

THE ADVENTURE DOLPHIN (PANGBOURNE) CHARITY

England & Wales · Charity number 1156978

Details

Other names	ADVENTURE DOLPHIN
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2014-05-08
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE CHARITY'S OBJECTS ("THE OBJECTS") ARE AS FOLLOWS:I) TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF WEST BERKSHIRE IN PARTICULAR PANGBOURNE AND THE SURROUNDING AREA (THE "AREA OF BENEFIT") THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION (IN PARTICULAR WATER AND LAND BASED ACTIVITIES) FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE , INFIRMITY OR DISABLEMENT, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES OR FOR THE PUBLIC AT LARGE IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITION OF LIFE: ANDII) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE AREA OF BENEFIT AND TO PROMOTE THEIR MENTAL, SPIRITUAL, MORAL AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT SO AS TO DEVELOP THEIR FULL CAPABILITIES, GROW TO FULL MATURITY AS WELL-ROUNDED INDIVIDUALS AND ENABLE THEM TO BECOME RESPONSIBLE MEMBERS OF SOCIETY.

Activities: The Charity organises and promotes a programme of outdoor and adventurous activities in Pangbourne and the surrounding area. This programme is for individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age , infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interests of social welfare.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Amateur Sport, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- West Berkshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£100,440	£114,919	-	-
2024-03-31	£93,699	£106,577	-	-
2023-03-31	£68,998	£67,214	-	-
2022-03-31	£53,266	£52,061	-	-
2021-04-05	£37,204	£20,668	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Kevin Clement Dennis	Chair	2015-10-02
Alan Brown		2015-04-13
Andrew Pincock		2023-03-16
Chris Whitehead		2020-01-01
Donald Terence Fisher-Jeffes		2024-08-05
Dr Jessica Frances Reed		2025-09-17
Edward Robert Syfret		2024-09-05

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Report of the Trustees for the Financial Year 2024 –2025

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ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

A Board of Charity Trustees manages the Charity. The constitution requires a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 15 Trustees to be registered. The founding Trustees were recruited from the existing Trustees of the previously established Charity, who also invited other individuals with specific knowledge and skills to join them. Now that the Charity is established, Trustees are appointed through co-option and ratified at the Charity's AGM. Each Trustee is to serve a 3-year term. During the 2024 – 2025 financial year, the following changes in registered Trustees were recorded:

During the year, 6 Trustees have stood down

- Tony Fitzgerald
- Dr Brian Davies
- Anne Huddart
- Peter McIver
- Christine Campbell
- Malcom Sanderman

Trustees Continuing are

- Alan Brown
- Kevin Dennis
- Donald Fisher-Jeffs
- Andy Pincock
- Robert Syfret MBE
- Chris Whitehead

Trustee re-elected

- Chris Whithead

The Board of Trustees concentrate on Strategic Planning and Oversight for the long-term development of the Charity. This encompasses business and financial planning, licensing, insurance, and regulatory compliance, as well as succession planning.

OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT

Day-to-day operations are vested in the Trustees, who have welcomed the support of Carl Wenczek, who has helped coordinate the running of the building and bookings

for community groups, replacing Caroline Collins and assuming the role of Centre Manager. To further develop our work in various areas, we have appointed Jade Gingell as our Business Development Manager. This is part of the structural changes we have been undergoing. This involves the Charity in the direct oversight of programmes and their development, as well as the transition to activities running themselves through partnerships with the Charity or by setting up affiliated clubs that deliver the activities, such as Pangbourne Paddlesport Club. Pangbourne Paddlesport Club is now in its second full year of operation. It has achieved both an increase in membership and competition success, reaching the National Hasler Championships representing the Southern Region.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

In June 2018, the Charity took over the running of the Centre from West Berkshire Council. The Council also handed over all the activity equipment in the building at no charge. Even so, the Charity was aware that the Council had been running the Centre at a loss as the cost of the Council's paid staff based at the Centre was greater than earned income. The challenge for the Charity has been to run the Centre successfully and eliminate the deficit. This has been a significant challenge this year, with continued increases in energy costs and failing equipment in the plant room, as well as flooding and the lift breaking down, all of which are expensive for us. On the positive side, hiring the Hall for community use generates a steady income. The Charity now runs the Duke of Edinburgh Award programme. We piloted evening courses with scouts and partnered with "Wild Adventure" to offer school holiday courses, and began offering daytime activity programmes to schools to generate income.

