be a member of the 100 Club, just contribute at least £100 a year. In return, in each year you contribute we offer you and one guest an evening trip on the Angel Boat, along with other 100 Club members. In the company of some of our trustees and other guests of our organisation you can enjoy a trip to Camden and back, working locks, steering or simply enjoying the ride while enjoying food and drink.

If you haven't, why not join the **100 Club** now and help support *Angel II*?

Chair's Report

Covid fear is over and the numbers of users on board *Angel II* is back to normal. Over 1,800 people enjoyed a trip on *Angel II* during the year, doubling the number last year. Those trips varied from an hour or so to 5 days (and 4 nights), and from enjoying a cup of tea while relaxing on the Regent's Canal, to preparing and enjoying meals for 13 (don't forget the skipper!).



Over the winter, we entered into a new venture which, after nearly 50 years, changes the 'offer' that ACCT has, and changes the way we operate. For many years of my involvement with ACCT I have felt that we had three interconnected limitations which I would like to have seen overcome, but which, if we were to do so, required us to take a significant financial risk.

Angel II is an ideal boat for residential trips, and is a very attractive vessel, following the style of the traditional canal narrowboat. However, for day trips along the Regent's Canal it has the disadvantage of limited outside seating which is exposed to the elements, and inside seating with restricted views, and because of its length there are limited opportunities to turn the boat round on the canal. When, particularly in the summer, *Angel II*, is off on residential trips outside London – for which it is the ideal boat – ACCT had nothing to offer to the many potential users in London. Finally, with one vessel and our full time skipper out on *Angel II* with no regular pattern to the trips, it was difficult to build up a team of volunteers, including volunteer skippers.

For many years we have operated trips for the London Canal Museum (LCM) which is based in New Wharf Road and on Battlebridge Basin, King's Cross. LCM wanted to extend the number of trips it could offer its visitors, but has no experience in running its own canal boat operation. And so the plan to purchase a trip boat together, which ACCT would operate for part of the time for LCM and for the remainder of the time as an additional boat for its own users. The financial risk would thereby be shared, and greatly reduced. ACCT would recruit a team of volunteer skippers, who would both run the trips for LCM to a fixed schedule, and also be available as skippers for the trip boat when it was booked via ACCT by its various users. The income from providing the trips for LCM would provide ACCT with the financial cushion which would ensure that, were the venture not to prove

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successful for ACCT in terms of additional bookings, there would be no risk of the new boat becoming a drain on our resources.

But first find your boat! A 45' narrowboat used as a trip boat in Lancashire on the Leeds & Liverpool Canal was found. A used boat, its cost split between the two organisations, again reduced the risk should this venture prove unsuccessful for either party. In midwinter skipper Phil and crew Emma took the boat from near Ormskirk to Liverpool Docks from where it was transported by road to Watford. Work was carried out to the hull and '*Blue Swan*' became '*Long Tom*' before being put back into the water for the trip into London. A day-trip boat provided little in the way of comforts for the crew, whose reward was steering the boat past the Liver Building and through Albert Dock.



In the year to which this report refers, to 31st March 2023, *Long Tom* was prepared for work, and the job of recruiting and training skippers undertaken. The first trips occurred in April 2023. And without giving away too many secrets, it is only fair to say that the season got off to a great start, with the regular trips from the London Canal Museum soon catching on, and bookings coming in to ACCT for this new experience in day tripping on the Regent's Canal.

So ACCT now has, in addition to *Angel II*, a comfortable boat for day trips, with great views for the passengers of the canal, tunnel and locks, which is also available on days when *Angel II* is already booked or away on longer trips, and also a growing team of volunteers with plenty of experience of being skippers on day trips. By the time of our next Annual Report we will be able to give a much better assessment of how this project is working out, but the signs are good.

To return to an old, but important, theme: our community users – adventure play grounds, schools, special needs groups, elderly and isolated people, scouts, guides and rangers, survivors of domestic abuse, local families and the many other groups within our communities – have less cash each year that goes by with which to pay for

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a trip, and, for those involving young people, less funds to pay for the staff needed to accompany their members. A high proportion of our users are supported to enable them to take a trip by the discounts on our modest fees which we can offer as a result of grants we receive and donations that are made to us. We continue to spend considerable time in pursuing grants and encouraging donations, without which many of our users would never experience a canal trip and the benefits that go with it. We are very grateful to all who make this possible.

Particularly with the additional administration and maintenance resulting from running a second boat, we continue to remain on the hunt for additional volunteer assistance. We seek only a little time on a fairly regular basis. If that might interest you, or you know someone whom it might interest, please get in touch.





Finally, thanks to all who make our charitable activities possible – Phil, our project manager and skipper, who continues to charm our users, to Bill Thomas and PTE Architects for our office and the various facilities they provide us with, as for our annual review meeting, to all of the trustees, of whom Susan Sorensen deserves special mention for keeping our finances in order and in producing the annual accounts which appear within this annual report, and to our other volunteers who crew and now skipper our boats. And to the many people, many of them local, who offer us their support in a wide variety of ways.

Giles Eyre

Project Manager and Skipper's Report

Another busy year for ACCT with the welcome return of some of our regular groups as well as many groups new to *Angel II*. Our residential trips for youth groups are, perhaps not surprisingly, very popular. These are usually 5-day trips during the school summer holidays, but this year saw *Angel II* providing seven weekend residentials between January and March for some very hardy Girl Guides and Scouts who did not seem to mind whatever the weather brought - from breaking through ice on the river Lee to enjoying the winter sunshine.

Although I enjoy all my trips on *Angel II* and try my best to treat them all equally, I cannot help having favourites. This year, after I saw a report on BBC news about a London-based Ukrainian scout group who had raised funds to send trauma kits to their fellow countrymen serving on the front line, the following weekend Angel was carrying a total of 48 cubs, scouts and leaders, enjoying half-day trips on *Angel II*, with the groups meeting up at Little Venice for a joint picnic and games. The voices of the children rang out loudly as we progressed along the canal, proudly singing their winning Eurovision entry as well as their national anthem. They were encouraged by seeing their national flag displayed from several canalside properties as well as quite a few boats. The shouts of support and boats sounding their horns gave more volume to their singing. They had brought their national flag with them which *Angel II* proudly flew during the trips and as a special thank you they presented me with the flag, signed by all the scouts.



Our 5-day residential trips were equally busy with our route exploring the Rivers Lee and Stort, cruising from the urban environment of London through the remains of industrial reminders of the canal's heritage and on to the open spaces, passing along the Lea valley, over 26 miles of waterside park with plenty of spaces and activities on offer.

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I am often asked what happens on a 5-day trip. A difficult question to answer as no two trips are the same. But the best people to ask are the young people and their leaders who experience these trips:



"Learnt many things, made loads of new friends, never done anything like this."

"Learnt how to follow rules and life skills and help each other."

"My favourite part of the trip was the atmosphere. I enjoyed watching the stars because in London you can't see them. The parks were really good, and the air was fresh, the clouds were more white and the sky was more blue."

"This trip was an outstanding experience for our young people to reward good behaviour; they have learned to practice co-operation/tolerance/teamwork."

And finally a few words about my trip to collect out new boat *Long Tom*. A cold and wet New Year's Day saw Emma, one of our volunteers, her dog (Brnyja) and me at Euston Station for the early train/bus replacement service to Liverpool. On arrival at Lime Street many hours later we discovered the local bus we needed to complete our journey wasn't running that day. After eventually finding a taxi prepared to take us, we arrived at the mooring as light was rapidly fading and the rain increasing. Having stowed our gear, we set off to find a hostelry to revive our spirits and feed our hunger; we compromised with the last two pies left in the pub.

I shall gloss over the next two days as we passed along the Leeds & Liverpool Canal with a short stop at Aintree to purchase a fan heater and put up our new curtains (flip chart paper and gaffer tape). We finally arrived at the top of Stanley Locks where the local C&RT staff had promised us an out-of-hours service in order to keep our appointment with the crane. Cruising through the new Liverpool Link made up for some of the less pleasurable aspects of our journey which included the largest tarpaulin I had ever seen attaching itself to our propeller. Stopping at the Royal Albert Dock we shared a coffee before Emma departed for the train home as there

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was only space for 1 passenger in the lorry. It is always a nail-biting experience to watch your boat lifted by a travelling hoist and carried across the road to the waiting lorry. We then made the short run to Stafford for an overnight stop, the first time I have slept on a boat on top of a lorry, before continuing the next morning to Watford with *Long Tom* traveling at 50 mph and in reverse.

Following a week out of water, where we officially named *Long Tom*, it being bad luck to do so when a boat is in the water, some of our wonderful volunteers arrived to assist with the final leg of the journey. *Long Tom* is already proving to be very popular both with the regular Canal Museum trips as well as our hirers.

Phil Gavigan



Volunteers' report

Autumn 2022 – a new boat

The focus this autumn and winter for all of the Angel Boat family was the prospect – and the eventual reality – of a second boat for ACCT. Together with the agreement about joining forces with the London Canal Museum on the new boat project, this was going to be a new chapter in the ACCT story.

From the initial search, to identifying the most likely contender, there was a sense of anticipation in all of us. And when a boat called 'Blue Swan' was tracked down up north on the reaches of the Leeds & Liverpool Canal, and the details were circulated to the group, the excitement went up a level. After an inspection and a survey on the potential new candidate, things were looking more and more possible.



The reality of the new addition was really cemented with the announcement at the end of November that the deal was done, and we were now – together with the London Canal Museum -- the proud owners of a 45-foot day-trip boat.

In January, as the time for the arrival in home waters approached, a discussion on possible names arose. LCM suggested names of early canal innovators, investors and engineers, ACCT came up with various diminutive angels, but ultimately we all settled on '*Long Tom*' – the new name not only honouring a local historical towpath figure, but a good solid "pirate-y" moniker -- albeit a somewhat cheeky title for a considerably shorter boat than "big sister" *Angel II*.

Autumn 2022 – *Angel II*

In tandem with the search for the new boat, *Angel II* was also in focus, with an every-few-years trip to the drydock planned. Unlike previous drydock visits, this appointment was in Watford at the P&S Marine dockyard – and Angel would be undergoing a "lift" rather than being left high and dry in a dry dock. Intrigued by this prospect, and keen to fully experience the process, a group of us headed out to Watford at the beginning of October and joined up with Phil and *Angel II* for a few days. The morning of the lift found us pacing nervously on the opposite towpath,

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after having witnessed the reverse lift process on the other boats that had completed their work on the drydock, and were being craned back into the water. When our time came, *Angel II* was skilfully manoeuvred to the side of the wharf – with a mere few inches to spare at both the bow and the stern - the straps expertly positioned, and



the truly enormous - and gloriously named - crane ("Fat Boy Sling") began the lift. Creaking, groaning and grinding sounds, and the hair-raising mid-air wobbles as *Angel II* took to the air was heart-in-mouth territory for some of us first timers – but Skipper Phil remained cool as a cucumber . After being placed on the trestles, the pressure washers sprang into action and work was underway. After a week of drydock, the refreshed *Angel II* once again took to the skies for the reverse journey, and found her way back into the familiar watery environment.

Volunteers

Due to the expansion of the "fleet" with the arrival of *Long Tom*, the volunteer focus this past period has been on bolstering the pool of volunteer skippers, both to cover the LCM trips and to provide relief skippers and support for Phil. *Long Tom* has provided us with a great opportunity to offer volunteers plenty of boating and involvement with the whole ACCT operation. A number of experienced and new skippers were identified, received DBS checks and underwent training and qualifying by Phil, in time for the new venture ahead.

Nancy Harrison

Trustees' Report

The Management Committee presents its report and independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2023.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name:	Angel Community Canal Boat Trust
Working Name:	The Angel Boat
Charity registration number:	1103542
Company registration number:	5088108
Registered office:	3 Vincent Terrace, London N1 8HJ
Operational address:	38 Graham Street, London N1 8JX
Employer's Insurance:	Travelers (Policy No XE14375AA000/205)
Management Committee	
Giles Eyre	Chair
Susan Sorensen	Hon. Treasurer
Robin King	
Nancy Harrison	
Luisa Myers-Nobbs	
Debra Whitaker	Hon. Secretary
Martin Linsey	Appointed 26th October 2022
Independent Examiner	
Victoria Lloyd, ACA	32 Burgh Street, London N1 8HG

Bankers

Co-operative Bank, 1 Islington High Street, London N1 9TR1

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 30 March 2004 and registered as a charity on 30 April 2004. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are each required to contribute an amount not exceeding £10. On 31 March 2005, the assets of Islington Narrow Boat Association (registered in 1976 as charity number 271457) were transferred to the company for the express purpose of taking over the charitable operations of Islington Narrow Boat Association as of 1 April 2005. The company has identical objects to Islington Narrow Boat Association and the approval of the Charities Commission was obtained for the 31 March 2005 asset transfer.

