

EAST MANCHESTER COMMUNITY BOAT PROJECT

England & Wales · Charity number 1155976

Details

Other names	THE EAST MANCHESTER COMMUNITY BOAT PROJECT, EMCBP
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2014-02-28
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES,IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE,FOR RECREATION,EDUCATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME, OCCUPATION OF PERSONS MAINLY IN THE EAST OF MANCHESTER AND GREATER MANCHESTER AREAS,WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR DISABILITY.IN THE EVENT OF SPARE CAPACITY TO ALSO INCLUDE PERSONS WHO ARE DISADVANTAGED BY SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING AND ENHANCING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE

Activities: To assist in the provision of facilities, in the interests of social welfare, for recreation, education or other leisure time, occupation of persons who have need of such facilities by reason of their disability. In the event of spare capacity to include persons who are disadvantaged by social and economic circumstances with the object of improving and enhancing their conditions of life.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Disability, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Cheshire East
- Manchester City
- Tameside

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£29,881	£28,863	-	-
2024-03-31	£12,518	£15,671	-	-
2023-03-31	£45,354	£14,198	-	-
2022-03-31	£10,274	£14,097	-	-
2021-03-31	£5,875	£11,621	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr JOHN WILLIAM STEPHENS	Chair	2014-01-20
Angela Cartledge		2020-09-09
David Gardner		2022-10-19
JAMES STRUDWICK		2014-01-20
Jayne Lesley Bailey		2019-08-21
John Frederick Fletcher		2020-09-09
KEITH GLOVER		2017-08-16
NIGEL ANDERSON		2014-01-20
Peter Marlor		2024-03-12
SUE STEVENTON		2014-01-20

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REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 MARCH 2025

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Chair	Dr J W Stephens CBE
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The Trustees

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Activities and Achievements

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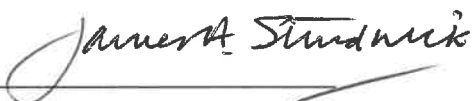
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At the start of the year the charity had £134,822 of reserves. This decreased during the year and at 31 March 2025 the charity had £135,839 of reserves.

Responsibilities of the trustees

The trustees are responsible for ensuring proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the project. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

SIGNED BY ORDER OF THE BOARD


Trustee


Date



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Message from the Chair

I am always grateful for the privilege of continuing to serve as the Chair of Trustees for this wonderful East Manchester charity. I never take for granted the trust that our members place in me to ensure that the project continues to be led with probity, integrity and robust governance. I am well supported in my role by a fantastic team of enthusiastic, knowledgeable, innovative and highly committed volunteer trustees. Following last year's AGM Peter Marlor joined us as a trustee and he is a most valuable addition to our team.

Our President, Nigel Anderson, is constantly seeking new opportunities for us to grow and for us to develop our positive community vision. Nigel's driving energy has never abated for over thirty years. It was great to be able to recognise the incredible commitment of both Nigel and our secretary, Sue Steventon, at our celebration dinner.

Our electric-powered narrowboat is still something of a novelty on the canal work. It stands as a symbol of our forward-thinking, entrepreneurial approach. This charity is sustained by our absolute commitment to our charitable objects and our proactive, strategic planning for the future.

In many years of remarkable achievements, there were some outstanding events in 2024/25. In April 2024 we recorded our 50,000th passenger, Clive Green, who was President of Tameside Pulmonary Fibrosis Support Group, one of our regular groups. Sadly, Clive died in March this year but his incredible energy and drive live on through the legacy of the fantastic work that he and his wife Sue led. It's a real honour that Clive was our milestone passenger.

In May we were honoured indeed to welcome Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal. Accompanied by the Lord Lieutenant, Princess Anne arrived in Portland Basin on Community Spirit 2 and was then presented to our volunteers, some passenger groups, sponsors and supporters. It was a truly memorable day for us all and a fitting tribute to all, past and present, who have contributed to our charity. The Princess Royal was delighted to hear about the work of the project and commended the dedication of everyone involved.

In November we celebrated our 30th Anniversary with a spectacular gala dinner at Gorton Monastery. It was great to bring together so many people who have contributed to the success of our charity whilst also raising funds in an iconic local venue.

- Our bookings for the year tell the story of our successful community outreach.

Day trips - 158

Crew training and maintenance days - 37

Days spent on CCBM training courses - 6

Sail With Santa days - 7

Total number of passengers on board – 1,603 (of which 457 via Sail with Santa)

Passenger donations - £2,947.00

Sail with Santa contribution - £3,017.40

The impact data is all the more impressive given that the boat was out of service for repair for 9 weeks during the year.



It's great to see the balance between training days and trips. Training and familiarity with the boat are so important. But they are also important in enabling volunteers to get to know one another, work as a team and enjoy each other's company. The feedback from passengers has been extremely positive. This is a great testament to the sustained high quality of our volunteers.

I am, as always, incredibly appreciative of my colleague trustees who continue to give outstanding and loyal support to the project as well as wise counsel and strong leadership. We sometimes have to take tough or unpopular decisions but we do so after careful consideration of all views and perspectives. At all times we put the health, safety and well-being of passengers and volunteers first and we take seriously our guardianship of the vision and longevity of the project. The project benefits from very strong, open and transparent governance. Trustees are always solution-focused and have continued to undertake their oversight of EMCBP with great care. In expressing my profound gratitude to our talented and committed trustees I must single out our President, Nigel Anderson. He continues to provide a guiding vision coupled with drive and determination. He is relentless in the pursuit of continuous improvement and his skilful fundraising has enabled us to grow and thrive in our important community mission.

We have continued to receive wonderful support from so many individuals and organisations. I would particularly like to record, once again, our thanks to Michael Sellars at Elcometer Limited. The on-going generous support that we receive from Michael and the company is a huge benefit to us. We also benefit greatly from a partnership with Jigsaw Housing. The Reach Hotel have provided generous sponsorship and in-kind support throughout the year.

Our accountants, Topping Partnership, have, once again, prepared and scrutinized our accounts. I am really grateful for their highly professional and expert work.

We continue to benefit enormously from the support of all our benefactors.

Most importantly, I would like to record my personal thanks to **all** our volunteers, whatever role they undertake. They bring so many skills and qualities, friendship and kindness. The project benefits enormously from all that our brilliant team brings, through the good times as well as the challenges. I am confident that we will continue to work together to ensure that our outstanding charity offers nothing less than the best for all those whom we serve.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Wm Stephens". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

**Dr John Wm Stephens CBE OStJ
Chair of Trustees**

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The Boat

The boat is 57ft long and 6ft wide. The hull is made completely from steel, the bottom is 10mm thick, the sides and cabin are 6mm thick and the top is 4mm thick. The boat weighs about 18 tons.

The narrowboat is now powered by two electric motors with additional leisure batteries replenished by solar panels. Both systems are plugged into a wall mounted charger on mooring.

It has large folding ramps at the bow to allow easy and comfortable wheelchair and passenger boarding and a scissor lift to transfer wheelchair passengers from the front deck to the cabin.

The boat can accommodate up to two electric and four standard wheelchairs, has a wider entrance door for ease of boarding. It has open-plan flexible seating, lower and larger viewing windows, central heating, a small galley and a toilet/wash room with wheelchair access. It is also equipped with an intruder alarm and a defibrillator.

Fresh water is carried in the bow of the boat and fuel is carried at the stern.

It is registered to carry a total of 15 people. It is a day boat and is not designed for overnight use.

The boat has two bow-thrusters and is steered from the stern using a traditional tiller. Under supervision, all passengers are encouraged to steer the boat and the remote steering facility allows wheelchair users to steer the boat from the front deck.

Buoyancy aids for wheelchair-bound passengers and children up to the age of 11 are available together with two infants' life jackets. Auto-inflating life jackets are carried on board and are worn by crew members, they are also available to all passengers.

The boat holds a current Boat Safety Scheme Certificate BSS Examination Report number BSSER-401680/20 (displayed on the boat) which is valid until 18 November 2026.

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Volunteers and Training Programme

The committee will continue to recruit volunteers from the community to help crew the boat. Qualified trainers will take volunteers through the National Community Boat Association's Certificate in Community Boat Management as standard. For those who just want to come along and help, we will run informal training days which will include low-key fire fighting, operating locks, general boat maintenance, acting as a guide, rules of the canal - indeed, anything that could affect the day-to-day operation of the boat.

Trustees continually review their skills and knowledge base and will seek to recruit new trustees with specific areas of expertise in order to expand.