A dedicated team of volunteers have been very successful in running the Centre both efficiently and cost-effectively. The end-of-year accounts show a deficit of £14,439, as we forecast last year. This comprised £13,000 for new kayaks and £4,000 for utility costs. As reported in the previous year, we are transitioning to an accrual-based system, which indicates a small surplus of £900 for the year. The trustees remain deeply concerned about the significant loss reported in FY22-23 and are implementing several initiatives to increase income.

Reserves: The trustees have set a target of one year's operating costs to maintain the building's operation. Based on estimated building costs (unknown to the charity) and charity activity costs, this is set at £100,000. The reserve figure does not include any capital expenditure for wear and tear, remedial works or depreciation of equipment. An initial review of remedial works was conducted at the time West Berks handed over the keys and is subject to regular review. The list of works is extensive and includes the replacement of the lift and plant room repairs. West Berkshire Council have agreed in principle to undertake some of these works, but there will be a shortfall which the charity will need to meet. The Charity is waiting for a signed lease and for West Berkshire Council to either undertake these works or compensate the Charity before making any significant investments.

ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES

This year, the Charity is moving to accrual accounting, which accounts for earnings as soon as they become due and expenses as soon as they are committed (regardless of when the transactions take place).

- The fixed costs of running the Centre should be covered by income from Centre hire. The Trustees continue to recognise that the Charity needs to make provision to cover three specific financial risks.
- Income generation through the Paddlesport Club courses and classes is highly dependent upon good weather, water conditions, and the state of the national economy. Poor attendance can result in failing to cover hiring costs.
- Although appropriate insurance cover is in place, the Charity recognises the need to ensure that any “Excess” provisions of an insured claim against the Charity can be covered from the reserves.
- The Centre is insured against fire by West Berkshire Council. Assurances have now been obtained from the Council that in the event of the building being destroyed by fire, it will be rebuilt. The Charity still wishes to support low-cost or no-cost activity for young people who would not normally be able to participate in outdoor and adventurous activities due to their, or their families’, personal circumstances.

PROJECT DEVELOPMENTS

This year, the Centre has worked closely with Pangbourne Parish Council to help resolve the lease and investigate an extension to our boat storage area. The latter is to develop Junior School's use of our Bell Boats. The summer saw a rise in anti-social behaviour on the meadow, and the Trustees and staff are working together to monitor the situation. Recently, we have been liaising with local councils to develop holiday and food (HAF) opportunities during the school holidays. Berkshire Youth have helped us to initially develop this offer. We have received funding from the Parish Council, The Good Exchange, and the Greenham Common Trust Community Fund. If successful, we would be able to offer these activities directly to our customers. A pilot programme was run over the Easter holiday for 4 days and attracted over 45 young people each day. A new team was assembled to deliver 200 meals during that time, as some students received free school meals, and we also had to establish an activity team.

“Wild Adventures” decided to end its partnership with Adventure Dolphin at the end of March. Several schools that had originally booked with them were disappointed, so the Centre has stepped in to fulfil the bookings. This has led the Centre to develop an offer for schools, aiming for the summer of 2026, building on the lessons learned from this year’s pilot.

Berkshire Youth are helping us to investigate the start of a youth club in the Autumn.

Links have been established with a North Hampshire group, Spotlight UK, to explore the possibility of offering activities to families over weekends and during the summer holidays.

The website is being revamped, a new booking system has been developed, and links have been established with local groups across various age groups.