Recruitment and Appointment of Management Committee

The directors of the company are also the charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and are known as members of the Management Committee. Under the terms of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, one third of the directors are required to retire each year at the Annual General Meeting. The directors retiring are Nancy Harrison and Luisa Myers-Nobbs. Directors may be appointed by ordinary resolution of the company or by the directors of the company. In the course of the year, Martin Linsey was appointed by

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the directors and under the terms of the Memorandum and Articles of Association is required to retire at the next Annual General Meeting. Nancy Harrison, Luisa Myers-Nobbs and Martin Linsey, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election. Anyone interested in appointment as a director should contact any one of the existing directors.

Risk Management

Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers, users and visitors. Written procedures for the safeguarding of children and adults at risk and enhanced criminal record bureau disclosures are maintained for all staff and volunteers. Internal control risks are minimised by implementation of procedures for financial management and control.

Organisational Structure

The Management Committee meets at least four times a year and is responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. Day-to-day responsibility is delegated to the Chair with day-to-day operational management the responsibility of the Project Manager and Skipper.

Objectives and Activities

The objects of the company are, inter alia, 'to provide or assist in the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life of those persons resident in or in the vicinity of the London Borough of Islington, who have a need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, poverty or social and economic circumstances'. This is achieved by the operation of a purpose-built community canal narrow boat *Angel II of Islington* and joint ownership and operation (together with London Canal Museum) of the trip boat *Long Tom* (the assets of the Company), and the employment of a full-time skipper, providing day and residential cruises on the Regent's Canal and connecting waterways from its base at City Road Basin. Groups using the boat include schools, playgroups, adventure playgrounds, scouts and guides, homeless and psychiatric hostels, ethnic minority and refugee groups, female survivors of domestic abuse and their children and senior citizens, young people and adults with special educational needs and learning difficulties and those participating in educational and environmental projects involving waterways or local topics.

Public Benefit Statement

The trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

Achievements and Performance

As anticipated in last year's report, we have now returned to operating much as we did pre-Covid. There was an increase in residential trips with the guides, particularly during the winter. Youth groups had largely already returned as our users in the previous year and elderly and isolated groups were now again confident to participate in trips with a noticeable increase in their numbers. The funding we obtained from a variety of grant-making bodies enabled us to support many of these groups financially with free or nearly

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free trips. In addition, an increased number of local families and groups booked day and part day trips as a result of greater awareness of ACCT through presence on social media and elsewhere.
In addition to continuing to operate *Angel II of Islington* in early 2023 we entered into an agreement with the London Canal Museum (LCM), based at Battlebridge Basin, King's Cross (and for whom we have previously regularly run trips using *Angel II*) to jointly purchase and operate a 45' narrow boat for day trips. This boat is ideally constructed for day trips with large windows and appropriate seating and has been renamed *Long Tom.* ACCT will manage and operate *Long Tom* providing skippered trips for LCM as well as additional capacity for day trips. *Long Tom* is to be skippered by volunteer skippers who will be appropriately trained by ACCT. This new venture will provide a regular source of fees to ACCT for the LCM trips, increase ACCT's 'offer' and involve additional volunteer contributions to our operations.
Until 30 September 2016 ACCT was part funded through a service contract with Islington Council. We continue to widen our base of funders both to replace that funding and in order to reduce the cost of our trips to user groups. During the year we received a grant of £10,000 from the John Murray Trust to fund residential trips for young people and of £1,000 from the Arnold Clark Community Fund. We received a large number of donations from organisations and private supporters to assist with general operating costs.

Financial Review
Details of the year's operations are to be found in the Statistical Summary from the Skipper's Log and the List of Hirers (page 23). In the light of the reduction in Covid restrictions the total number of passengers carried increased to 1,811 and a total of 107 passenger trips (counting multiple day trips for single hirer as one trip) were made.
Total grant resources utilised in the year were £12,445, representing a reduction from the previous year. Contributions to hire fees and trip costs were attributed to Solace/ survivors of domestic abuse fund (£700), the Bowe fund for schools (£170), the John Murray Trust (£8,525), the Islington Community Chest (£1,225), Camden Giving (£700), and other donated income designated for hire fees (£1,125). A residual sum of £13,579 of grant income was carried forward for activities in 2023/24. Donations and Friends' subscriptions received in the current year were up on last year at £15,541 (including tax reclaimed and £1,125 applied to hire fees). Donors of sums exceeding £500 and £200 are listed at Note 8.
As reported in last year's report, grant resources used directly for contributing to trip hire and costs are now described as either designated or, where specified by the donor, as restricted. The general funds earmarked for future Trust projects or capital developments continue to be treated as designated. The trustees resolved in 2022/23 that the New Boat Fund, hitherto described as restricted, should be redefined as an unrestricted designated fund in accordance with the Charities Commission guidance. This is reflected in the analysis of fund movements in note 7.
The accounts are set out on pages 15 to 21, and show an overall surplus of £3,503 compared with £13,039 in the previous year. This result reflects the implementation of a number of items of maintenance and refurbishment, which had been postponed during the

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restrictions imposed by the Covid pandemic, together with the additional commissioning costs resulting from the acquisition of *Long Tom*. Total expenditure amounted to £52,214, and is broken down in note 2. There was no depreciation charge associated with *Angel II of Islington* which has been fully depreciated. A depreciation charge of £1,075 has been applied to *Long Tom* representing four months of depreciation calculated at 15% per annum on a reducing balance basis. The Trust is still dependent upon the level of grant aid provided, but also receives significant donations from other supporters, both individual and corporate. The Trust continues to actively explore ways to expand its income base. All outgoings, in light of the uncertainty of grant income, are constantly reviewed so as to remain within income constraints.

Policy on reserves

As indicated above, the designated ACCT fund is to cover future capital projects and refurbishment in addition to any major boat repair. In addition, an ACCT fund for trips funded from donations has been created. The general fund is maintained at a level to cover approximately 50% of anticipated expenditure, but the designated reserve can also be drawn down if there is a shortfall on income. The designated and restricted funds representing grant balances carried forward are intended to be utilised within the year. The new boat fund has been redefined by resolution of the trustees as a designated fund, to cover the reduction in value of the existing boats since purchase and to contribute to their replacement.

Trustees' assessment of the charity as a "going concern"

The trustees have considered the short- and medium-term financial status of the charity in the light of the overall balance sheet and the prospects for community, private and grant body support in future years. The net current assets of £152,013 are more than three times annual expenditure and the charity has no long-term liabilities. Despite the withdrawal of local authority grant support, the charity has maintained its income by securing grant funding and donations from a wide range of corporate, charity and private sources. Operational risks have been managed through the careful application of sound procedures and appropriate insurance.

The Charity recognises that *Angel II of Islington* is now 23 years old and it will probably require replacement (or major works) within the next five to ten years. £77,860 has been set aside in the New Boat fund. This fund has now been increased by adding the depreciation provision for the newly acquired half share in *Long Tom*. This reserve will be further supplemented by any resale value of the current boat, which currently has an insured value of £75,500. The current cost of a replacement of *Angel II* with a boat providing equivalent residential capacity is now probably in the region of £200k. The costs of extending the life of *Angel II* for a few years are currently being assessed, along with its current resale value. The current level of reserves, although significant, indicates that the replacement of *Angel II* will probably require a fund-raising appeal. However, in the meantime the trustees are confident that the charity has sufficient resource to operate as a going concern for at least two years.

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In entering into an agreement with the LCM for the joint operation of *Long Tom*, the trustees have aimed to minimise the risks by including a termination provision after two years which would enable either party to withdraw from the arrangement by either selling its share to the other party or disposing of the boat to a third party should the agreement prove financially unattractive. The agreement provides a guaranteed income stream of approximately £10k per annum from LCM and a shared risk on any additional costs. The trustees consider that the investment in a 50% increase in its capacity for trips combined with the ability to withdraw from the arrangement if the demand for trips or the availability of skippers does not meet the plan, represents a manageable risk.

Responsibilities of the Directors

Company law requires the directors to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the year end. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the 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 proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Members of the Management Committee, who are directors for the purpose of company law and trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report were:

Giles Eyre
Susan Sorensen
Luisa Myers-Nobbs
Martin Linsey
Robin King
Nancy Harrison
Debra Whitaker

Approved by the Management Committee on 23 June 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Giles Eyre
Director



Statement of financial activities
For the year ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	2023 Unrestricted General Funds £	2023 Unrestricted Designated Funds £	2023 Restricted Funds £	2023 Total Funds £	2022 Total £
Incoming resources						
Hire Fees		20,670	12,445	-	33,115	28,160
Grants and donations	8	13,165	4,022	-	17,187	16,718
Gift Aid tax reclaim	8	3,570	-	-	3,570	3,534
Income from fundraising		43	-	-	43	700
Interest and other income		1,802	-	-	1,802	783
		39,250	16,467	-	55,717	48,895
Resources Expended						
Cost of Generating Funds						
Fundraising and publicity		-	-	-	-	-
Charitable Expenditure						
Boat and running costs	2,3	52,214	-	-	52,214	36,856
Total resources expended		52,214	-	-	52,214	36,856
Net income before transfers		(12,965)	16,467	-	3,503	13,039
Net transfers between funds		14,370	66,115	(80,485)	-	-
Net movement in funds		**1,405**	**82,582**	**(80,485)**	**3,503**	**13,039**
Fund balances:						Prior year
at 1 April 2022	7	22,215	43,797	82,499	148,511	135,472
at 31 March 2023	7	**23,620**	**126,379**	**2,014**	**152,013**	**148,511**

There were no recognised gains or losses other than the result for each year as shown above.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement of financial activities.

There were no related party transactions during the year.

Balance Sheet
As at 31 March 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	5	20,425	0
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		132,380	155,223
Debtors and Prepayments		12,361	6,954
Creditors & deferred income:			
Amounts falling due within one year	6	(13,152)	(13,667)
Net current assets		131,589	148,511
Total assets less current liabilities		152,013	148,511
Funds			
Unrestricted General fund	7	23,620	22,215
Unrestricted Designated funds	7	126,379	43,797
Restricted funds	7	2,014	82,499
		152,013	148,511

Audit Exemption Statement

For the year ending 31st March 2023 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- the members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476
- the directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts
- these accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 23 June 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Giles Eyre
Director

Susan Sorensen
Director

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this balance sheet.

Notes to the Accounts

1 Accounting policies

a) Basis of accounting

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

The accounts, incorporating a Statement of Financial Activities, have been prepared in accordance with Statement of Recommended Practice - 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' and applicable accounting standards ('SORP FRS102' & 'SORP FRSSE').

b) Fund accounting

Unrestricted general funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

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c) Resources expended

The cost headings comprise operating staff costs, fundraising and publicity activities, general administration costs and depreciation.

Central overheads are allocated on the basis of their use with the aim of ensuring that those costs remaining within administration relate to the management of the charity's assets, and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

d) Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation of *Angel II* and its fixed equipment was provided at a rate calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, on a straight-line basis over its expected useful life of 20 years.

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No corporation tax has been provided in these accounts because the income of the charity is within the exemption granted by Section 505 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

2 Analysis of total resources expended

	2023	2022
	£	£
Staff costs	32,428	25,934
Fundraising and publicity	0	0
"Angel II" running costs	6,886	2,893
"Long Tom" commissioning and running costs	3,426	0
Trip supplies and activities	3,558	2,451
Administration costs	3,691	4,964
Other	1,150	614
Depreciation	1,075	0
Total	52,214	36,856

3 Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year

is stated after charging:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	1,075	0

The *Angel II* narrow boat is fully depreciated. The *Long Tom* narrow boat will be depreciated at 15% pa reducing balance.