The project's 2025 Vision commits to focus on six main areas; membership, training, finance, clients, website and marketing . The trustees are making steady progress towards achieving their goals.

First Aid, fire, man overboard and evacuation drills will be compulsory for *all* volunteers, and will be repeated on a regular basis - as necessary.

A training log will be kept for all volunteers.

Fund Raising

The committee are indebted to those companies, organisations and individuals who donate time, expertise, advice and funds to the project. The committee will continue to seek out new ways to raise general awareness of, and further funding for, the project.

EAST MANCHESTER COMMUNITY BOAT PROJECT

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF EAST MANCHESTER COMMUNITY BOAT PROJECT

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of East Manchester Community Boat Project (the Charity) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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 that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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 financial statements to be reached.

Topping Partnership (Accountants) Limited

S Wilcock

Susan Wilcock FCCA

Independent Examiner

Incom House

Waterside

Trafford Park

Manchester

M17 1WD

Dated: *3 December 2025*

EAST MANCHESTER COMMUNITY BOAT PROJECT
STATEMENT OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Note	2025 Restricted Funds £	2025 Unrestricted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £	2024 Restricted Funds £	2024 Unrestricted Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
Incoming resources						
Donations and subscriptions	-	15,058	15,058	-	8,106	8,106
Interest 5	-	14	14	-	10	10
Gift Aid	-	934	934	-	402	402
30 th Anniversary Event	10,685	-	10,685	3,900	100	4,000
Fund Raising	-	3,190	3,190	-	-	-
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Total incoming resources	£10,685	£19,196	£29,881	£3,900	£8,618	£12,518
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Resources expended						
Charitable activity 8	13,790	12,943	26,733	6,035	8,560	14,595
Governance 8	-	2,130	2,130	-	1,076	1,076
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Total resources expended	£13,790	£15,073	£28,863	£6,035	£9,636	£15,671
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Net incoming/(outgoing) Resources						
	(3,105)	4,124	1,018	(2,135)	(1,018)	(3,153)
Movement in Funds	(2,174)	2,174	-	-	-	-
Funds brought forward	68,426	66,395	134,822	69,910	68,065	137,975
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Funds at 31 March 2025	£63,147	£72,692	£135,839	£67,775	£67,047	£134,822
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UNAUDITED BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	2025 Restricted Funds £	2025 Unrestricted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £	2024 Restricted Funds £	2024 Unrestricted Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
Fixed Assets	7	63,147	36,222	99,369	66,854	38,353	105,207
Current Assets							
Cash at bank and in hand		-	36,470	36,470	1,572	28,042	29,614
		<u>£63,147</u>	<u>£72,692</u>	<u>£135,839</u>	<u>£68,426</u>	<u>£66,395</u>	<u>£134,821</u>
Represented by							
Reserve for boat repairs		-	5,000	5,000	-	5,000	5,000
Non-designated funds		-	67,692	67,692	-	61,395	61,395
Restricted funds		63,147	-	63,147	68,426	-	68,426
		<u>£63,147</u>	<u>£72,692</u>	<u>£135,839</u>	<u>£68,426</u>	<u>£66,395</u>	<u>£134,821</u>

Trustee

James A Stankovic

Date

3rd Dec 2025

EAST MANCHESTER COMMUNITY BOAT PROJECT

NOTES FORMING PART OF THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is c/o Portland Basin Marina, Lower Alma Street, Dukinfield, Cheshire, SK16 4SQ.

(b) Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with Receipts and Payments Account and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

(c) Investment income

Investment income is accounted for in the period in which it is received.

(d) Donations received

Donations received are accounted for in the period in which they are received.

(e) Resources expended

Expenditure is included on a payment basis.

(f) Fund accounting

Details of the nature and purpose of each fund is set out in note 2.

(g) Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about going concern.

(h) Income tax

The charity is exempt from income tax.

(i) Depreciation

The boat is to be written off over 25 years.

2 FUNDS

Unrestricted Funds

Comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use in accordance with the charitable objects.

Restricted Funds

Comprise those funds which have been given for particular purposes and projects.

3 TRUSTEE REMUNERATION

No trustees have received any remuneration or expenses in the year (2024: £Nil)

4 RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There are no related party transactions to be disclosed.

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5 INVESTMENT INCOME

	2025	2024
	Unrestricted	Unrestricted
	Funds	Funds
	£	£
Bank interest received	14	10
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

6 STAFF COSTS

No staff were employed by the charity during the year.

7 FIXED ASSETS

Boat – Community Spirit 2

	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
	Costs	Costs	£
	£	£	
Cost b/f	82,501	53,269	135,770
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Cost c/f	£82,501	£53,269	£135,770
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Depreciation b/f	15,647	14,916	30,563
Charge	3,707	2,131	5,838
Disposals	-	-	-
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Depreciation c/f	£19,354	£17,047	£36,401
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NBV 31.03.25	£63,147	£36,222	£99,369
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
NBV 31.03.24	£66,854	£38,353	£105,207
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The Trustees have decided to write the boat off over 25 years on a straight line basis.

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	2025	2024
	£	£
Charitable Activity		
Unrestricted		
Mooring and licence fees	2,391	2,267
Maintenance	6,613	1,456
Fuel/Pump	-	854
Repairs and renewals	261	122
Fundraising	1,040	40
Insurance	507	1,690
Depreciation	2,131	2,131
	£12,943	£8,560
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Charitable Activity		
Restricted		
Depreciation	3,707	3,707
30 th Anniversary Event	8,833	2,328
Insurance	1,250	
	£13,790	£6,035
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Governance		
Unrestricted		
Postage	40	-
Telephone	631	373
Website	11	11
Sundry	1,348	600
Bank charges	100	92
	£2,130	£1,076
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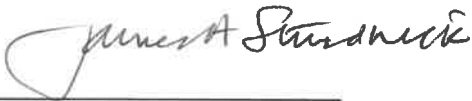
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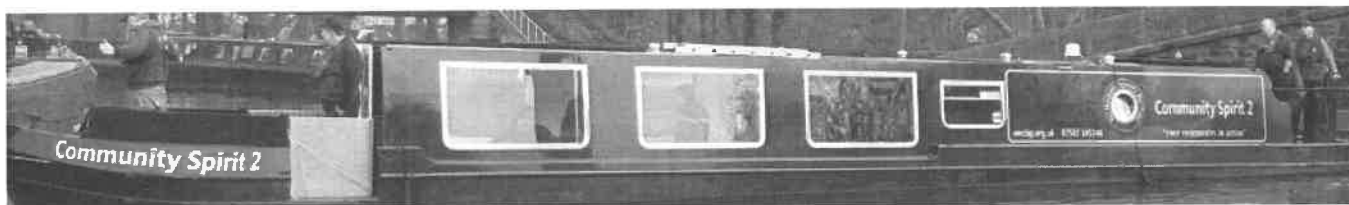
SIGNED BY ORDER OF THE BOARD



Trustee



Date



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Message from the Chair



It is such a privilege to continue serving as the Chair of Trustees for this wonderful East Manchester charity. I am well supported in my role by a fantastic team of enthusiastic, knowledgeable, innovative and highly committed group of volunteer trustees. We added to our number this year by formally approving David Gardner as a trustee. Brian Sharples remains a member but stood down as a trustee in January 2024. I would like formally to thank Brian for his great service in a number of key roles. We co-opted Peter Marlor on to the board and he will stand for election at the Annual General Meeting.

One of the reasons for the remarkable longevity of this charity is that we never stand still. Our President, Nigel Anderson, is constantly seeking new opportunities for us to grow and for us to develop our positive community vision. In addition to having our electrically powered boat – still quite a novelty on the waterways – we have installed solar panels and now have our own dedicated charging point by our mooring close to the Portland Basin Museum. These are remarkable achievements that have only been made possible by the drive and vision of our President implemented so enthusiastically by our outstanding team of volunteers.

During the year Community Spirit 2 has been available for intensive training and familiarisation led by our superb trainers Andy Eadon and Tom Edwards. It was great to be present at the 're-launch' of our boat in May by His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Greater Manchester, Diane Hawkins, accompanied by civic dignitaries and our volunteers and benefactors. It was a great opportunity for us all to celebrate our shared achievements.

In the next 12 months we will celebrate our 30th anniversary. It will be great to come together for a formal dinner at Gorton Monastery to acknowledge the remarkable work of our charity sustained and evolving for 30 years.