This year, we have received generous grants to enable and support an increase in youth provision. We are grateful to Pangbourne Parish Council, Greenham Trust, The Good Exchange, Pangbourne and Reading Rotary Clubs, Tesco and the Co-Op.

ACTIVITIES

This report covers the second year of the transformation in the way activities are run at the Centre. This has been both exciting and challenging, and will take another year or two to achieve the desired results in securing both funding and a delivery team.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award remains our largest membership group, encompassing all three Awards: Bronze, Silver, and Gold. They meet on a Monday evening, with those training at the bronze and gold levels attending one week, and those completing Silver attending the following week. We had eight groups at Bronze who completed a walking expedition. At Silver, we had five open canoeing groups completing their expeditions on the River Thames. At Gold, we had five groups, four of which were water-based, while one chose to do a sea kayak expedition and paddle through the Great Glen, training in Poole Harbour. The others completed an open canoe camping expedition along the River Wye, having trained on the River Severn. The walking group chose North Wales, training in the Brecon Beacons. I am pleased to report that most have gone on to achieve their full Duke of Edinburgh's Awards. Over 70 Awards were presented to the successful candidates on 16th September by Clive Williams OBE, our President.

Clive also awarded Jake Humphries the 4th annual President's Award. The SE Operations Officer for the West of Berkshire, Annette Robinson, made a presentation to Linda Clark in recognition of her 38 years of service at the Centre, supporting both the Water-based and Duke of Edinburgh's Award programmes. Annette also thanked Jake Humphries for managing the provision and it's team, which included Jan Porter, Peter Walker, Nadine Hinton, Ceri Hinton, Lynne Davies, Nick Vaughan Fowler, Gwen James, Anthony Casey, Bob Sutherland, Brian Billsbury, Rob Syfret, and Kevin Dennis. The Centre had been granted a three-year licence from the Awarding Body, one of a handful of open Award Centres. Jan Porter was recognised for her dedication to the Award with an invitation to Buckingham Palace for a Gold Award Presentation Garden Party.

The Charity supported several participants, allowing them to participate in the Award. The group received grants from both Pangbourne and Reading Rotary clubs. As part of the young people's programme, the group completed 1688 volunteering hours to help the community. The voluntary team provided approximately 3,000 hours of support to the groups over the year.

This year, the Centre piloted an evening course for a scout group. The youngest group, the squirrels, used our Bell Boats, while Beavers and Cubs used rafted open canoes. Scouts and Explorer Scouts used kayaks. This proved successful, and we hope to enlarge the offer in the summer. Thanks go to Cliff and Sally Coombes, Nick and Donna Hatchett, Ian Blatchley, Lizzie Feuillade, and Ed Edwards for all their efforts in delivering the programmes.

To deliver a larger programme, we have begun recruiting and training a voluntary team. This has taken place at the Centre for First Aid, Health, Safety, and Safeguarding, where they are continuing their professional development. The rescue and safety skills training took place in a swimming pool over the winter, before moving on to the water over Easter to upskill everyone. So far, 20 leaders have completed the training. Thanks to Cliff and Sally Coombes, who have agreed to coordinate the programme.

Climbing with Born to Climb continued to develop, with additional needs groups and school groups also attending. This is in addition to the evening groups, which follow the NICAS award training structure to levels 1 and 2. The regular resetting of the wall is being investigated so we can offer level 3. The team are currently training a young person supported by the Charity through their climbing wall leader qualification in recognition of the need to recruit and train more leaders. Thanks to Gerry and Carl.

The Trustees continued to support Wild Adventures as they further developed their half-term and summer holiday programmes into piloting daytime activities for schools. These made a great start and proved popular. However, Wild Adventures decided to terminate our partnership at the end of the Easter holidays. We thank Beth Young, the Director, and all her team for their enthusiasm and energy whilst based at Adventure Dolphin. The Trustees have begun work to bring these programmes in-house, with pilot schemes being proposed for the summer of 2025.