4 Staff costs

Particulars of employees are shown below:

	2023	2022
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Wages and salaries	32,428	25,934
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The average number of persons employed by the Trust during the year was 1. The trustees do not receive remuneration for their services to the charity. No employee earned more than £50,000 per annum.

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	Previous year	2023 Narrow boats £	2022 Narrow boat £
Cost			
1 April 2022 (boat purchased April 2000)	1 April 2021	77,860	77,860
Additions (boat purchased December 2022)		21,500	-
Disposals		-	-
31 March 2022	31 March 2022	99,360	77,860
Depreciation			
1 April 2022	1 April 2021	(77,860)	(77,860)
Charge for the year		(1,075)	-
Disposals		-	-
31 March 2023	31 March 2022	(78,835)	(77,860)
Net book value			
31 March 2023	31 March 2022	**20,425**	**-**

All fixed assets have been used for the charitable activities of the charity.

6 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Salary and skipper expenses payable	271	2
Other creditors	3,177	3,642
Accrued Grant Income	9,704	10,024
	13,152	13,668

Accrued Grant Income includes donations received in 2020/21 in respect of 2021/22 and 2022/23 projects.

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

7 Funds

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General fund	22,215	39,250	(52,214)	14,370	23,620
Designated grants	5,385	4,000	-	(1,695)	7,690
ACCT trips	-	-	-	3,875	3,875
ACCT projects	38,412	12,467	-	(15,000)	35,879
ACCT New Boat Fund	-		-	78,935	78,935
Total unrestricted	66,012	55,717	(52,214)	80,485	149,999
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Restricted grants	4,639	-	-	(2,625)	2,014
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Arnold Clark – community fund	1,000	-	-	1,000
Trips funded from donations	5,000	-	1,125	3,875
Total	16,000	10,024	12,445	13,579

Notes to the Accounts

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Donations and Friends

Donations of £500 and more:	
J Douglas	5,000
Angel Association	500
Canal and River Trust	500
Isabel Nisbet recital at St James Church	472
Anon	771
Donations of £200 - £500	
Arlington Association	350
Individuals (5)	1,200
Other Friends' subscriptions and donations	3,178
Less allocated to hire fees	(1,125)
Tax reclaimed from Gift Aid	3,570
Total	14,416

Independent Examiner's Report

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Angel Community Canal Boat Trust ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charities Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)]

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: Victoria Lloyd.
Name: Victoria Lloyd, ACA (ICAEW)
Address: 32 Burgh St, London, N1 8HG

Date: 23 June 2023

Skipper's Log 2022/23

Number of Bookings:-

	2022/23	*2021/22*
Day trips	41	23
Part days	46	57
2-day trips	3	6
3-day trips	6	1
5-day trips	3	5
Evenings	8	15
Total	107	107

Ethnic Monitoring (% of Users):-

White UK	59%
Black (Caribbean, African, British & Other)	6%
Asian	8%
Others (Inc. Greek, Turkish, Middle East)	10%
Not stated	17%

Types of Trips:-

	2022/23	*2021/22*
Schools	4	12
Special needs groups	2	3
Youth clubs/ Playgrounds	10	5
Guides and scouts	10	5
Survivors of domestic abuse	3	6
Elderly and isolated	12	7
London Canal Museum partnership	16	1
Private	46	53
Other	4	9
Total	107	101

	2022/23	*2021/22*
Total number of passengers carried:-	1,811	*927*
Total number of adults (18+)	1,097	*508*
Total number of under 18s	714	*419*

'Private' encompasses all bookings not made in the name of established community organisations and by groups considered in need of our facilities by reason of 'their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, poverty or social and economic circumstance'



Skipper's Log 2022/23

List of Hirers 2022/23

1st Arsenal Guides
1st London Plast Ukranian Scout Group
1st Tutbury Scouts
3rd Porchester Scouts
4th Tollington Guides
4th Tollington Rangers
5th Tollington Guides
7th St Pancras Guides
8th Bolton Scouts
Argyle Primary School
Bethwin Adventure Playground
Brecknock Primary School
Canal & River Trust
Copenhagen Primary School
Dragon Hall School
Gower School
Haringey Play Association
Healthprom
Help on your Doorstep
Henna Asian Women's Group
Hilldrop Ccommunity Centre
Hornsey Lane Community Centre
Islington Boat Club
Islington Elders
Islington Pensioners
Leaside Trust
London Canal Museum
Manor Gardens
Nanny Jane
North Bridge School
Northgate School
Parent House
Rosebowl Adventure Playground
Sistah Space
Solace Women's Aid
St Luke's Community Centre
Whitfield School

'Private' hirers are not listed





Supporters and Funders 2022/23

Thank you to everyone who has supported us, whether through volunteering, making donations, providing grants or being our 100 Club members. This has enabled us to provide much needed services to people in our community.

A special thanks also to:

- Bill Thomas and PTE Architects
- James Douglas
- Arnold Clark
- John Murray
- Angel Association
- Arlington Association
- Camden Giving
- Canal & River Trust
- The Co-op
- St James' Church
- London Borough of Islington

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Helping since 1500

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TESCO Bags of Help

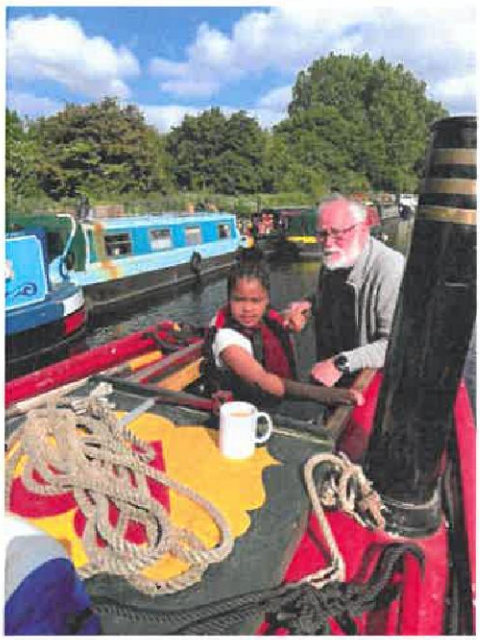
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And all the Friends of Angel II of Islington

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Angel Community Canal Boat Trust

Annual Report 2021/22



Registered Charity Number: 1103542
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Angel Community Canal Boat Trust (ACCT) is a charity which operates a skippered community canal boat – *Angel II of Islington* also known as *The Angel Boat* - for use by local residents and community groups at a cost they can afford. It was originally established in 1976 as Islington Narrow Boat Association (INBA) and continues to be based at City Road basin in Islington on the Regent's Canal.

The charity enables up to 2,000 people a year to have the opportunity to:

- experience the fun and activity of a canal cruise
- learn about the history and development of their local area and London through the inland waterways
- see the extensive flora and fauna of the canal environment and understand the ecological balance
- gain the confidence and social skills necessary for travelling, working and living together on a canal boat, and, for many, to have the novel experience of a period away from the city, cars, street lights, TVs and all that comes with life in an inner-city area.

The charity has also developed and runs projects based on *Angel II* and the canal, and focused on the needs of particular groups of young people from our local community.

Now onto our second specially designed steel narrow boat we offer trips lasting from one to seven days.

ACCT is supported by Islington Council, and receives grants from a variety of charities and grant-making organisations (both local and national), donations and subscriptions from supporters and hire fees from user groups, which are related to their ability to pay.

Most of our users are local children and young people who would not be able to afford the cost of such an experience if we did not exist and if we were not able to charge heavily subsidised rates.



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100 Club

To become a **Friend of the Angel Boat** it is only necessary to donate a regular annual sum to support *Angel II*. The regular donation will give local people the opportunity of a trip to remember, to learn new skills and to have new experiences. As a Friend you can also contribute to the development of our operations by offering ideas to improve or expand our service to the community or by helping us in doing so.

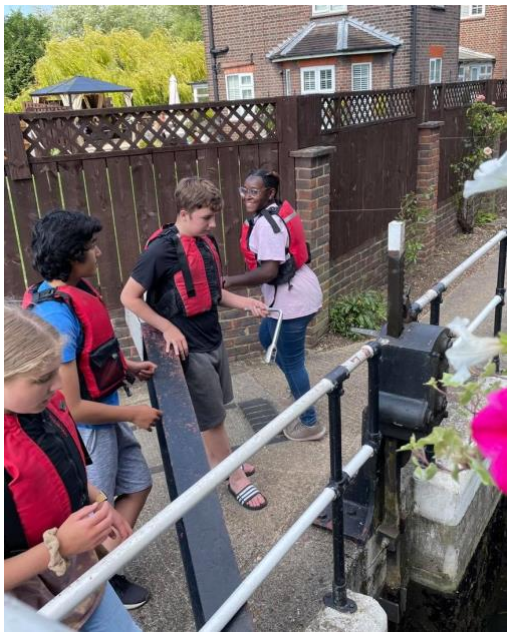
To sign up to be a member of the 100 Club, just contribute at least £100 a year. In return, in each year you contribute we offer you and one guest an evening trip on the Angel Boat, along with other 100 Club members. In the company of some of our trustees and other guests of our organisation you can enjoy a trip to Camden and back, working locks, steering or simply enjoying the ride while enjoying food and drink.

If you haven't, why not join the **100 Club** now and help support *Angel II*?

Chair's Report

The year has seen the Angel Boat come through the most serious impact of the Covid pandemic on our operations. The statistics at the end of this Annual Report, in comparing this year with last, show great progress - a 3 ½ fold increase in the number of passengers as a consequence of a doubling in the number of bookings and an increase in the number of passengers we can take on each trip. This is also no doubt helped by our holding the level of our hire fees, for those who pay them, for yet another year.

What is also great news is that we have welcomed back many of our regular hirers, including primary and special needs schools, Scouts and Guides and a variety of other community groups including groups under our funding heading of 'elderly and isolated', funded by Islington's Community Chest and Camden Giving, as well as seeing a large number of local families booking their own trips so as to enjoy the sense of freedom and fun a canal trip offers all ages. These family trips were 'kick started' by a partnership with the Canal & River Trust and their funding provided for 'well-being' trips for local families.



We always consider that the best way to gain the most benefit from a trip on *Angel II* is to stay overnight, preferably several nights, and we have seen a return of groups able to take advantage of residential trips. 2021/22 saw the end of our current funding from Children in Need for residential trips and we are grateful to a locally based charity for taking on that funding for 2022/23. We also came to the end of the funding for short residential trips funded by Tesco 'Bags of Help' for groups of young people transitioning into independent living. This provided these vulnerable young people with the opportunity to plan meals and purchase food supplies which they would then use to cook communally while living together on board and enjoying a couple of nights afloat.

We have come out of the pandemic secure in our finances, thanks to furlough payments, special grants and careful financial management on our part. Operating a canal boat can give rise to unexpected and sometimes significant financial demands in terms of its maintenance. We have put off maintenance where we consider it sound policy to delay it but have also benefitted from the various skills of Phil Gavigan, our

Chair's Report (continued)

Project Manager and Skipper, who has fixed many an issue himself at minimal cost to ACCT and without the involvement of a team of engineers. However we recognise that *Angel II* is beyond her planned life of 20 years, and that we need to begin to plan for a replacement. This will give us the opportunity to 'green' our offer, for example by moving away from diesel power. We have managed to put aside some funds to start this process while recognising that a new boat will require very substantial fund-raising.



Many of our users become part of the 'Angel Boat family', as they return trip after trip and year after year. We were very lucky at last year's (Covid) delayed Annual Review Meeting that James Clarke, the District Commissioner of North London Scouts, assisted by an eager group of scouts, shared with us the experience of a residential trip on *Angel II* for young people, as well as challenging all present to transfer a biscuit from our forehead to our mouth with touching or dropping it. It was also great to see skipper Phil rewarded for his services to scouting by being awarded honorary membership as well as the badges which he had earned on their trips!