Our bookings for the year tell the story of our successful community outreach:

Day trips	- 121
Crew training and maintenance days	- 47
Days spent on CCBM training courses	- 3
Days at Stalybridge Carnival	- 3
Sail With Santa days	- 5
Total number of passengers on board	- 1,055 (of which 311 via Sail with Santa)
Passenger donations	- £2,319.00
Sail with Santa contribution	- £919.77



Feedback from passengers on all aspects of their experience (including the boat itself, crew and trip) is 100% positive. This is a remarkable achievement and speaks to the excellent work of our volunteers.

It is with sadness that I have to record the loss of Peter Farrell. Peter joined us in 2020. He was a real character, never more so than when he played the role of the 'naughty elf' during our Sail with Santa trips. Peter could perform magic tricks and loved to entertain passengers and crew alike. He loved volunteering with Community Spirit and is sorely missed.

We have continued to receive wonderful support from so many individuals and organisations. I would particularly like to record, once again, our thanks to Michael Sellars at Elcometer Limited. The on-going generous support that we receive from Michael and the company is a huge benefit to us. We also benefit greatly from a partnership with Jigsaw Homes as well as the excellent support of Louvolite (Hyde) and Robert Burns Lodge 999. Our work with Jigsaw is significant and enables us to fulfil our community vision by reaching out to residents and providing opportunities for them to acquire new skills.

Additionally we have received generous financial support from: Clothworkers Foundation, Manchester Guardian, Lord Lieutenant's Fund, Lottery Community Fund, EL Masonic mark Fund and EL Masonic Charity. Charitable donations enable us to carry out our important community mission and it's great to have support in kind and advice from our friends and colleagues at: Bridge View Café, Canal and River Trust, GID Marine, Lynch Motor Company, Maine Electrical Services, Portland Basin Marina, Portland Basin Museum, Rolec Services and Tameside Canal Boat Trust.

Our accountants, Topping Partnership, have, once again, prepared and scrutinized our accounts. I am really grateful for their highly professional and expert work.

As ever I would like to record my personal thanks to all our volunteers. Their resilience, pragmatism, diverse contributions, creative thinking and many kindnesses endure throughout the good times as well as the challenges. Let's continue to work together, fostering a genuine community spirit and ensuring that our wonderful charity makes the most of every opportunity for the benefit of all those whom we serve.

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EAST MANCHESTER COMMUNITY BOAT PROJECT

ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES ON THE PREPARATION OF

THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF EAST MANCHESTER COMMUNITY BOAT PROJECT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

In order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Charities Act 2011, we have prepared for your approval the financial statements of East Manchester Community Boat Project, which comprise the statement of financial activities and the related notes from the charity's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us.

This report is made to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 21 November 2023. Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the financial statements of East Manchester Community Boat Project and state those matters that we have agreed to state to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in this report in accordance with the ICAEW Technical Release 07/16 AAF. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than East Manchester Community Boat Project and the charity's Trustees, as a body, for our work or for this report.

It is your duty to ensure that East Manchester Community Boat Project has kept adequate accounting records and to prepare statutory financial statements that give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and surplus of East Manchester Community Boat Project. You consider that East Manchester Community Boat Project is exempt from the statutory audit requirement for the year, and is not required to obtain an independent examiner's report.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit or a review of the financial statements of East Manchester Community Boat Project. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the statutory financial statements.

Topping Partnership (Accountants) Limited

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EAST MANCHESTER COMMUNITY BOAT PROJECT

STATEMENT OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	2024 Restricted Funds £	2024 Unrestricted Funds £	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Restricted Funds £	2023 Unrestricted Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
Incoming resources							
Donations and subscriptions		-	8,106	8,106	-	10,262	10,262
Interest	5	-	10	10	-	27	27
Gift Aid		-	402	402	-	565	565
Grants		-	-	-	34,500	-	34,500
30 th Anniversary Event		3,900	100	4,000	-	-	-
Total incoming resources		3,900	8,618	12,518	34,500	10,854	45,354
Resources expended							
Charitable activity	8	6,035	8,560	14,595	3,570	9,655	13,225
Governance	8	-	1,076	1,076	-	973	973
Total resources expended		6,035	9,636	15,671	3,570	10,628	14,198
Net incoming/(outgoing) Resources		(2,135)	(1,018)	(3,153)	30,930	226	31,156
Funds brought forward		69,910	68,065	137,975	38,980	67,839	106,819
Funds at 31 March 2024		67,775	67,047	134,822	69,910	68,065	137,975

EAST MANCHESTER COMMUNITY BOAT PROJECT

UNAUDITED BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	2024 Restricted Funds £	2024 Unrestricted Funds £	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Restricted Funds £	2023 Unrestricted Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
Fixed Assets	7	66,854	38,353	105,207	67,831	40,484	108,315
Current Assets							
Cash at bank and in hand		1,572	28,042	29,614	-	29,660	29,660
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		68,426	66,395	134,821	67,831	70,144	137,975
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Represented by							
Reserve for boat repairs		-	5,000	5,000	-	5,000	5,000
Non-designated funds		-	61,395	61,395	-	65,144	65,144
Restricted funds		68,426	-	68,426	67,831	-	67,831
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		68,426	66,395	134,821	67,831	70,144	137,975
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Trustee

James A Stundnick

Date

7th December 2024

EAST MANCHESTER COMMUNITY BOAT PROJECT
NOTES FORMING PART OF THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is c/o Portland Basin Marina, Lower Alma Street, Dukinfield, Cheshire, SK16 4SQ.

(b) Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with Receipts and Payments Account and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

(c) Investment income

Investment income is accounted for in the period in which it is received.

(d) Donations received

Donations received are accounted for in the period in which they are received.

(e) Resources expended

Expenditure is included on a payment basis.

(f) Fund accounting

Details of the nature and purpose of each fund is set out in note 2.

(g) Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about going concern.

(h) Income tax

The charity is exempt from income tax.

(i) Depreciation

The boat is to be written off over 25 years.

2 FUNDS

Unrestricted Funds

Comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use in accordance with the charitable objects.

Restricted Funds

Comprise those funds which have been given for particular purposes and projects.

3 TRUSTEE REMUNERATION

No trustees have received any remuneration or expenses in the year (2023 : £Nil)

4 RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There are no related party transactions to be disclosed.

EAST MANCHESTER COMMUNITY BOAT PROJECT

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

5 INVESTMENT INCOME

	2024 Unrestricted Funds £	2023 Unrestricted Funds £
Bank interest received	10	27
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6 STAFF COSTS

No staff were employed by the charity during the year.

7 FIXED ASSETS

Boat – Community Spirit 2

	Restricted Costs £	Unrestricted Costs £	Total £
Cost b/f	79,771	53,269	133,040
Additions	2,730	-	2,730
Disposals	-	-	-
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Cost c/f	£82,501	£53,269	£135,770
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Depreciation b/f	11,940	12,785	24,725
Charge	3,707	2,131	5,838
Disposals	-	-	-
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Depreciation c/f	£15,647	£14,916	£30,563
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NBV 31.03.24	£66,854	£38,353	£105,207
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NBV 31.03.23	£67,831	£40,484	£108,315
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The Trustees have decided to write the boat off over 25 years on a straight line basis.

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8	ANNUAL REPORT		
		2024	2023
		£	£
	Charitable Activity		
	Unrestricted		
	Mooring and licence fees	2,267	2,271
	Maintenance	1,456	2,418
	Fuel/Pump	854	1,707
	Repairs and renewals	122	765
	Training	40	20
	Insurance	1,690	343
	Depreciation	2,131	2,131
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		£8,560	£9,655
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	Charitable Activity		
	Restricted		
	Depreciation	3,707	3,570
	30 th Anniversary Event	2,328	-
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		£6,035	£3,570
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	Governance		
	Unrestricted		
	Postage	-	49
	Telephone	373	340
	Website	11	11
	Sundry	600	482
	Bank charges	92	91
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		£1,076	£973
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EAST MANCHESTER COMMUNITY BOAT PROJECT

England & Wales - Charity number 1155976

Accounts

EAST MANCHESTER COMMUNITY BOAT PROJECT

REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 MARCH 2023

(Registered Charity Number 1155976)

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees:	
President	Mr N Anderson
Chair	Dr J W Stephens CBE
Treasurer	Mr J A Strudwick
Secretary	Ms S E Steventon
Trustees	Mr K Glover Mr D Gardener Mr B Sharples Mrs J Bailey Mrs A Cartledge Mr J Fletcher
Principal Office	c/o Portland Basin Marina Lower Alma Street Dukinfield Cheshire SK16 4SQ
Accountants	Topping Partnership (Accountants) Limited Incom House Waterside Trafford Park Manchester M17 1WD
Bankers	HSBC Bank plc 2-4 St Ann's Square Manchester M2 7HD

EAST MANCHESTER COMMUNITY BOAT PROJECT

ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2023

The Trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Reference and Administrative Details

Reference and administration details are shown in the Schedule of Members of the Board and Professional Advisers on page 1 of the Financial Statements.

The Trustees

The trustees who served in the year were:

Mr N Anderson	Dr J W Stephens
Ms S E Steventon	Mr J A Strudwick
Mr K Glover	Mr B Sharples
Mr D Gardener – appointed 18/10/2023	
Mrs A Cartledge	
Mrs J Bailey	Mr J Fletcher

The trustees are appointed according to the constitution structure, governance and management and their responsibilities are contained in the constitution.

The Committee meets six times a year and is bound by the rules of conduct contained in the constitution. The Committee is subject to election at the Annual General Meeting.

The principal office of the company is Portland Basin Marina, Lower Alma Street, Dukinfield, Cheshire, SK16 4SQ.

Objectives and Activities

The charity's objects are:

To provide or assist in the provision of facilities, in the interests of social welfare, for recreation, education or other leisure time, occupation of persons mainly in the East of Manchester and Greater Manchester areas, who have need of such facilities by reason of their disability. In the event of spare capacity, to also include persons who are disadvantaged by social and economic circumstances with the object of improving and enhancing their conditions of life.

The trustees, when deciding on the charity's activities for the year, are mindful of the Charity Commission's Guidance on Public Benefit. The facilities are available to all regardless of gender, faith or personal circumstances.

The trustees and members are custodians of a narrowboat, a full description of which is given on page 7.

Activities and Achievements

The activities and achievements for the year are shown in the message from the Chair.

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Financial Review

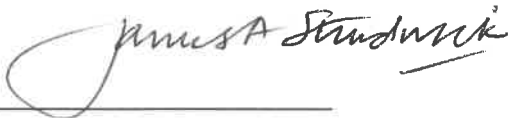
The trustees have no formal policy to maintain a level of reserves, however, they are conscious of their responsibilities and monitor the level of the reserves to ensure the charity holds a minimum of one year's full running costs as a reserve fund, in addition to allowing for general maintenance costs.

At the start of the year the charity had £106,819 of reserves. This increased during the year and at 31 March 2023 the charity had £137,975 of reserves.

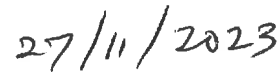
Responsibilities of the trustees

The trustees are responsible for ensuring proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the project. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

SIGNED BY ORDER OF THE BOARD



Trustee



Date

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Message from the Chair



It has been so pleasing to be able to a degree of normality in the work of our charity after two highly disrupted years. It has been so good to return to 'in person' meetings and regular trips on the boat, meeting up with friends and welcoming familiar and new faces amongst our passenger groups.

2023 has been a significant year for other reasons too. Our plans to convert our boat to clean electric power came to fruition. The boat was out of action for the first two weeks in January while the boiler was repaired and the boat had to go into Portland Basin Marina to finally have the diesel engine removed. This was in readiness for her new electric motor and associated control systems to be fitted. This all took longer than had been anticipated and meant that we were out of service for the remainder of February and the whole of March. Trustees still faced a number of challenges - not least of which was siting of the plug-in point to re-charge the motor. Considerable planning, negotiations and perseverance were required in order to get the job complete but it is great to see everything in place including our change of mooring. Thanks to everyone who made this exciting development possible.

It's quite strange to be on board a narrow boat that moves so smoothly and quietly through the water, free of the vibration created by diesel engine. We expect to see a lot more electrically powered narrowboats in the future as the canal network moves towards a more sustainable future. Once again, EMCBP is setting the pace, embracing new technologies and demonstrating our typically innovative and entrepreneurial approach.

Our bookings for the year tell the story of our successful community outreach:

Day trips	- 124
Crew training and maintenance days	- 33
Days spent on CCBM training courses	- 6
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Total number of passengers on board	- 1,368 (of which 288 via Sail with Santa)
Passenger donations	- £1,821.00
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It's great to see the balance between training days and trips. Training and familiarity with boat are so important, especially given the new electric motor. But they are also important in enabling volunteers to get to know one another, work as a team and enjoy each other's company. The feedback from passengers has been exclusively positive. This is a great testament to the sustained high quality of our volunteers.

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Message from the Chair (continued)

I am, as always, incredibly appreciative of my colleague trustees who continue to give outstanding and loyal support to the project as well as wise counsel and strong leadership. David Gardner joined us in 2022 and we are grateful for his contribution. We sometimes have to take tough or unpopular decisions but we do so after careful consideration of all views and perspectives. At all times we put the health, safety and well-being of passengers and volunteers first and we take seriously our guardianship of the vision and longevity of the project. The project benefits from very strong, open and transparent governance. Trustees are always solution-focused and have continued to undertake their oversight of EMCBP with great care. In expressing my profound gratitude to our talented and committed trustees I must single out our President, Nigel Anderson, for his vision, drive and determination. He is restless in the pursuit of continuous improvement and his skilful fundraising has enabled us to grow and thrive in our important community mission.

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EAST MANCHESTER COMMUNITY BOAT PROJECT

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF EAST MANCHESTER COMMUNITY BOAT PROJECT

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of East Manchester Community Boat Project (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity 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 that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records: or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than the requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- 4 the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.

S Wilcock

Mrs S Wilcock FCCA

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Dated *27/11/2023*

EAST MANCHESTER COMMUNITY BOAT PROJECT
STATEMENT OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Note	2023 Restricted Funds £	2023 Unrestricted Funds £	2023 Total Funds £	2022 Restricted Funds £	2022 Unrestricted Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
Incoming resources						
Donations and subscriptions	-	10,262	10,262	3,175	6,728	9,903
Interest 5	-	27	27	-	14	14
Gift Aid	-	565	565	-	357	357
Grants	34,500	-	34,500	-	-	-
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Total incoming resources	34,500	10,854	45,354	3,175	7,099	10,274
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Resources expended						
Charitable activity 8	3,570	9,655	13,225	4,849	8,766	13,615
Governance 8	-	973	973	-	482	482
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Total resources expended	3,570	10,628	14,198	4,849	9,248	14,097
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Net incoming/(outgoing) Resources	30,930	226	31,156	(1,674)	(2,149)	(3,823)
Funds brought forward	38,980	67,839	106,819	40,654	69,988	110,642
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Funds at 31 March 2023	69,910	68,065	137,975	38,980	67,839	106,819
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EAST MANCHESTER COMMUNITY BOAT PROJECT

UNAUDITED BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	2023 Restricted Funds £	2023 Unrestricted Funds £	2023 Total Funds £	2022 Restricted Funds £	2022 Unrestricted Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
Fixed Assets	7	67,831	40,484	108,315	33,480	42,615	76,095
Current Assets							
Cash at bank and in hand		-	29,660	29,660	5,500	25,224	30,724
		<u>67,831</u>	<u>70,144</u>	<u>137,975</u>	<u>38,980</u>	<u>67,839</u>	<u>106,819</u>
Represented by							
Reserve for boat repairs		-	5,000	5,000	-	5,000	5,000
Non-designated funds		-	65,144	65,144	-	62,839	62,839
Restricted funds		67,831	-	67,831	38,980	-	38,980
		<u>67,831</u>	<u>70,144</u>	<u>137,975</u>	<u>38,980</u>	<u>67,839</u>	<u>106,819</u>
Analysis of Funds							
		2023 Restricted Funds £	2023 Unrestricted Funds £	2023 Total Funds £	2022 Restricted Funds £	2022 Unrestricted Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
Opening funds		38,980	67,839	106,819	40,654	69,988	110,642
Incoming resources		34,500	10,854	45,354	3,175	7,099	10,274
Outgoing resources		(3,570)	(10,628)	(14,198)	(4,849)	(9,248)	(14,097)
Closing fund		<u>69,910</u>	<u>68,065</u>	<u>137,975</u>	<u>38,980</u>	<u>67,839</u>	<u>106,819</u>

Trustee

Janet A Sturrock

Date

27/11/2023.

EAST MANCHESTER COMMUNITY BOAT PROJECT
NOTES FORMING PART OF THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is c/o Portland Basin Marina, Lower Alma Street, Dukinfield, Cheshire, SK16 4SQ.

(b) Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with Receipts and Payments Account and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

(c) Investment income

Investment income is accounted for in the period in which it is received.