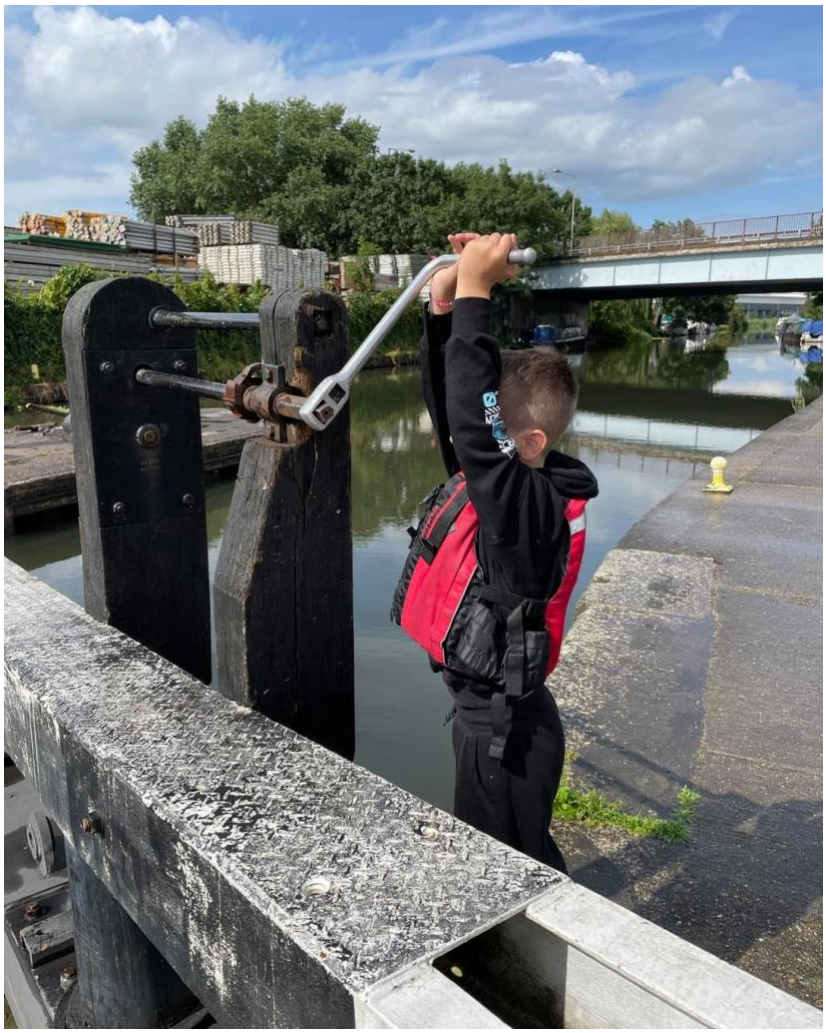
Those who cruise, canoe, paddleboard, walk or cycle the canals will be aware of the plethora of bright blue signs presented by the Canal & River Trust to inform or instruct them (or their pets). One of them carries a message which is perhaps a description of what we and our Angels of Islington have been doing for approaching half a century – "Making life better by water".

Very many thanks are due from us all to our skipper Phil, who has had to put up with a lot of uncertainty over the past two years, and who continues to win the hearts and minds of the Angel Boat's varied users. We are as ever grateful to Bill Thomas and PTE Architects for our office, our base and the facilities for our annual review meeting as well as many other supportive acts. I also acknowledge the support of all of the trustees and this year note in particular the hours of work that Susan Sorensen has contributed in taking on the burden of treasurer and producing the accounts within this annual report.

Chair's Report (continued)

We involve a number of volunteers in addition to the trustees in crewing and operating *Angel II* and who add to the experience of our passengers and we are grateful for their efforts. Looking forward we would really like to involve more volunteers in the many tasks involved in managing and operating a community canal boat, including fund-raising, marketing/outreach and the planning necessary for there to be an *Angel III*!

Giles Eyre



Project Manager and Skipper's Report

Yet another year under Covid-19 guidelines but as restrictions slowly eased we welcomed some of our old friends back on board *Angel II* along with many new groups and families as we all grew greater confidence in venturing out. From our youngest group of 3- and 4-year-olds from Rosemary Works Early Years Centre (EYC) who enjoyed an end of term trip through Islington tunnel, to the Islington Boat Club's Upper Deckers, an over 50s group who had a long weekend residential cruise along the River Lea, we proved that a trip on *Angel II* is always fun, whatever the age.



This is how Rosemary Works E.Y.C. arrived for their trip in style!

"The children loved experiencing a canal boat. Our nursery is based on the canal, so the children really enjoyed being on one! This was their first boating experience, and it was fab!"

Our usual hirers are from established community organisations. However, we wanted to reach individuals who had been impacted by the restrictions of Covid and so we placed an article in the Islington Tribune to reach out to those who were experiencing the greater effects of isolation. The response to these free trips was very positive. We restricted the numbers on board and our passengers were able to meet new people and share their experiences and the problems they had faced during lockdown. Several new friendships were formed, and information and links to resources were shared.

Our users from the many and varied groups who regularly use *Angel II* started booking trips again as the year progressed, and many found that the feeling of space when cruising along the canal in small groups was a wonderful first step back to normality.

As schools were once again allowed out on day trips we welcomed several primary schools on board, partly funded by a generous donation from one of our many benefactors. These were primarily educational trips, but the children enjoyed an exciting day out using *Angel II* as an open-air classroom to explore the canal. Schools included Argyle, Winton, North Bridge, Holy Trinity, Copenhagen, Vittoria and the Gower School. School groups also came on board as part of our partnership with the London Canal Museum, to add something extra to their visit to the Museum with a 'real-life' canal experience.

Project Manager and Skipper's Report (continued)

We also provided their first ever residential trip to a group of young people from a school specialising in students with tier 2 and 3 mental health issues. These are students who seldom get the opportunities available to mainstream schools, so it was especially rewarding to see how much they enjoyed their experience, and hear from the teachers how amazed they were at how the students had benefited from their trip.

Youth groups on residential trips have to provide two adult leaders prepared to share the compact cabin space on a narrow boat with their young people 24 hours a day for the duration of their trip. Despite the usual problem these organisations experience in being able to spare sufficient staff to do this, and with Covid-19 still a factor, we managed to complete four out of the five weeks of the summer holidays.



Each residential trip is tailored to the needs, requirements and wishes of each group so that no two trips are ever the same, even for our return hirers. An example of a typical five-day residential trip goes something like this:

Welcomed the 12th Hampstead Scouts and their leader James Clarke on board.

After unloading their gear and a safety briefing they gamely trooped off to the local supermarket to stock up on provisions.

Once these tasks had been completed, we set off in fine weather down the Regents Canal for a short stop at Victoria Park for games and exploring before continuing along the Hertford Union Canal and on to the River Lea. Up to this point the young people had mastered safe passage through seven locks and practised some excellent steering.

Project Manager and Skipper's Report (continued)



Our first evening mooring was courtesy of The Leaside Trust, on their pontoon, and we made use of their excellent fire pit and open-air classroom for our evening meal followed by toasted marshmallows.

The rest of the evening was taken up with games and work on scout badges.

I retired to my cabin at about 10 p.m. but you can be certain that the scouts stayed up much later with the excitement of their first night away.

Tuesday saw the first of the electric locks on the Lea and apart from the novelty of operating the huge locks with just the touch of a button the scouts all agreed that the manual locks were much more fun.

At Ponders End Lock there was a great opportunity for a bit of foraging, with an apple tree and some very juicy black currants (all growing wild) that made a very tasty crumble for the evening.

Wednesday was an activity day with a spot of wild swimming followed by a trip to Lea Valley White Water Centre for their Water Wipeout session. Fully fitted out with wet suits and safety gear they made the most of the water-borne obstacle course before returning to the Angel Boat for the evening meal and more games on one of the many green spaces along the Lea.

Thursday was spent exploring further up the River Lea with a lunchtime stop at Dobbs Wier followed by ice creams before heading back to Waltham Abbey for our final overnight stop at Scouts Island. This was a much more relaxed evening around the campfire.



Friday saw the final leg of our journey, retracing our route down the River Lea to the group's disembarkation point at Lea Bridge. After packing rucksacks and a final clean up on board the group boarded the bus for their journey home. Tired and full of new experiences they were looking forward to a good night's sleep in their own beds.

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As well as the new experiences and adventures aboard Angel II the group managed to work on achieving their scout badges, some of which had been started before lockdown. One scout even managed to earn a total of 10 badges to add to his uniform.



The scouts' verdicts:

"I had so much fun on this trip, one of my favourite bits was the aqua splash and the wild swimming."

"What I enjoyed about the Angel 2 boat is seeing swans, cygnets, Canada geese: but that's not all, I also enjoyed cruising about the place enjoying a day of doing really fun things such as assault water course."

"Thank you for the whole experience."

James was happy later to agree to be our guest speaker at our 2021 Annual Review, even bringing some of his scouts along for a very different style of presentation which was very informative and extremely entertaining.

After spending the weekend at Leaside Trust, a water sport youth club, for a spot of maintenance work on the boat, I welcomed on board the first of Leaside's groups along with three inflatable stand up paddle boards. We made it just above Stonebridge lock before the cry was raised to launch the paddleboards and so we continued along the river with three boards towed in a line behind us, each with two or three young people on each board. Despite being experienced paddle boarders there seemed to be a lot of "accidental" falling off boards, all under the careful watch of Sam, the senior Instructor.



We moored just below Waltham Town Lock, and with the Canal & River Trust's permission moored alongside the new water sports pontoon for games on the green space, paddleboarding and a well supervised wild swim. Residential groups enjoy a variety of off-boat activities including the popular water splash and ice

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skating but we headed up to Broxbourne and hired two self-drive electric boats for an hour, the young boaters taking turns in captaining their own vessels.

Leaving Broxbourne we continued up the Lea stopping at Carthagena Lock to take on water and to watch the carp feeding in the weir stream then continuing to Dobbs Weir, arriving just as another boat was leaving so we had the best mooring spot just before the bridge. After the evening meal a small campfire was lit for toasting marshmallows and one of the boys found a small, abandoned trolley so a happy hour was spent playing "go-Karts" along the towpath. As dusk approached the paddleboards were once again put to use and the youngsters, this time wearing glow sticks, set off for a late-night paddle. The group spent the next morning packing and cleaning the boat and preparing a buffet lunch to be shared with the second Leaside group who were due to arrive. After winding in front of the weir we followed the same route back with the second group, enjoying the same activities and moorings so that both groups shared the same experiences.

The star of the week was the youngest and smallest of the group who was always the first off to help at the locks, windlass in hand and ready for action. On board he took great enjoyment in cooking the evening meal for the whole group and earned the whole group's respect for his willingness and enthusiasm.



My best personal experience this year was a weekend residential trip with Girl Guides. In the past I have been awarded neck scarves from various scout groups and even been made an honorary scout by the District Commissioner, but this year I was awarded my first girl guiding achievement badges. I will sew them on to my woolly hat in the hope that this will result in getting my needlework badge this year.

Despite the slow start to the year, we still received 109 bookings, although a few were cancelled due to covid, and managed to provide the Angel II experience for about 1,000 passengers.

As always, with the continued support of our friends and funders, we continue to reach out to more groups and individuals and increase the number of people we can share the joys of a trip on Angel II with.

Phil Gavigan

Volunteers' report

Outreach to groups who might enjoy and benefit from a canal trip, but would not be able to afford a commercial hire, is an important part of what both our skipper Phil and our volunteers do. During the year we saw a number of new organisations which we had contacted make use of the Angel Boat. Here is a report about two of them from trustee/volunteer /crew member Nancy Harrison.

Sistah Space (Domestic Abuse Survivors)



As a complement to our work with Solace Women's Aid, that began prior to the pandemic, I became aware of Sistah Space, a Hackney-based organisation, which helps domestic abuse survivors of African and Caribbean heritage. After calling around to their headquarters in Dalston for an introduction, their founder Ngozi needed little persuading from me about a canalboat cruise and the calming effects and healing power of being on the water – 'hey, most of us are from the islands – water is in our hearts!'. A group from Sistah Space joined us for a day trip to Little Venice – embracing the work taking Angel Boat through the locks, whilst also taking advantage of the slow progress to pay homage to Black History Month with poems, readings and much enthusiastic acapella singing (with Bob Marley's "Redemption Song" echoing through the Angel tunnel). A further weekend trip on Angel followed shortly after.

Hackney Brocals (Elderly and Isolated)



Hackney Brocals popped up on the ACCT radar due to a feature in the Gazette about an exhibit at the Hackney Museum. After a bit of research I found their website and a small report about them that the BBC had filmed. The Hackney Brocals is a local group based at the City & Hackney Carers Centre, and is

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committed to conquering loneliness in older men ("bronliness") – those 50+ who are widowed, retired or isolated. Keen to experience group activities, they seemed like an ideal 'elderly or isolated' group for Angel to engage with. Phil, our skipper, popped along to one of their weekly meetings, and they jumped at the chance for a day cruise to Little Venice. A diverse group – some outgoing, some more quiet and reflective – they fully embraced the trip – keen to learn about the locks and the mechanical workings of the Angel Boat. However, being still at that time in the throes of social distancing, none of the Brocals were able to partake in steering, which involves standing in close proximity with the skipper, much to everyone's disappointment. However, as the pandemic recedes and we begin to move closer to one another, the Brocals will be back to take on skippering duties.

Volunteer opportunities were still limited in the year to March 2022 because of Covid, but as life returns to normal, so we will welcome back our volunteers to help with the various tasks which keep the Angel Boat afloat.

One regular event did take place:

Angel Canal Festival

A tentative, somewhat low-key version of the Angel Canal Festival was held in September 2021, after being cancelled in 2020. Angel did not perform her traditional ceremonial role of ferrying the Mayor to the opening of the festival, but we did have pride of place at the mooring just below the City Road lock. The boat was spick and span and awash with bunting. Although unable to provide onboard tours because of the pandemic, we chatted to those on the towpath and made many new contacts. Unsure of the possible number of attendees to the festival (or – as became usual



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during Covid -- of the certainty of the event actually happening), we did not hold our annual Fundraising Raffle. However, a reduced quantity of my jam was offered for sale (no tasters – again due to Covid) – not at the usual towpath stand, but via the side hatch of Angel. A combination of good weather, together with a pent-up desire to gather together after endless lockdowns, saw a surprising number of people attend the day, and the entire stock of jam sold out in no time (many jars to those who loyally return every year). A successful day, and an indication of better times ahead.

Nancy Harrison



Trustees' Report

The Management Committee presents its report and independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2022.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name:	Angel Community Canal Boat Trust
Working Name:	The Angel Boat
Charity registration number:	1103542
Company registration number:	5088108
Registered office:	3 Vincent Terrace, London N1 8HJ
Operational address:	38 Graham Street, London N1 8JX
Employer's Insurance:	Hiscox (Policy No S19M5275)

Management Committee

Giles Eyre	Chair
Susan Sorensen	Hon. Treasurer
Robin King	
Nancy Harrison	
Luisa Myers-Nobbs	
Debra Whitaker	Hon. Secretary

Independent Examiner

Victoria Lloyd, ACA	32 Burgh Street, London N1 8HG

Bankers

Co-operative Bank, 1 Islington High Street, London N1 9TR1

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 30 March 2004 and registered as a charity on 30 April 2004. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are each required to contribute an amount not exceeding £10. On 31 March 2005, the assets of Islington Narrow Boat Association (registered in 1976 as charity number 271457) were transferred to the company for the express purpose of taking over the charitable operations of Islington Narrow Boat Association as of 1 April 2005. The Company has identical objects to Islington Narrow Boat Association and the approval of the Charities Commission was obtained for the 31 March 2005 asset transfer.

Recruitment and Appointment of Management Committee

The directors of the company are also the charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and are known as members of the Management Committee. Under the terms of the

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Memorandum and Articles of Association, one third of the directors are required to retire each year at the Annual General Meeting. The directors retiring are Debbie Whitaker and Robin King. Debbie Whitaker and Robin King, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election. Anyone interested in appointment as a director should contact any one of the existing directors.

Risk Management

Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers, users and visitors. Written procedures for the protection of children and vulnerable adults and enhanced criminal record bureau disclosures are maintained for all staff and volunteers. Internal control risks are minimised by implementation of procedures for financial management and control.

Organisational Structure

The Management Committee meets at least four times a year and is responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. Day to day responsibility is delegated to the Chair with day to day operational management the responsibility of the Project Manager and Skipper.

Objectives and Activities

The objects of the Company are, inter alia, 'to provide or assist in the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life of those persons resident in or in the vicinity of the London Borough of Islington, who have a need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, poverty or social and economic circumstances'. This is achieved by the operation of a purpose-built community canal narrow boat *Angel II of Islington* (the sole asset of the Company), and the employment of a fulltime skipper, providing day and residential cruises on the Regent's Canal and connecting waterways from its base at City Road Basin. Groups using the boat include schools, playgroups, adventure playgrounds, scouts and guides, homeless and psychiatric hostels, ethnic minority and refugee groups, female survivors of domestic abuse and their children and senior citizens, young people and adults with special educational needs and learning difficulties and those participating in educational and environmental projects involving waterways or local topics.

Public Benefit Statement

The directors have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

Achievements and Performance

The Covid pandemic and government rules and guidance have continued to have an impact on our activities. For the first quarter our sole employee worked reduced hours and continued to be supported by contributions from the government scheme. While many community organisations were reluctant for much of the year to return to group events such as a canal boat trip, we ran trips for families hard hit by the impact of Covid funded

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by the Canal & River Trust and a large number of small groups and families similarly impacted were keen to get out on the canal. As the year progressed more school and youth groups felt able to make trips and eventually and even those funded under our 'elderly & isolated' category returned, although in smaller numbers on each trip to enable greater distancing. By the summer residential trips were again possible. A continued policy of careful financial management has minimised expenditure for a second year although with a build-up of necessary maintenance for the future. We are well positioned for a 'normal' year in 2022/23 and in a sound financial position as we approach the need to begin planning for a replacement vessel.

Until 30 September 2016 ACCT was part funded through a service contract with Islington Council. We continue to widen our base of funders both to replace that funding and in order to reduce the cost of our trips to user groups.

During the previous financial year, we had received significant grant funding totalling £19,949 from a number of corporate, charity and private donors which we were unable to utilise during the Covid restrictions and which were carried forward into 2021/22. An additional grant of £10,000 from the John Murray Trust was received during 2021/22 as well as a large number of donations from organisations and private supporters to assist with general operating costs and the cost of the new projects.

Financial Review
Details of the year's operations are to be found in the Statistical Summary from the Skipper's Log and the List of Hirers (page 26). In the light of the reduction in Covid restrictions the total number of passengers carried increased to 927 and a total of 101 passenger trips were made.

Total grant resources utilised in the year were £19,925, an improvement from the previous year but still down on the normal level. Contributions to hire fees and trip costs were attributed to Children in Need (£8,325), The Canal & River Trust (£600), Tesco (£2,160), Solace/survivors of domestic abuse fund (£1,465) the Bowe fund for schools (£310) and the John Murray Trust (£5,065). A residual sum of £10,024 of grant income was carried forward for activities in 2022/23. Donations and Friends' subscriptions received in the current year were up on last year at £16,669; donors of sums exceeding £500 and £200 are listed at Note 8.

An important change in the definition of funds is that the grant resources used directly for contributing to trip hire and costs are now described as either designated or, where specified by the donor, as restricted. The general funds earmarked for future Trust projects or capital developments continue to be treated as designated. The trustees have further resolved that the New Boat Fund, hitherto described as restricted, should be redefined as an unrestricted designated fund in accordance with the Charities Commission guidance.

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These definitions are further explained in note 1 on page 20.

The accounts are set out on pages 18 to 24, and show an overall surplus of £13,039. This result reflects the recovery of income with the relaxation of restrictions combined with tight control of routine expenditure and the postponement of major maintenance and refurbishment. Total expenditure amounted to £36,856, and consisted of staff salary costs of £25,934, boatyard costs and boat maintenance £2,892, trip costs £2,451, insurance £2,212 and office costs and overheads of £3,367. There was no depreciation charge as the boat cost has been fully depreciated. The Trust is still dependent upon the level of grant aid provided, but also significant donations from all supporters, both individual and corporate. The Trust continues to actively explore ways to expand its income base. All outgoings, in light of the uncertainty of grant income, are constantly reviewed so as to remain within income constraints.

Policy on reserves
As indicated above, the designated ACCT fund is to cover future capital projects and refurbishment in addition to any major boat repair. The general fund is maintained at a level to cover approximately 50% anticipated expenditure, but the designated reserve can also be drawn down if there is a shortfall on income. The designated and restricted funds representing grant balances carried forward are intended to be utilised within the year. The new boat fund is to cover the reduction in value of the existing boat since purchase and to contribute to its replacement.

Trustees' assessment of the charity as a "going concern"
The trustees have considered the short- and medium-term financial status of the charity in the light of the overall balance sheet and the prospects for community, private and grant body support in future years. The net current assets of £148,511 are more than three times annual expenditure and the charity has no long-term liabilities. Despite the withdrawal of local authority grant support, the charity has maintained its income by securing grant funding and donations from a wide range of corporate, charity and private sources. Operational risks have been managed through the careful application of sound procedures and appropriate insurance. The Charity recognises that it will need to replace the existing narrow boat within the next few years and has set aside £77,860 in the New Boat fund. This may well be supplemented by any resale value of the current boat. Although the replacement cost would be in excess of £100,000, there is a further reserve of over £38,000 designated for future projects and contingencies and the possibility of raising an appeal to meet any shortfall. The trustees are therefore confident that the charity is a going concern for the foreseeable future.

Responsibilities of the Directors
Company law requires the directors to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the year end. In preparing those financial statements,

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the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the 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 proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Members of the Management Committee, who are directors for the purpose of company law and trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report were:

Giles Eyre	Robin King
Susan Sorensen	Nancy Harrison
Luisa Myers-Nobbs	Debra Whitaker

Approved by the Management Committee on 26th July 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

Giles Eyre
Director

Statement of financial activities
For the year ended 31 March 2022

	Notes	2022 Unrestricted General Funds £	2022 Unrestricted Designated Funds £	2022 Restricted Funds £	2022 Total Funds £	2021 Total £
Incoming resources						
Hire Fees		15,350	1,725	11,085	28,160	6,060
Grants and donations	8	9,253	4,000	3,465	16,718	25,698
Gift Aid tax reclaim	8	3,534	-	-	3,534	2,521
Income from fundraising		700	-	-	700	-
Interest and other income		782	-		782	96
		29,620	5,725	14,550	49,895	34,375
Resources Expended						
Cost of Generating Funds						
Fundraising and publicity		-	-	-	-	-
Charitable Expenditure						
Boat and running costs	2,3	29,391	4,000	3,465	36,856	27,866
Total resources expended		29,391	4,000	3,465	36,856	27,866
Net income before transfers		229	1,725	11,085	13,039	6,509
Net transfers between funds		1,980	4,466	(6,466)	-	-
Net movement in funds		**2,209**	**6,191**	**4,639**	**13,039**	**6,509**
Fund balances:						Prior year
at 1 April 2021	7	20,006	37,606	77,860	135,472	128,963
at 31 March 2022	7	**22,215**	**43,797**	**82,499**	**148,511**	**135,472**

There were no recognised gains or losses other than the result for each year as shown above.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement of financial activities.

There were no related party transactions during the year.

Balance Sheet
As at 31 March 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	5	0	0
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		155,224	156,622
Debtors and Prepayments		6,954	3,792
Creditors & deferred income:			
Amounts falling due within one year	6	(13,667)	(24,942)
Net current assets		148,511	135,472
Total assets less current liabilities		148,511	135,472
Funds			
Unrestricted general fund	7	22,215	20,008
Unrestricted Designated funds	7	43,797	37,604
Restricted funds	7	82,499	77,860
		148,511	135,472

Audit Exemption Statement

For the year ending 31st March 2022 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- the members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476,
- the directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts
- these accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 26th July 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

Giles Eyre	Susan Sorensen
Director	Director

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this balance sheet.

Notes to the Accounts

1 Accounting policies

a) Basis of accounting

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

The accounts, incorporating a Statement of Financial Activities, have been prepared in accordance with Statement of Recommended Practice - 'Accounting & Reporting by Charities' and applicable accounting standards ('SORP FRS102' & 'SORP FRSSE').

b) Fund accounting

Unrestricted general funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Unrestricted designated funds are funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the Trustees to help finance specific operations.

Restricted funds are funds subject to specific restrictive conditions imposed by donors or by the purpose of the appeal or for specific capital projects. The purpose and use of restricted funds is set out in the notes to the accounts.

c) Resources expended

The cost headings comprise operating staff costs, fundraising & publicity activities, general administration costs and depreciation.