(d) Donations received

Donations received are accounted for in the period in which they are received.

(e) Resources expended

Expenditure is included on a payment basis.

(f) Fund accounting

Details of the nature and purpose of each fund is set out in note 2.

(g) Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about going concern.

(h) Income tax

The charity is exempt from income tax.

(i) Depreciation

The boat is to be written off over 25 years.

2 FUNDS

Unrestricted Funds

Comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use in accordance with the charitable objects.

Restricted Funds

Comprise those funds which have been given for particular purposes and projects.

3 TRUSTEE REMUNERATION

No trustees have received any remuneration or expenses in the year (2022 : £Nil)

4 RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There are no related party transactions to be disclosed.

EAST MANCHESTER COMMUNITY BOAT PROJECT

NOTES FORMING PART OF THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

5 INVESTMENT INCOME

	2023	2022
	Unrestricted	Unrestricted
	Funds	Funds
	£	£
Bank interest received	27	14
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

6 STAFF COSTS

No staff were employed by the charity during the year.

7 FIXED ASSETS

Boat – Community Spirit 2

	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
	Costs	Costs	£
	£	£	
Cost b/f	41,850	53,269	95,119
Additions	37,921	-	37,921
Disposals	-	-	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Cost c/f	£79,771	£53,269	£133,040
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Depreciation b/f	8,370	10,654	19,024
Charge	3,570	2,131	5,701
Disposals	-	-	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Depreciation c/f	£11,940	£12,785	£24,725
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
NBV 31.03.23	£67,831	£40,484	£108,315
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
NBV 31.03.22	£33,480	£42,615	£76,095
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The Trustees have decided to write the boat off over 25 years on a straight line basis.

EAST MANCHESTER COMMUNITY BOAT PROJECT
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8 ANNUAL REPORT

	2023	2022
	£	£
Charitable Activity		
Unrestricted		
Mooring and licence fees	2,271	956
Maintenance	2,418	3,190
Fuel/Pump	1,707	-
Repairs and renewals	765	136
Training	20	1,101
Insurance	343	1,252
Depreciation	2,131	2,131
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	£9,655	£8,766
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Charitable Activity		
Restricted		
Depreciation	3,570	1,674
Mooring and Licence fees	-	538
Fuel/Pump	-	556
Repairs	-	216
Training	-	235
Insurance	-	1,630
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	£3,570	£4,849
	<hr/>	<hr/>
Governance		
Unrestricted		
Postage	49	-
Telephone	340	301
Website	11	-
Sundry	482	157
Bank charges	91	24
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	£973	£482
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EAST MANCHESTER COMMUNITY BOAT PROJECT

REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 MARCH 2022

(Registered Charity Number 1155976)

EAST MANCHESTER COMMUNITY BOAT PROJECT

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EAST MANCHESTER COMMUNITY BOAT PROJECT

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees:	
President	Mr N Anderson
Chair	Dr J W Stephens CBE
Treasurer	Mr J A Strudwick
Secretary	Ms S E Steventon
Trustees	Mr K Glover Mrs G Walker Mr B Sharples Mrs J Bailey Mrs A Cartledge Mr J Fletcher
Principal Office	c/o Portland Basin Marina Lower Alma Street Dukinfield Cheshire SK16 4SQ
Accountants	Topping Partnership (Accountants) Limited Incom House Waterside Trafford Park Manchester M17 1WD
Bankers	HSBC Bank plc 2-4 St Ann's Square Manchester M2 7HD

EAST MANCHESTER COMMUNITY BOAT PROJECT
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FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2022

The Trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Reference and Administrative Details

Reference and administration details are shown in the Schedule of Members of the Board and Professional Advisers on page 1 of the Financial Statements.

The Trustees

The trustees who served in the year were:

Mr N Anderson	Dr J W Stephens
Ms S E Steventon	Mr J A Strudwick
Mr K Glover	Mr B Sharples
Mrs G Walker	Mrs A Cartledge
Mrs J Bailey	Mr J Fletcher

The trustees are appointed according to the constitution structure, governance and management and their responsibilities are contained in the constitution.

The Committee meets six times a year and is bound by the rules of conduct contained in the constitution. The Committee is subject to election at the Annual General Meeting.

The principal office of the company is Portland Basin Marina, Lower Alma Street, Dukinfield, Cheshire, SK16 4SQ.

Objectives and Activities

The charity's objects are:

To provide or assist in the provision of facilities, in the interests of social welfare, for recreation, education or other leisure time, occupation of persons mainly in the East of Manchester and Greater Manchester areas, who have need of such facilities by reason of their disability. In the event of spare capacity, to also include persons who are disadvantaged by social and economic circumstances with the object of improving and enhancing their conditions of life.

The trustees, when deciding on the charity's activities for the year, are mindful of the Charity Commission's Guidance on Public Benefit. The facilities are available to all regardless of gender, faith or personal circumstances.

The trustees and members are custodians of a narrowboat, a full description of which is given on page 7.

Activities and Achievements

The activities and achievements for the year are shown in the message from the Chair.

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Financial Review

The trustees have no formal policy to maintain a level of reserves, however, they are conscious of their responsibilities and monitor the level of the reserves to ensure the charity holds a minimum of one year's full running costs as a reserve fund, in addition to allowing for general maintenance costs.

At the start of the year the charity had £110,642 of reserves. This decreased during the year and at 31 March 2022 the charity had £106,819 of reserves.

Responsibilities of the trustees

The trustees are responsible for ensuring proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the project. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

SIGNED BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Trustee

Date

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Message from the Chair

This year's report reflects unprecedented times. From spring 2020 and for most of the subsequent year, the UK has been subject to stringent restrictions in response to the Covid19 pandemic. Even when there was some easing of the restrictions, the Greater Manchester area had to operate within enhanced measures as part of a 'local lockdown'. Obviously these extreme circumstances have had a serious impact on the work of our charity and our ability to fulfil our aims and objectives. It is tribute to our membership, however, that even in the context of a pandemic much good work has continued.

During the periods of lockdown and other social restrictions the health and safety of our passengers and membership were the top priorities for trustees. By our very nature, the charity works with groups of people who may be clinically vulnerable to infection. We have balanced these considerations with the need for people to meet up and enjoy the company of others but have always adhered strictly to government guidance in implementing our 'covid secure' operating procedures. We strengthened our infection control measures and supported our policies with practical modifications:

- . four automatic hand-sanitizers and two automatic soap dispensers purchased
- . amendments made to booking form with clear conditions and safety advice
- . modifications made to feedback form
- . creation of a crew compliance declaration form
- . a pre and post trip cleaning routine was implemented
- . non-essential materials and equipment were removed from the boat

In the event, the boat has been largely dormant in terms of passengers during this period. I am sorry that we have had to limit our work in response to lockdowns and I don't underestimate the impact this may have had on both volunteers and passengers. The decisions taken to curtail our activities were, however, the right ones.

We have made good use of digital technology to allow trustee meetings to continue during the lockdown periods. Whilst we have all missed seeing one another in person and 'Zoom' has its limitations, I am grateful for the opportunities to keep in touch and progress some of our work. The 2020 Annual General Meeting was held via Zoom and this allowed record numbers to attend and participate.

I have never been more grateful to my colleague trustees who continue to give outstanding and loyal support to the project. We have had to take some tough decisions this year often balancing competing demands in our response to the pandemic. At all times, we have rightly put the health, safety and well-being of passengers and volunteers first. The project benefits from very strong, open and transparent governance. Trustees are always solution-focused and have continued to undertake their oversight of EMCBP with great care.

Despite the challenges, the great spirit of teamwork has prevailed. Amongst our volunteers, people have kept in touch with each other and have looked out for one another. Great suggestions have been put forward about safe ways that we could occasionally get together and many volunteers have quietly and discreetly kept an eye on the boat, maintaining security and allowing some maintenance activity to be undertaken. We've been thinking about training and how we can streamline what we do. Tom Edwards and Peter Marlor put together some helpful 'refresher training' for September 2020 to help us re-commission our work safely. We've also been working on the major projects that Nigel outlined in the 2025 Vision at the last AGM. Work has taken place to improve the website and the development of educational materials has continued. Once again I am pleased to single out our President, Nigel Anderson for special thanks. Behind the scenes Nigel has worked relentlessly to progress our ambitious plans for the future, spending hours researching, applying for and successfully bringing in large donations and grants.

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Message from the Chair (continued)

We have continued to receive wonderful support from so many individuals and organisations. I would particularly like to record, once again, our thanks to Michael Sellars at Elcometer Limited. The on-going generous support that we receive from Michael and the company is a huge benefit to us.

Our accountants, Topping Partnership (Accountants) Limited, have, once again, prepared and scrutinized our accounts. I am really grateful for their highly professional and expert work.

We continue to benefit enormously from the support of our other major benefactors:

Robert Burns Lodge 999

Louvalite Ltd, Hyde

Even during a national lockdown, grant awarding bodies have been able to see the enormous potential of our charity.

I began by noting the extraordinary circumstances we have all faced this year. The necessary limitations on our activities in 2020-21 do not diminish the wonderful commitment of everyone involved in EMCBP. Without skilful and willing volunteers in every part of our operation, EMCBP could not fulfil its core purposes. I would like to record my personal thanks to **all** our volunteers, whatever role they undertake, for their resilience, pragmatism, diverse contributions, bright ideas and many kindnesses throughout such a difficult time. Let's all hope for better times ahead.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Wm Stephens". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

**Dr John Wm Stephens CBE OStJ
Chair of Trustees**

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The Boat

The boat is 57ft long and 6ft wide. The hull is made completely from steel, the bottom is 10mm thick, the sides and cabin are 6mm thick and the top is 4mm thick. The boat weighs about 18 tons.

It is driven by a Canaline 42bhp Marine Diesel engine. It runs on industrial, not commercial, diesel. It has large folding ramps at the bow to allow easy and comfortable wheelchair and passenger boarding and a scissor lift to transfer wheelchair passengers from the front deck to the cabin. The boat can accommodate up to two electric and four standard wheelchairs, has a wider entrance door for ease of boarding. It has open-plan flexible seating, lower and larger viewing windows, central heating, a small galley and a toilet/wash room with wheelchair access. It is also equipped with an intruder alarm, a defibrillator and a wheelchair position on the foredeck from which wheelchair users can steer the boat using a unique remote steering facility.

Fresh water is carried in the bow of the boat and fuel is carried at the stern.

It is registered to carry a total of 15 people. It is a day boat and is not designed for overnight use.

The boat has two bow-thrusters and is steered from the stern using a traditional tiller. Under supervision, all passengers are encouraged to steer the boat and the remote steering facility allows wheelchair users to steer the boat from the front deck.

Buoyancy aids for wheelchair-bound passengers and children up to the age of 11 are available together with two infants' life jackets. Auto-inflating life jackets are carried on board and are worn by crew members, they are also available to all passengers.

The boat holds a current Boat Safety Scheme Certificate BSS Examination Report number (displayed on the boat) which is valid until

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Volunteers and Training Programme

The committee will continue to recruit volunteers from the community to help crew the boat. Qualified trainers will take volunteers through the National Community Boat Association's Certificate in Community Boat Management as standard. For those who just want to come along and help, we will run informal training days which will include low-key fire fighting, operating locks, general boat maintenance, acting as a guide, rules of the canal - indeed, anything that could affect the day-to-day operation of the boat.

Trustees continually review their skills and knowledge base and will seek to recruit new trustees with specific areas of expertise in order to expand.

Our 2020 Vision commits us to focus on six main areas; membership, training, finance, clients, website and marketing and trustees have already made progress towards achieving their goals.

First Aid, fire, man overboard and evacuation drills will be compulsory for *all* volunteers, and will be repeated on a regular basis - as necessary.

A training log will be kept for all volunteers.

Fund Raising

The committee are indebted to those companies, organisations and individuals who donate time, expertise, advice and funds to the project. The committee will continue to seek out new ways to raise general awareness of, and further funding for, the project.

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES
ON THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF
EAST MANCHESTER COMMUNITY BOAT PROJECT

In accordance with the engagement letter dated 20 October 2019, in order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Charities Act 2011, we have prepared for your approval the accounts of East Manchester Community Boat Project for the year ended 31 March 2022 as set out on pages 9 to 13 from the charity's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us.

As a member firm of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at <http://www.icaew.com/en/members/regulations-standards-and-guidance/>.

Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the financial statements of East Manchester Community Boat and state those matters that we have agreed to state to them in this report in accordance with ICAEW Technical Release 08/16 AAF as detailed at icaew.com/compilation. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and its Board of Trustees, as a body, for our work or for this report.

You have approved the financial information for the year and have acknowledged your responsibility for it, for the appropriateness of the financial reporting framework adopted and for providing all information and explanations necessary for its compilation.

We have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the financial information.

Topping Partnership (Accountants) Limited
Chartered Accountants
Incom House
Waterside
Trafford Park
Manchester
M17 1WD

Date:

EAST MANCHESTER COMMUNITY BOAT PROJECT

STATEMENT OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Note	2022 Restricted Funds £	2022 Unrestricted Funds £	2022 Total Funds £	2021 Restricted Funds £	2021 Unrestricted Funds £	2021 Total Funds £
Incoming resources						
Donations and subscriptions	3,175	6,728	9,903	5,500	5,825	11,325
Interest 5	-	14	14	-	50	50
Gift Aid	-	357	357	-	-	-
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Total incoming resources	3,175	7,099	10,274	5,500	5,875	11,375
Resources expended						
Charitable activity 8	4,849	8,766	13,615	1,674	9,392	11,066
Governance 8	-	482	482	-	555	555
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Total resources expended	4,849	9,248	14,097	1,674	9,947	11,621
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Net incoming/(outgoing) Resources	(1,674)	(2,149)	(3,823)	3,826	(4,072)	(246)
Funds brought forward	40,654	69,988	110,642	36,828	74,060	110,888
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Funds at 31 March 2022	38,980	67,839	106,819	40,654	69,988	110,642
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EAST MANCHESTER COMMUNITY BOAT PROJECT

UNAUDITED BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Note	2022	2022	2022	2021	2021	2021
		Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
		Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	7	33,480	42,615	76,095	35,154	44,746	79,900
Current Assets							
Cash at bank and in hand		5,500	25,224	30,724	5,500	25,242	30,742
		<u>38,980</u>	<u>67,839</u>	<u>106,819</u>	<u>40,654</u>	<u>69,988</u>	<u>110,642</u>
Represented by							
Reserve for boat repairs		-	5,000	5,000	-	5,000	5,000
Non-designated funds		-	62,839	62,839	-	64,988	64,988
Restricted funds		38,980	-	38,980	40,654	-	40,654
		<u>38,980</u>	<u>67,839</u>	<u>106,819</u>	<u>40,654</u>	<u>69,988</u>	<u>110,642</u>
Analysis of Funds							
		2022	2022	2022	2021	2021	2021
		Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
		Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Opening funds		40,654	69,988	110,642	36,828	74,060	110,888
Incoming resources		3,175	7,099	10,274	5,500	5,875	11,375
Outgoing resources		(4,849)	(9,248)	(14,097)	(1,674)	(9,947)	(11,621)
Closing fund		<u>38,980</u>	<u>67,839</u>	<u>106,819</u>	<u>40,654</u>	<u>69,988</u>	<u>110,642</u>

Trustee

Date

EAST MANCHESTER COMMUNITY BOAT PROJECT

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(e) Resources expended

Expenditure is included on a payment basis.

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Details of the nature and purpose of each fund is set out in note 2.

(g) Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about going concern.

(h) Income tax

The charity is exempt from income tax.

(i) Depreciation

The boat is to be written off over 25 years.

2 FUNDS

Unrestricted Funds

Comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use in accordance with the charitable objects.

Restricted Funds

Comprise those funds which have been given for particular purposes and projects.

3 TRUSTEE REMUNERATION

No trustees have received any remuneration or expenses in the year (2021 : £Nil)

4 RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There are no related party transactions to be disclosed.

EAST MANCHESTER COMMUNITY BOAT PROJECT

NOTES FORMING PART OF THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

5 INVESTMENT INCOME

	2022 Unrestricted Funds £	2021 Unrestricted Funds £
Bank interest received	14	50
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

6 STAFF COSTS

No staff were employed by the charity during the year.

7 FIXED ASSETS

Boat – Community Spirit 2

	Restricted Costs £	Unrestricted Costs £	Total £
Cost b/f	41,850	53,269	95,119
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Cost c/f	£41,850	£53,269	£95,119
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Depreciation b/f	6,696	8,523	15,219
Charge	1,674	2,131	3,805
Disposals	-	-	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Depreciation c/f	£8,370	£10,654	£19,024
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
NBV 31.03.22	£33,480	£42,615	£76,095
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
NBV 31.03.21	£35,154	£44,746	£79,900
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

The Trustees have decided to write the boat off over 25 years on a straight line basis.