Central overheads are allocated on the basis of their use with the aim of ensuring that those costs remaining within administration relate to the management of the charity's assets, and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

d) Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset on a straight-line basis over its expected useful life, as follows:

Narrow boat and fixed equipment	- 20 years
Other equipment	- 5 years

e) Taxation

No corporation tax has been provided in these accounts because the income of the charity is within the exemption granted by Section 505 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

2 Analysis of total resources expended

	2022	2021
	£	£
Staff costs	25,934	19,032
Fundraising and publicity	0	0
Boat and office equipment	5,606	1,488
Trip expenditure and boat supplies	2,451	1,315
Other	2,865	6,031
Depreciation	0	0
Total	36,856	27,866

3 Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year

is stated after charging:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	0	0

All fixed assets are now fully depreciated.

4 Staff costs

Particulars of employees are shown below:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Employee costs during the year amounted to:		
Wages and salaries	25,934	19,032
Social security costs	0	0
	25,934	19,032

The company benefited from the Employment Allowance which exempted small companies from the Employers National Insurance charge. The company continued to receive compensation under the government scheme during the Covid pandemic for the first quarter.

The average number of persons employed by the Trust during the year was 1. The trustees do not receive remuneration for their services to the charity. No employee earned more than £50,000 per annum.

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

5 Tangible fixed assets

The net book value of tangible fixed assets consists solely of the Narrow Boat which is now fully depreciated.

	Previous year	2022 Narrow boat £	2021 Narrow boat £
Cost			
1 April 2021 (boat purchased April 2000)	1 April 2020	77,860	77,860
Additions		-	-
Disposals		-	-
31 March 2022	31 March 2021	77,860	77,860
Depreciation			
1 April 2021	1 April 2020	(77,860)	(76,403)
Charge for the year		-	(1,457)
Disposals		-	-
31 March 2022	31 March 2021	(77,860)	(77,860)
Net book value			
31 March 2022	31 March 2021	**-**	**-**

All fixed assets have been used for the charitable activities of the charity.

6 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Salary and skipper expenses payable	2	0
Other creditors	3,643	4,993
Accrued Grant Income	10,024	19,949
	13,667	24,942

Accrued Grant Income includes donations received in 2020/21 in respect of 2021/22 and 2022/23 projects.

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

7 Funds

	Balance 1 April 2021 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfer of Funds £	Balance 31 March 2022 £
Unrestricted					
General fund	20,006	29,620	(29,391)	1,980	22,215
Designated grants	-	5,375	(4,000)	4,010	5,385
ACCT designated	37,606	350	-	456	38,412
Total unrestricted	57,612	35,345	(33,391)	6,446	66,012
Restricted					
Restricted grants	-	14,550	(3,465)	(6,446)	4,639
New Boat Fund	77,860	-	-	-	77,860
Total funds	**135,472**	**49,895**	**(36,856)**	**-**	**148,511**

The designated grants fund and restricted grants fund represent grant income brought forward from previous years to be applied in support of community boat trips in the current and future years. It also includes the provision for future ACCT capital projects and refurbishment in addition to any major boat repair, and running costs of the charity should income levels reduce in order that appropriate action could be taken. The new boat fund is to cover the reduction in value of the existing boat since purchase and to contribute to its future replacement.

8 Grants, Donations and Friends

Grants for trips	2021/22 £ Rec'd in Year	£ B/F from 20/21	£ Utilised in Year	£ C/F to 22/23
Children in Need	-	8,325	-8,325	-
Canal & River Trust (Well-being)	-	600	-600	-
Tesco 'Bags of Help'	-	2,160	-2,160	-
Islington Council's Community Chest	-	3,225	-2,000	1,225
Camden Giving	-	950	-	950
Solace/survivors of domestic abuse	-	3,929	-1,465	2,464
Bowe (schools)	-	760	-310	450
John Murray Trust	10,000	-	-5,065	4,935
Total	10,000	19,949	-19,925	10,024

Donations and Friends	
Donations of £500 and more:	
J Douglas	5,000
Angel Association	500

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

Donations of £200 - £500	
Waitrose	333
Individuals (4)	950
Gift Aid tax refunds	3,534
Other Friends' subscriptions and donations:	2,401
Total	12,718

Independent Examiner's Report

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Angel Community Canal Boat Trust ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charities Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)]

I have discussed with the Trustees their intention to redefine the New Boat Fund from a Restricted Fund to an Unrestricted Designated Fund in accordance with the Charities Commission guidance and am in agreement with this change to the accounts**.**

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:
Name: Victoria Lloyd, ACA (ICAEW)
Address: 32 Burgh St, London, N1 8HG

Date: 27th July 2022

Skipper's Log 2021/22

Number of Bookings:-

		2020/21
Day trips	23	*5*
Part days	57	*38*
2-day trips	6	*2*
3-day trips	1	*1*
5-day trips	5	-
Evenings	15	*7*
Total	107	*53*

Types of Trips:-

		2020/21
Schools	12	*1*
Special needs groups	3	-
Youth clubs/Playgrounds	5	*2*
Guides and scouts	5	*1*
Survivors of domestic abuse	6	*13*
Elderly and isolated	7	-
London Canal Museum partnership	1	-
Private	53	*19*
Other	9	*10*
Total	101	*46*

List of Hirers 2021/22

1st Harold Hill Scouts
3rd Alton Scouts
7th St Pancras Guides
12th Hampstead Scouts
64th Berkhamsted Cubs
ARC
Argyle Primary School
Better Adventures
Copenhagen Primary School
Friends of Graham Street Garden
Good Neighbours
Gower School
Hackney Brocals
Hanley Crouch Community Centre
Help on your door
Holy Trinity & St Silas C of E Primary School
Home School Group
Leaside Trust
North Bridge School
Northgate School
Prospex
River Place Health Centre
Rosebowl Adventure Playground
Sistah Space
Solace Women's Aid
South Hampstead Community Centre
Upperdeckers
Whitfield School

Private hirers are not listed

Skipper's Log 2021/22



Ethnic Monitoring (% of Users):-	
White UK	45%
Black (Caribbean, African, British & Other)	14%
Asian	9%
Others (Inc. Greek, Turkish, Middle East)	5%
Not stated	19%

		2020/21
Total number of passengers carried:-	927	*272*
Total number of adults (18+)	508	*151*
Total number of under 18s	419	*121*





Supporters and Funders 2020/21

Thank you to everyone who has supported us, whether through volunteering, making donations, providing grants or being our 100 Club members. This has enabled us to provide much needed services to people in our community.
A special thanks also to:

- Bill Thomas and PTE Architects
- Angel Association
- Camden Giving
- Children in Need
- London Borough of Islington
- Tesco 'Bags for Life'
- Waitrose

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Helping since 1500

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Making life better by water
Celebrating 10 YEARS as a charity

TESCO Bags of Help

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And all the Friends of Angel II of Islington

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Angel Community Canal Boat Trust

Annual Report 2020/21



Registered Charity Number: 1103542
Company Number: 5088108

Angel Community Canal Boat Trust (ACCT) is a charity which operates a skippered community canal boat – *Angel II of Islington* - for use by local residents and community groups at a cost they can afford. It was originally established in 1976 as Islington Narrow Boat Association (INBA) and continues to be based at City Road basin in Islington on the Regent's Canal.

The charity enables up to 2,000 people a year to have the opportunity to:

- experience the fun and activity of a canal cruise
- learn about the history and development of their local area and London through the inland waterways
- see the extensive flora and fauna of the canal environment and understand the ecological balance
- gain the confidence and social skills necessary for travelling, working and living together on a canal boat, and, for many, to have the novel experience of a period away from the city, cars, street lights, TVs and all that comes with life in an inner city area.

The charity has also developed and runs projects based on *Angel II* and the canal, and focused on the needs of particular groups of young people from our local community.

Now onto our second specially designed steel narrow boat we offer trips lasting from one to seven days.

ACCT is supported by Islington Council, and receives grants from a variety of charities and grant-making organisations (both local and national), donations and subscriptions from supporters and hire fees from user groups, which are related to their ability to pay.

Most of our users are local children and young people who would not be able to afford the cost of such an experience if we did not exist and if we were not able to charge heavily subsidised rates.



Co No 5088108

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100 Club

To become a **Friend of the Angel Boat** it is only necessary to donate a regular annual sum to support *Angel II*. The regular donation will give local people the opportunity of a trip to remember, to learn new skills and to have new experiences. As a Friend you can also contribute to the development of our operations by offering ideas to improve or expand our service to the community or by helping us in doing so.

To sign up to be a member of the 100 Club, just contribute at least £100 a year. In return, in each year you contribute we offer you and one guest an evening trip on the Angel Boat, along with other 100 Club members. In the company of some of our trustees and other guests of our organisation you can enjoy a trip to Camden and back, working locks, steering or simply enjoying the ride while enjoying food and drink.

If you haven't, why not join the **100 Club** now and help support *Angel II*?

Chair's Report

The headline is that we have got through what we all hope is the worst of the Covid Pandemic, and the consequent mothballing of our operations, maintaining a solid financial basis for the future. That is the result of sound financial practice in past years, the support of several grant-making bodies specifically assisting businesses in time of Covid, the government's furlough scheme, the continuing generosity of our Friends and other supporters, and the private hirers who were the first to be able to return to the near normal experience of a relaxing (therapeutic?) cruise along the Regent's Canal. It has taken longer for the community groups to be able to return to a canal boat experience but by the time that I am writing this report residential trips have resumed for our youth groups, although not without last minute cancellations in the fact of positive tests amongst the prospective passengers.

Flexibility has been essential this year. Phil Gavigan, our skipper and project manager, has worked very flexibly and took the practical and financial consequences stoically, while also overcoming his own bout of ill-health. He then adapted to the 'Covid rules' in taking responsibility for the anti-viral cleaning of the boat (which continues) and managing the trips, from health and safety briefing to lock operation, while maintaining social distancing. Hirers have been supportive, recognising that while the trips were more exciting than ever after the limitations of lockdown, they were now for many fewer people (single households and bubbles, eventually two households, and the other permutations of the rules and guidelines). Funders have been flexible in extending the terms of several grants where the trips for which they were available had been suspended for the duration of …… well, hopefully we are now largely able to resume, working round the continuing risks of infection and ill-health. A number of our regular hirers and target groups are particularly vulnerable people and therefore their return to the joys of boating are likely to be delayed.



Because of the limited number of passengers, we have been able to take on board at one time, and also in order to reach families who have been most badly affected by the pandemic, we have reduced our hire fees substantially. As a result, a larger proportion of our hirers than usual have been what we designate as 'private groups', that is not identifiable community groups, but this enabled us to generate income.

Chair's Report (continued)

Financially we apparently show a surplus on the year, but principally as the result of a complete moratorium on maintenance (except for a few essential small jobs), and plans are in place for substantial work during the coming winter period.

To have received as many as 53 bookings was surprising, although, as the Skipper reports, a number were cancelled or postponed to the following year. To have managed to get 272 passengers on board, a fraction of the normal annual tally, despite lockdowns and the various restrictions on social gathering that have been our way of life in the year from March 2020, was a considerable achievement. And although the signs are that 2021/22 will still be far from normal, we end the year under review with a feeling that some degree of normality for the experience we provide, principally a healthy, outdoor one, is in sight.

Many thanks are due as usual to Phil, our skipper, and my fellow trustees, for the time they put into keeping Angel afloat, and to the many others who provide us with support, physical, material, moral and financial. And to Bill Thomas and PTE Architects for our office, our base and the facilities for our annual review meeting.

Kevin Mitchell, while continuing as a volunteer skipper, retires at the AGM after a number of years as a trustee. Susan Sorensen has joined us as a trustee with a view to taking over as Honorary Treasurer. Finally, I note the departure at the AGM of Keith Ball, trustee and Honorary Treasurer, who armed with his spreadsheets has kept our finances under careful review, dealt with the day to day demands of managing payments and receipts, and brought it altogether each year in our accounts and financial statements. He has taken on this burden since September 2006, and we are very grateful to him for his 15 years of voluntary service on our behalf. Hopefully with the easing of international travel he and Mia will be able to spend more time visiting their daughter and grandchild in Africa.

Giles Eyre



Project Manager and Skipper's Report

Well, what a year that was.



After ending last year in dry dock at Enfield ensuring Angel II was in tip-top condition to start our new cruising season, COVID hit hard. With the constantly changing guidelines and restrictions and a few false starts we were eventually able to offer day trips with reduced passenger numbers to single households. Access to parts of the cabin were restricted and I put in place a rigorous cleaning regime, much of which still continues. With financial support from some of our many friends, the National Lottery Community Fund and the Canal & River Trust we were able to offer a respite from the lockdown in providing day and part day trips to local families Following the success of our crowd funder appeal in association with Viva Insurance we enjoyed some much-appreciated trips for women and children who were survivors of domestic abuse. I found these trips especially rewarding when seeing the young children enjoying the freedom and space that the canal can offer after the difficulties of lockdown.

> *"A much enjoyable and needed day out under lockdown. It is so good to get out of the house, see a bit of nature and be surrounded by soothing water"*

As restrictions gradually eased, allowing school children to gather in larger "bubbles", along with our partners at the London Canal Museum we were able to provide educational trips for school groups, although quite understandably a lot of our usual user groups were being extra cautious and put off their scheduled trips until government guidelines were relaxed further.

Project Manager and Skipper's Report (continued)



Holy Trinity & St Silas, Primary School.

"More in-depth knowledge of local area and class topic, canals & their history. A great place, fantastic resource."

Normally the highlight of the year for Angell II and our local youth groups is our summer residential trips which, because of Covid, had to be postponed and we are extremely grateful to our funders, BBC Children in Need and Tesco "Bags of Help" scheme, for allowing us an extension to complete these projects.

We did however manage to provide 1 residential trip for 4 young men with learning difficulties from Bristol who not only managed to enjoy a weekend residential trip on Angel II but also did some great work on improving essential social skills to assist them on their transition towards independent living.



"This group has been working towards independent living and the recent pandemic has caused disruption to routines which autistic and people with learning difficulties depend upon, this trip has enabled the group to experience a new environment together, where teamwork, communication and adapting to change has laid a foundation for relationship building and moving forward to independence together."

A number of trips were for families with young children who had been particularly affected by the restrictions of Covid and who were able to have the special experience of cruising the Regent's Canal after being confined to their homes. The therapeutic effect of water and space was great to see.

Project Manager and Skipper's Report (continued)

"Really enjoyable, relaxing and peaceful day, experiencing parts of London from a different viewpoint along the canals & the beautiful wildlife along the way. Will definitely go again"



A total of 53 bookings were made although by the end of the year we had been able to complete only 40 trips after postponements and cancellations because of the changing guidelines, but nonetheless we carried 272 passengers over the course of the year.

I spent several months on furlough, but at other times I was able to catch up on the maintenance schedule in preparation for the easing of restrictions and welcoming back our many returning groups as well as those new to Angel II who had shown an interest in booking trips when normality returned.

At the time of writing this report [August 2021] Angel II is again providing residential trips for youth groups but I am afraid you will have to wait for next year's report to hear what a wonderful time we are having on the river Lea.

As this was the quietest year in Angel's history this is the shortest Skipper's report in recent years, but rest assured we will be back to our usual busy selves as soon as circumstances allow and providing an experience to help our users of all ages move on from the difficulties of the pandemic.

Phil Gavigan



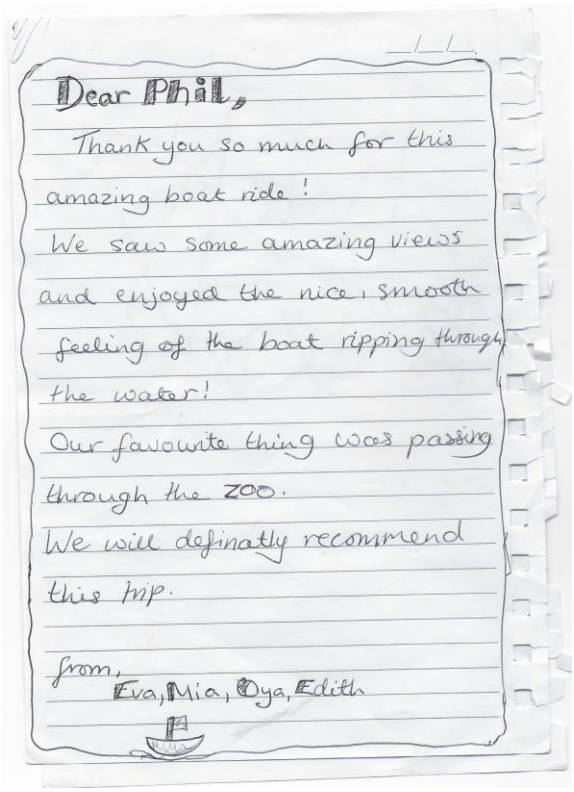
Reaching New Users - Survivors of Domestic Violence

Last year we broadened our reach to new members of the community despite restricted operations due to Covid and successfully engaged in crowd funding for the first time as part of the Aviva Community Fund initiative.

Just before the first pandemic lockdown in March 2020, our goal was to provide trips to female survivors of domestic violence and sexual abuse, and their children, made homeless as a result.

Our experience of working with other marginalised groups told us that offering relaxing and safe experiences on board Angel Boat would not only give these women and children a welcome change of scenery from their temporary homes in refuges, but provide an opportunity for them to meet others similarly affected to build new friendships and introduce supportive networks to help rebuild their lives.

We chose **Solace Women's Aid** as our partner, an Islington-based charity which provides temporary refuge, therapeutic counselling and training at their 22 refuges across London to help women survivors and their children to get back on their feet.


Dear Phil,

Thank you so much for this amazing boat ride!

We saw some amazing views and enjoyed the nice, smooth feeling of the boat ripping through the water!

Our favourite thing was passing through the zoo.

We will definatly recommend this trip.

from,
Eva, Mia, Oya, Edith



Reaching New Users - Survivors of Domestic Violence

(continued)

As lock-down gripped the country, cases of domestic abuse grew, often with tragic outcomes, so providing trips to women and children in refuges provided an even greater benefit than we could ever have imagined.

We raised £6,000, well in excess of our initial target of £2,500, through crowdfunding and other sources, including Islington's Local Initiative Fund, the generous support of some of our established supporters and Gift Aid. This was a significant achievement given the tightened finances many people faced due to Covid.

The start of this project was delayed due to Covid. As we resumed activities, social distancing then restricted the number of people we could welcome on each trip, which has meant we've reached 70 women and children so far, against our pre-pandemic target of 150. However, funding remains and we are continuing to reach out to victims of domestic abuse both from Solace and other organisations.

Thank you messages from our Solace trip users *(sadly we are unable to share photos from these trips to protect the people concerned):*

"A much enjoyable and needed day out after lockdown. It's so good to get out of the house, see a bit of nature and be surrounded by soothing water."

"Fun. Relax. Enjoy!"

Debbie Whitaker

Volunteers' report



Due to the repeated lockdowns and social distancing, our cruising schedule was heavily curtailed, which had a knock-on effect on volunteer crewing. Prior to the first lockdown, Phil held a volunteer training day – which included a wonderful hands-on demonstration of the use of the crew flotation devices – with myself as the 'Crash Test Dummy' – and was quite an explosive experience!

Some private hires popped up between lockdowns, and some local family group 'reach out to cheer-up' trips were possible, but the main summer project and larger groups were largely absent. However, there were some trips that I assisted as crew, and it was great to be out on the canal once again with groups like these:

<u>November 2020</u>
Little Venice Filming
The London Film School contacted us in the autumn of 2020, with a view to include Angel II in a short film that was being made by one of their MA Filmmaking students. Created as a graduation project, the 20-minute short – *Dancing with Dharma* – set a few scenes on and around Angel II, as they filmed at the Rembrandt Gardens mooring in Little Venice. The sizeable crew and a van load of equipment – a riot of tripods, large furry microphones on booms, cameras, lights, reflectors, extension leads and clip boards – met us at the location and set up on the towpath by the mooring.



Seemingly endless cups of tea and biscuits, countless script run-throughs and makeup touch-ups filled the time before the filming commenced.
A black velvet steam-punk style Death had stalked and claimed a seriously ill man, whose wife then decides in return to chase after Death as he travels through London. She follows him and passionately argues for her husband's soul to be returned to her. After numerous takes with the actor's speaking scenes, the final scene arrived – Angel's big moment.

Volunteers' Report (continued)



Death would make a leap from the towpath onto Angel, and smoothly cruise off into the distance. Completely up to the grade of professional film crew, 'One Take Phil' pulled off the scene in expert style, and 'it was a wrap'. Death was redeposited on the towpath, and we headed home to Diespeker Wharf.

June 2021

The ARC Centre – Elderly & Isolated cruise

The ARC centre – located on the Packington Estate – came aboard Angel for a cruise with some of their Food Bank users. On a Friday in early June the group boarded at City Road lock for a day trip up to Little Venice. Glad to be out after the lockdowns and see others, the group was happy to be socialising once again. Despite the early summer date, the weather wasn't too kind to us on the day – with clouds lurking at each lock and frequent outbursts of rain, but the canal-side scenery, generous nibbles and good company kept everyone's spirits up and all the passengers had a relaxing and happy time. The eldest of the group – a lady in her '90's – stayed glued to the windows, watching the passing scenery, and thoroughly enjoyed a steady supply of fruitcake slices and mugs of tea.



As Covid recedes and life gradually opens up more, we hope to have many more groups come out and enjoy Angel. And as we once again gravitate towards other people and other experiences, I will be more than happy to point out the different water birds, explain how the locks work and encourage lots of shouting as we cruise through the tunnel.

Nancy Harrison

Trustees' Report

The Management Committee presents its report and independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2021.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name:	Angel Community Canal Boat Trust
Working Name:	The Angel Boat
Charity registration number:	1103542
Company registration number:	5088108
Registered office:	27 Rollscourt Avenue, London SE24 0EA
Operational address:	16-34 Graham Street, London N1 8JX
Employer's Insurance:	Hiscox (Policy No S19M5275)

Management Committee

Giles Eyre	Chair
Keith Ball	Secretary and Hon Treasurer
Robin King	
Nancy Harrison	
Kevin Mitchell	
Luisa Myers-Nobbs	
Debra Whitaker	
Susan Sorensen	(appointed 26 October 2020)

Independent Examiner

Alistair Milliken, FCA	34 Elwill Way, Beckenham, Kent BR3 3AD

Bankers

Co-operative Bank, 1 Islington High Street, London N1 9TR1

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 30 March 2004 and registered as a charity on 30 April 2004. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are each required to contribute an amount not exceeding £10. On 31 March 2005, the assets of Islington Narrow Boat Association (registered in 1976 as charity number 271457) were transferred to the company for the express purpose of taking over the charitable operations of Islington Narrow Boat Association as of 1 April 2005. The Company has identical objects to Islington Narrow Boat Association and the approval of the Charities Commission was obtained for the 31 March 2005 asset transfer.

Recruitment and Appointment of Management Committee

The directors of the company are also the charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and are known as members of the Management Committee. Under the terms of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, one third of the directors are required to retire

Trustees' Report (continued)

each year at the Annual General Meeting. The directors retiring are Giles Eyre, Keith Ball and Kevin Mitchell. Directors may be appointed by ordinary resolution of the company or by the directors of the company. In the course of the year, Susan Sorensen was appointed by the directors and under the terms of the Memorandum and Articles of Association is required to retire at the next Annual General Meeting. Giles Eyre and Susan Sorensen, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election and election respectively. Anyone interested in appointment as a director should contact any one of the existing directors.

Risk Management

Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers, users and visitors. Written procedures for the protection of children and vulnerable adults and enhanced criminal record bureau disclosures are maintained for all staff and volunteers. Internal control risks are minimised by implementation of procedures for financial management and control.

Organisational Structure

The Management Committee meets at least four times a year and is responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. Day to day responsibility is delegated to the Chair with day to day operational management the responsibility of the Project Manager and Skipper.

Objectives and Activities

The objects of the Company are, inter alia, 'to provide or assist in the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life of those persons resident in or in the vicinity of the London Borough of Islington, who have a need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, poverty or social and economic circumstances'. This is achieved by the operation of a purpose-built community canal narrow boat *Angel II of Islington* (the sole asset of the Company), and the employment of a fulltime skipper, providing day and residential cruises on the Regent's Canal and connecting waterways from its base at City Road Basin. Groups using the boat include schools, playgroups, adventure playgrounds, scouts and guides, homeless and psychiatric hostels, ethnic minority and refugee groups, female survivors of domestic abuse and their children and senior citizens, young people and adults with special educational needs and learning difficulties and those participating in educational and environmental projects involving waterways or local topics.