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NOTES FORMING PART OF THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

8 ANNUAL REPORT	2022	2021
	£	£
Charitable Activity		
Unrestricted		
Mooring and licence fees	956	1,656
Maintenance	3,190	2,383
Fuel/Pump	-	732
Repairs and renewals	136	880
Training	1,101	100
Insurance	1,252	1,510
Depreciation	2,131	2,131
Fund raising event	-	-
	<u>£8,766</u>	<u>£9,392</u>
	<u>£8,766</u>	<u>£9,392</u>
Charitable Activity		
Restricted		
Depreciation	1,674	1,674
Mooring and Licence fees	538	-
Fuel/Pump	556	-
Repairs	216	-
Training	235	-
Insurance	1,630	-
	<u>£4,849</u>	<u>£1,674</u>
	<u>£4,849</u>	<u>£1,674</u>
Governance		
Unrestricted		
Postage	-	-
Telephone	301	255
Website	-	300
Sundry	157	-
Bank charges	24	-
Donations	-	-
	<u>£482</u>	<u>£555</u>
	<u>£482</u>	<u>£555</u>

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 MARCH 2021

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James A Sturrock
Trustee.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 MARCH 2021

(Registered Charity Number 1155976)

James A Sturges
Trustee.

EAST MANCHESTER COMMUNITY BOAT PROJECT

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees:	
President	Mr N Anderson
Chair	Dr J W Stephens CBE
Treasurer	Mr J A Strudwick
Secretary	Ms S E Steventon
Trustees	Mr K Glover Mrs G Walker Mr B Sharples Mrs J Bailey Mrs A Cartledge Mr J Fletcher
Principal Office	c/o Portland Basin Marina Lower Alma Street Dukinfield Cheshire SK16 4SQ
Accountants	Topping Partnership (Accountants) Limited Incom House Waterside Trafford Park Manchester M17 1WD
Bankers	HSBC Bank plc 2-4 St Ann's Square Manchester M2 7HD

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The Trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Reference and Administrative Details

Reference and administration details are shown in the Schedule of Members of the Board and Professional Advisers on page 1 of the Financial Statements.

The Trustees

The trustees who served in the year were:

Mr N Anderson	Dr J W Stephens
Ms S E Steventon	Mr J A Strudwick
Mr K Glover	Mr B Sharples
Mrs G Walker	Mrs A Cartledge
Mrs J Bailey	Mr J Fletcher

The trustees are appointed according to the constitution structure, governance and management and their responsibilities are contained in the constitution.

The Committee meets six times a year and is bound by the rules of conduct contained in the constitution. The Committee is subject to election at the Annual General Meeting.

The principal office of the company is Portland Basin Marina, Lower Alma Street, Dukinfield, Cheshire, SK16 4SQ.

Objectives and Activities

The charity's objects are:

To provide or assist in the provision of facilities, in the interests of social welfare, for recreation, education or other leisure time, occupation of persons mainly in the East of Manchester and Greater Manchester areas, who have need of such facilities by reason of their disability. In the event of spare capacity, to also include persons who are disadvantaged by social and economic circumstances with the object of improving and enhancing their conditions of life.

The trustees, when deciding on the charity's activities for the year, are mindful of the Charity Commission's Guidance on Public Benefit. The facilities are available to all regardless of gender, faith or personal circumstances.

The trustees and members are custodians of a narrowboat, a full description of which is given on page 7.

Activities and Achievements

The activities and achievements for the year are shown in the message from the Chair.

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Financial Review

The trustees have no formal policy to maintain a level of reserves, however, they are conscious of their responsibilities and monitor the level of the reserves to ensure the charity holds a minimum of one year's full running costs as a reserve fund, in addition to allowing for general maintenance costs.

At the start of the year the charity had £110,888 of reserves. This decreased and at 31 March 2021 the charity had £110,642 of reserves.

Responsibilities of the trustees

The trustees are responsible for ensuring proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the project. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

SIGNED BY ORDER OF THE BOARD



Trustee

30 October 2021

Date

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Message from the Chair

This year's report reflects unprecedented times. From spring 2020 and for most of the subsequent year, the UK has been subject to stringent restrictions in response to the Covid19 pandemic. Even when there was some easing of the restrictions, the Greater Manchester area had to operate within enhanced measures as part of a 'local lockdown'. Obviously these extreme circumstances have had a serious impact on the work of our charity and our ability to fulfil our aims and objectives. It is tribute to our membership, however, that even in the context of a pandemic much good work has continued.

During the periods of lockdown and other social restrictions the health and safety of our passengers and membership were the top priorities for trustees. By our very nature, the charity works with groups of people who may be clinically vulnerable to infection. We have balanced these considerations with the need for people to meet up and enjoy the company of others but have always adhered strictly to government guidance in implementing our 'covid secure' operating procedures. We strengthened our infection control measures and supported our policies with practical modifications:

- four automatic hand-sanitizers and two automatic soap dispensers purchased
- amendments made to booking form with clear conditions and safety advice
- modifications made to feedback form
- creation of a crew compliance declaration form
- a pre and post trip cleaning routine was implemented
- non-essential materials and equipment were removed from the boat

In the event, the boat has been largely dormant in terms of passengers during this period. I am sorry that we have had to limit our work in response to lockdowns and I don't underestimate the impact this may have had on both volunteers and passengers. The decisions taken to curtail our activities were, however, the right ones.

We have made good use of digital technology to allow trustee meetings to continue during the lockdown periods. Whilst we have all missed seeing one another in person and 'Zoom' has its limitations, I am grateful for the opportunities to keep in touch and progress some of our work. The 2020 Annual General Meeting was held via Zoom and this allowed record numbers to attend and participate.

I have never been more grateful to my colleague trustees who continue to give outstanding and loyal support to the project. We have had to take some tough decisions this year often balancing competing demands in our response to the pandemic. At all times, we have rightly put the health, safety and well-being of passengers and volunteers first. The project benefits from very strong, open and transparent governance. Trustees are always solution-focused and have continued to undertake their oversight of EMCBP with great care.

Despite the challenges, the great spirit of teamwork has prevailed. Amongst our volunteers, people have kept in touch with each other and have looked out for one another. Great suggestions have been put forward about safe ways that we could occasionally get together and many volunteers have quietly and discreetly kept an eye on the boat, maintaining security and allowing some maintenance activity to be undertaken. We've been thinking about training and how we can streamline what we do. Tom Edwards and Peter Marlor put together some helpful 'refresher training' for September 2020 to help us re-commission our work safely. We've also been working on the major projects that Nigel outlined in the 2025 Vision at the last AGM. Work has taken place to improve the website and the development of educational materials has continued. Once again I am pleased to single out our President, Nigel Anderson for special thanks. Behind the scenes Nigel has worked relentlessly to progress our ambitious plans for the future, spending hours researching, applying for and successfully bringing in large donations and grants.

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Message from the Chair (continued)

We have continued to receive wonderful support from so many individuals and organisations. I would particularly like to record, once again, our thanks to Michael Sellars at Elcometer Limited. The on-going generous support that we receive from Michael and the company is a huge benefit to us.

Our accountants, Topping Partnership (Accountants) Limited, have, once again, prepared and scrutinized our accounts. I am really grateful for their highly professional and expert work.

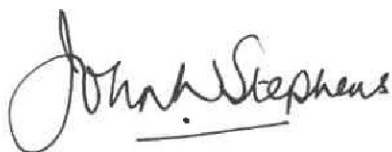
We continue to benefit enormously from the support of our other major benefactors:

Robert Burns Lodge 999

Louvalite Ltd, Hyde

Even during a national lockdown, grant awarding bodies have been able to see the enormous potential of our charity.

I began by noting the extraordinary circumstances we have all faced this year. The necessary limitations on our activities in 2020-21 do not diminish the wonderful commitment of everyone involved in EMCBP. Without skilful and willing volunteers in every part of our operation, EMCBP could not fulfil its core purposes. I would like to record my personal thanks to all our volunteers, whatever role they undertake, for their resilience, pragmatism, diverse contributions, bright ideas and many kindnesses throughout such a difficult time. Let's all hope for better times ahead.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John Wm Stephens". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

**Dr John Wm Stephens CBE OSTJ
Chair of Trustees**

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The Boat

The boat is 57ft long and 6ft wide. The hull is made completely from steel, the bottom is 10mm thick, the sides and cabin are 6mm thick and the top is 4mm thick. The boat weighs about 18 tons.

It is driven by a Canaline 42bhp Marine Diesel engine. It runs on industrial, not commercial, diesel. It has large folding ramps at the bow to allow easy and comfortable wheelchair and passenger boarding and a scissor lift to transfer wheelchair passengers from the front deck to the cabin. The boat can accommodate up to two electric and four standard wheelchairs, has a wider entrance door for ease of boarding. It has open-plan flexible seating, lower and larger viewing windows, central heating, a small galley and a toilet/wash room with wheelchair access. It is also equipped with an intruder alarm, a defibrillator and a wheelchair position on the foredeck from which wheelchair users can steer the boat using a unique remote steering facility.

Fresh water is carried in the bow of the boat and fuel is carried at the stern.

It is registered to carry a total of 15 people. It is a day boat and is not designed for overnight use.

The boat has two bow-thrusters and is steered from the stern using a traditional tiller. Under supervision, all passengers are encouraged to steer the boat and the remote steering facility allows wheelchair users to steer the boat from the front deck.

Buoyancy aids for wheelchair-bound passengers and children up to the age of 11 are available together with two infants' life jackets. Auto-inflating life jackets are carried on board and are worn by crew members, they are also available to all passengers.

The boat holds a current Boat Safety Scheme Certificate BSS Examination Report number **TBD** (displayed on the boat) which is valid until **TBD**.

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Volunteers and Training Programme

The committee will continue to recruit volunteers from the community to help crew the boat. Qualified trainers will take volunteers through the National Community Boat Association's Certificate in Community Boat Management as standard. For those who just want to come along and help, we will run informal training days which will include low-key fire fighting, operating locks, general boat maintenance, acting as a guide, rules of the canal - indeed, anything that could affect the day-to-day operation of the boat.

Trustees continually review their skills and knowledge base and will seek to recruit new trustees with specific areas of expertise in order to expand.

Our 2020 Vision commits us to focus on six main areas; membership, training, finance, clients, website and marketing and trustees have already made progress towards achieving their goals.

First Aid, fire, man overboard and evacuation drills will be compulsory for *all* volunteers, and will be repeated on a regular basis - as necessary.

A training log will be kept for all volunteers.

Fund Raising

The committee are indebted to those companies, organisations and individuals who donate time, expertise, advice and funds to the project. The committee will continue to seek out new ways to raise general awareness of, and further funding for, the project.

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES
ON THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF
EAST MANCHESTER COMMUNITY BOAT PROJECT

In accordance with the engagement letter dated 20 October 2019, in order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Charities Act 2011, we have prepared for your approval the accounts of East Manchester Community Boat Project for the year ended 31 March 2021 as set out on pages 10 to 14 from the charity's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us.

As a member firm of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at <http://www.icaew.com/en/members/regulations-standards-and-guidance/>.

Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the financial statements of East Manchester Community Boat and state those matters that we have agreed to state to them in this report in accordance with ICAEW Technical Release 08/16 AAF as detailed at icaew.com/compilation. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and its Board of Trustees, as a body, for our work or for this report.

You have approved the financial information for the year and have acknowledged your responsibility for it, for the appropriateness of the financial reporting framework adopted and for providing all information and explanations necessary for its compilation.

We have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the financial information.



Topping Partnership (Accountants) Limited
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Date: 30/10/2021

EAST MANCHESTER COMMUNITY BOAT PROJECT
STATEMENT OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Note	2021 Restricted Funds £	2021 Unrestricted Funds £	2021 Total Funds £	2020 Restricted Funds £	2020 Unrestricted Funds £	2020 Total Funds £
Incoming resources						
Donations and subscriptions	5,500	5,825	11,325	-	17,875	17,875
Interest 5	-	50	50	-	57	57
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	726	726
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Total incoming resources	5,500	5,875	11,375	-	18,658	18,658
Resources expended						
Charitable activity 8	1,674	9,392	11,066	1,674	15,308	16,982
Governance 8	-	555	555	-	1,191	1,191
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Total resources expended	1,674	9,947	11,621	1,674	16,499	18,173
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Net incoming/(outgoing) Resources	3,826	(4,072)	(246)	(1,674)	2,159	485
Funds brought forward	36,828	74,060	110,888	38,502	71,901	110,403
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Funds at 31 March 2021	40,654	69,988	110,642	36,828	74,060	110,888
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UNAUDITED BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	Note	2021 Restricted Funds £	2021 Unrestricted Funds £	2021 Total Funds £	2020 Restricted Funds £	2020 Unrestricted Funds £	2020 Total Funds £
Fixed Assets	7	35,154	44,746	79,900	36,828	46,877	83,705
Current Assets							
Cash at bank and in hand		5,500	25,242	30,742	-	27,183	27,183
		<u>40,654</u>	<u>69,988</u>	<u>110,642</u>	<u>36,828</u>	<u>74,060</u>	<u>110,888</u>
Represented by							
Reserve for boat repairs		-	5,000	5,000	-	5,000	5,000
Non-designated funds		-	64,988	64,988	-	69,060	69,060
Restricted funds		40,654	-	40,654	36,828	-	36,828
		<u>40,654</u>	<u>69,988</u>	<u>110,642</u>	<u>36,828</u>	<u>74,060</u>	<u>110,888</u>
Analysis of Funds							
		2021 Restricted Funds £	2021 Unrestricted Funds £	2021 Total Funds £	2020 Restricted Funds £	2020 Unrestricted Funds £	2020 Total Funds £
Opening funds		36,828	74,060	110,888	38,502	71,901	110,403
Incoming resources		5,500	5,875	11,375	-	18,658	18,658
Outgoing resources		(1,674)	(9,947)	(11,621)	(1,674)	(16,499)	(18,173)
Closing fund		<u>40,654</u>	<u>69,988</u>	<u>110,642</u>	<u>36,828</u>	<u>74,060</u>	<u>110,888</u>

Trustee

James Stanwick

Date

30/10/2021

EAST MANCHESTER COMMUNITY BOAT PROJECT
NOTES FORMING PART OF THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1 PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is c/o Portland Basin Marina, Lower Alma Street, Dukinfield, Cheshire, SK16 4SQ.

(b) Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with Receipts and Payments Account and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

(c) Investment income

Investment income is accounted for in the period in which it is received.

(d) Donations received

Donations received are accounted for in the period in which they are received.

(e) Resources expended

Expenditure is included on a payment basis.

(f) Fund accounting

Details of the nature and purpose of each fund is set out in note 2.

(g) Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about going concern.

(h) Income tax

The charity is exempt from income tax.

(i) Depreciation

The boat is to be written off over 25 years.

2 FUNDS

Unrestricted Funds

Comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use in accordance with the charitable objects.

Restricted Funds

Comprise those funds which have been given for particular purposes and projects.

3 TRUSTEE REMUNERATION

No trustees have received any remuneration or expenses in the year (2020 : £Nil).

4 RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There are no related party transactions to be disclosed.

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5 INVESTMENT INCOME

	2021	2020
	Unrestricted	Unrestricted
	Funds	Funds
	£	£
Bank interest received	50	57
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6 STAFF COSTS

No staff were employed by the charity during the year.

7 FIXED ASSETS

Boat – Community Spirit 2

	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
	Costs	Costs	£
	£	£	£
Cost b/f	41,850	53,269	95,119
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
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Cost c/f	£41,850	£53,269	£95,119
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Depreciation b/f	5,022	6,392	11,414
Charge	1,674	2,131	3,805
Disposals	-	-	-
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Depreciation c/f	£6,696	£8,523	£15,219
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NBV 31.03.21	£35,154	£44,746	£79,900
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NBV 31.03.20	£36,828	£46,877	£83,705
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The Trustees have decided to write the boat off over 25 years on a straight line basis.

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8	ANNUAL REPORT	2021	2020
		£	£
	Charitable Activity		
	Unrestricted		
	Mooring and licence fees	1,656	1,960
	Maintenance	2,383	1,864
	Fuel/Pump	732	916
	Repairs and renewals	880	447
	Training	100	561
	Insurance	1,510	1,444
	Depreciation	2,131	2,131
	Fund raising event	-	5,985
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		£9,392	£15,308
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	Charitable Activity		
	Restricted		
	Depreciation	£1,674	£1,674
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	Governance		
	Unrestricted		
	Postage	-	125
	Telephone	255	253
	Website	300	175
	Sundry	-	378
	Bank charges	-	-
	Donations	-	260
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		£555	£1,191
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