Public Benefit Statement

The directors have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

Achievements and Performance

Due to the impact of the Covid pandemic and government rules and guidance, we have been very restricted in our activities. For a period our sole employee was placed on furlough and was supported by government scheme. We also obtained funding from

Trustees' Report (continued)

grant-giving bodies to enable us to weather this period. As soon as we were able to do so we re-opened for small parties from single households having introduced measures to control the risk of infection. Because of the limited size of such groups and the impact of rules and guidance on community groups, a significant proportion of the bookings were made by private individuals. As government rules and guidance permitted we extended the size and type of groups able to hire the boat. However, the pandemic has had a very substantial impact on our activities for the year. As a result of strict control over expenditure, and because of the income from government scheme and 'Covid' grants, and from bookings by private individuals we have survived this period and are well positioned at the end of the year to return to normal operation as soon as possible.

Until 30 September 2016 ACCT was part funded through a service contract with Islington Council. We continue to widen our base of funders both to replace that funding and in order to reduce the cost of our trips to user groups. In the year we received financial support from Children in Need, the National Lottery Community Fund, Canal & River Trust, Islington Council's Local Initiative Fund, the Arlington Association, the Angel Association and James Douglas, as well as many smaller donations.

We have continued to seek and to obtain increased funding from private supporters to assist with general operating costs and the cost of the new projects.

Financial Review

Details of the year's operations are to be found in the Statistical Summary from the Skipper's Log and the List of Hirers (page 23). All aspects of the Trust's operations were impacted by the effects of the Coronavirus pandemic. The total number of passengers carried was 233 and a total of 48 passenger trips.

In addition to hire fees, the Trust was funded by grants from a number of sources. Total grant resources utilised in the year were, because of the Coronavirus pandemic, down on last year at £13,775, of which £8,050 was attributable to the National Lottery Community Fund (Covid support) grant, £3,000 to Children in Need (Covid support), £500 from the Canal & River Trust for Covid Support and £600 for well-being trips for families impacted by the pandemic, £1,000 from Islington Council Local Initiative Fund, and £625 from donations to our Solace/Survivors of domestic abuse project. Donations and Friends' subscriptions received in the current year were up on last year at £16,669; donors of sums exceeding £500 are listed at Note 8.

The accounts are set out on pages 15 to 21, and show a surplus of £6,509 on the Unrestricted Funds. Hire and running costs amounted to £27,866, and principally consist of staff salary costs of £19,032, office and boat equipment £1,488, boatyard costs and supplies of £1,315 and boat licence and insurance costs of £2,888. There was no deficit on restricted funds as the boat cost has been fully depreciated. The current year surplus of £6,509 is not significant compared to the unrestricted fund balance and current year financial activities that were severely restricted by COVID. As a consequence income was reduced by about £21,000 compared with last year as a result of a decrease in both grants

Trustees' Report (continued)

and hire fees but a significant decrease in overheads was achieved (by about £22,000 compared with last year), due to a combination of government furlough support of £7,434 and the postponement of boat maintenance. The Trust is still dependent upon the level of grant aid provided, but also significant donations from all supporters, both individual and corporate. The Trust continues to actively explore ways to expand its income base. All outgoings, in light of the uncertainty of grant income, are constantly reviewed so as to remain within income constraints.

Policy on reserves
The designated fund is to cover future capital projects and refurbishment in addition to any major boat repair, and running costs of the charity should income levels reduce in order that appropriate action could be taken. The new boat fund is to cover the reduction in value of the existing boat since purchase.

Responsibilities of the Directors
Company law requires the directors to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the year end. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the 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 proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Members of the Management Committee, who are directors for the purpose of company law and trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report were:

Giles Eyre
Kevin Mitchell
Keith Ball
Luisa Myers-Nobbs
Robin King
Nancy Harrison
Debra Whitaker

Approved by the Management Committee on 23 June 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

Giles Eyre
Director

Statement of financial activities
For the year ended 31 March 2021

	Notes	2021 Unrestricted Funds £	2021 Restricted Funds £	2021 Designated Funds £	2021 Total Funds £	2020 Total £
Incoming resources						
Hire Fees		6,060	-	-	6,060	23,785
Grants	8	13,775	-	-	13,775	26,965
Less Allocated to Hire Fees		(2,225)	-	-	(2,225)	(11,065)
Donations & Friends	8	16,669	-	-	16,669	13,419
Interest receivable & Other Income		96	-	-	96	2,467
		34,375	-	-	34,375	55,571
Resources Expended						
Cost of Generating Funds						
Fundraising and publicity		-	-	-	-	-
Charitable Expenditure						
Hire and running costs		27,866	-	-	27,866	49,609
Total resources expended		27,866	-	-	27,866	49,609
Net incoming resources	3	6,509	-	-	6,509	5,962
Transfer to New Boat Fund		-	-	-	-	-
Net transfer to funds for year		6,509	-	-	6,509	5,962
Fund balances at 1 April 2020	7	12,597	77,860	38,506	128,963	123,001
Fund balances at 31 March 2021	7	**19,106**	**77,860**	**38,506**	**135,472**	**128,963**

There were no recognised gains or losses other than the result for each year as shown above.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement of financial activities.

There were no related party transactions during the year.

Balance Sheet
As at 31 March 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	5	0	0
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		156,622	141,971
Debtors and Prepayments		3,792	3,402
Creditors & deferred income:			
Amounts falling due within one year	6	(24,942)	(16,410)
Net current assets		135,472	128,963
Total assets less current liabilities		135,472	128,963
Funds			
Designated fund	7	57,612	51,103
Restricted funds	7	77,860	77,860
		135,472	128,963

Audit Exemption Statement

For the year ending 31st March 2021 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- the members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476,
- the directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts
- these accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 23 June 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

Giles Eyre	Keith Ball
Director	Director

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this balance sheet.

Notes to the Accounts

1 Accounting policies

a) Basis of accounting

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

The accounts, incorporating a Statement of Financial Activities, have been prepared in accordance with Statement of Recommended Practice - 'Accounting & Reporting by Charities' and applicable accounting standards ('SORP FRS102' & 'SORP FRSSE').

b) Fund accounting

General funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the Trustees to help finance specific operations.

Restricted funds are funds subject to specific restrictive conditions imposed by donors or by the purpose of the appeal or for specific capital projects. The purpose and use of restricted funds is set out in the notes to the accounts.

c) Resources expended

The cost headings comprise operating staff costs, fundraising & publicity activities, general administration costs and depreciation.

Central overheads are allocated on the basis of their use with the aim of ensuring that those costs remaining within administration relate to the management of the charity's assets, and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

d) Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset on a straight-line basis over its expected useful life, as follows:

Narrow boat and fixed equipment	- 20 years
Other equipment	- 5 years

e) Taxation

No corporation tax has been provided in these accounts because the income of the charity is within the exemption granted by Section 505 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

2 Analysis of total resources expended

	£
Staff costs	19,032
Fundraising and publicity	0
Boat and office equipment	1,488
Trip expenditure and boat supplies	1,315
Other	6,031
Depreciation	0
Total	27,866

3 Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year

is stated after charging:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	0	1,457

4 Staff costs

Particulars of employees, including those of the subsidiary, are shown below:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Employee costs during the year amounted to:		
Wages and salaries	19,032	27,890
Social security costs	0	0
	19,032	27,890

The company benefited from the Employment allowance which exempted small companies from the Employers National Insurance charge.

The average number of persons employed by the group during the year was 1. The trustees do not receive remuneration for their services to the charity. No employee earned more than £50,000 per annum.

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

5 Tangible fixed assets

The following are included in the net book value of tangible fixed assets:

	Narrow boat	Total
	£	£
Cost		
1 April 2020 (boat purchased April 2000)	77,860	77,860
Additions	-	-
Disposals	-	-
31 March 2021	77,860	77,860
Depreciation		
1 April 2020	(76,403)	(76,403)
Charge for the year	(1,457)	(1,457)
Disposals	-	-
31 March 2021	(77,860)	(77,860)
Net book value		
31 March 2021	**-**	**-**

All fixed assets have been used for the charitable activities of the charity.

6 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Salary and skipper expenses payable	0	0
Other creditors	4,993	1,645
Accrued 19/20 Grant Income	19,949	14,765
	24,942	24,885

Accrued 20/21 Grant Income includes Donations received in 20/21 in respect of 21/22 projects which total £2,709.

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

7 Funds

	Balance 1 April 2020 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfer of Funds £	Balance 31 March 2021 £
Unrestricted					
Designated	38,506	-	-	-	38,506
Working capital fund	12,597	6,509	-	-	19,106
General fund	-	27,866	(27,866)	-	-
Total unrestricted	51,103	34,375	(27,866)	-	57,612
Restricted					
New Boat Fund	77,860	-	-	-	77,860
Total Restricted	77,860	-	-	-	77,860
Total funds	128,963	34,375	(27,866)	-	135,472

The designated fund is to cover future capital projects and refurbishment in addition to any major boat repair, and running costs of the charity should income levels reduce in order that appropriate action could be taken. The new boat fund is to cover the reduction in value of the existing boat since purchase.

8 Grants, Donations and Friends

Grants	2020/21 £ Rec'd in Year	£ B/F ex 19/20	£ C/F to 21/22	£ Utilised in Year
Children in Need	-	8,325	-8,325	-
Children in Need (Booster/Covid support)	3,000	-	-	3,000
National Lottery Community Fund (Covid support)	8,050	-	-	8,050
Canal & River Trust (Well-being)	1,200	-	-600	600
Canal & River Trust (Covid support)	500	-	-	500
Tesco 'Bags of Help'	-	2,160	-2,160	-
Islington Council's Community Chest	2,500	725	-3,225	-
Camden Giving	-	950	-950	-
Solace/survivors of domestic abuse	-	1,845	-1,220	625
Crowdfunder (Solace/survivors of domestic abuse	2,709	-	2,709	-
Islington Council Local Initiative Fund (survivors of domestic abuse)	1,000	-	-	1,000
Bowe (schools)	-	760	760	-
Total	18,959	14,765	-19,949	13,775

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

Donations and Friends	
Donations of £500 and more:	
J Douglas	5,000
Arlington Association	3,050
Gift Aid tax refunds	2,521
Anon	1,100
Angel Association	600
Other Friends subscriptions and donations:	4,397
Total	16,668

Independent Examiner's Report

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Angel Community Canal Boat Trust ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charities Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)]

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Name: Alistair Milliken

Relevant professional qualification or body: Chartered Accountant

Address: 34 Elwill Way, Beckenham, Kent BR3 3AD

Date: 23 June 21

Skipper's Log 2020/21

Number of Bookings:-	
Day trips	5
Part days	38
2-Day trips	2
3-Day trips	1
Evenings	7
Total:-	53

Ethnic Monitoring (% of Users):-	
White UK	41%
Black (Caribbean, African, British & Other)	9%
Asian	8%
European	8%
Others (Inc. Greek, Turkish, Middle East)	8%
Not stated	26%

Types of Trips:-	
Schools	1
Youth Clubs/Playgrounds	2
Guides and scouts	1
Survivors of Domestic Abuse	13
Private	19
Other	10

Total number of passengers carried	272
Total number of adults (18+)	151
Total number of under 18s	121

List of Hirers 2020/21

Groups and organisations:

Cintre
Holy Trinity & St Silas CoE Primary School
London School of Film
Rose Bowl Youth Centre
Solace Women's Aid
St Luke's Community Centre
Think Forward
Various family groups on funded well-being trips

Private hirers are not listed

Supporters and Funders 2020/21

Thank you to everyone who has supported us, whether through volunteering, making donations, providing grants or being our 100 Club members. This has enabled us to provide much needed services to people in our community.

A special thanks also to:

- Bill Thomas and PTE Architects
- Angel Association
- Arlington Association
- Aviva Community Fund initiative
- Camden Giving
- Children in Need
- Islington Local Initiative Fund
- London Borough of Islington
- Tesco 'Bags for Life'
- Waitrose

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