During the year, Pangbourne Paddlesport Club increased membership to just under 100, which was excellent. The Chairman, Stuart Quinton, and his committee must be congratulated for their efforts, although partly due to prevailing weather conditions, they were only able to run one set of introductory courses. This was a contributing factor stalling the membership. This is an arm's-length members' club concentrating on the development of paddlesport in all aspects. The club is fully approved by Paddle UK (Formerly British Canoeing). The Club achieved good results in the Regional Hasler Race Series and qualified for the National Finals in September. The active members carried out a river clean-up, which featured in the canoe press. The club held their first Regatta in June, encouraging the wider community to participate. Winter is the traditional training ground for the Devizes – Westminster canoe race, through the Waterside Series and Thames-side races. One of the founder members, Vicky Metcalfe, was interviewed by the press before the DW, in which she explained why she has entered so many times and become a member of the 1000 club, comprising competitors who have finished the 125-mile race over 8 times. This year in the Waterside series, Faye Butler and Caroline Walker won the Ladies K2;

Vicky Metcalfe and Damon came second in the mixed C2, and Peter Walker and Rob White won the men's C2; Robin Tilbury and his partner finished 4th. In the actual DW, Peter and Rob finished the gruelling race, which gained Peter the honour of 8 straight through finishes. He was also awarded the Jon White trophy. The Trustees have worked with the Club to develop a memorandum of understanding enabling the club to further develop. The Trustees also supported the club financially by purchasing £13,000 of K1 and K2 boats and equipment to support the club's development in attracting younger members. The club uses the Centre on a Saturday and Sunday morning all year, and Tuesday and Thursday evenings from Easter through to October.

In January, the Paddlesport Club confirmed their usage of the Centre. This has enabled the Charity to pilot the delivery of one-off taster sessions, primarily to uniformed groups from the Scout and Guide Associations. To enable this to happen, we held a leader training day in November and four swimming pool sessions in January, followed by a day on the water in March. This enabled everyone to upskill and update their CPD requirements with their respective Governing Bodies. This was completed, and thanks go to everyone who attended and delivered the training, particularly Cliff Coombes and Alan Brown.

The Centre has once again been used by eight regular community groups, with the Scouts increasing their use following the development of both a badger and a squirrel group. The use of spare capacity in our office space has been utilised for hot desking by a local charity.

The Centre has again supported the village fete, an important day in the life of the village.

SPECIAL THANKS

Several Trustees have stepped down over the past year. As a Charity, we now need to urgently recruit more Trustees to support the future vision and programme development.

I would like to thank Anne Huddart, who has made several successful grant applications, significantly contributing to the improvement of equipment at the Centre and raising our profile within the village through regular articles in the local magazines. Chris Whitehead, assisted by Peter McIver and Bill Whitaker, ensured that the building could open, keeping running costs to a minimum, especially as we are in a period of increased costs, inflation, and expensive repairs. To Andy Pincock, the vice chairman and treasurer, for his work reviewing our policies and procedures with Alan Brown and Mal Sanderman. To Tony Fitzgerald, who supported Andy Pincock in taking over as treasurer. I thank all the support of our secretary, Christine Campbell, and finally Carl Wenczek, who has done such a magnificent job in supporting the Trustees and developing his role as Centre Manager, and Jade Gingell, our Business Development Manager, who is making things happen.

Although it has been stated many times, although the Trustees look after the building and programmes, the success of the Centre is through its members and users and long may it continue.

Kevin Dennis

Chairman

May 2025



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Adventure Dolphin (Pangbourne) Charity

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2025

Charity no
(if any) 1156978

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust")

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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 accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

4/7/2025

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ADVENTURE DOLPHIN (PANGBOURNE) CHARITY
Summary of Accounts 31st March 2024 - 31st March 2025

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	31st March 2025	31st March 2024	Note
Activities- D of E	£29,070	£21,408	
Activities- Climbing	£10,160	£7,655	
Activities- Paddling	£0		1
Pangbourne Paddlesport Club (PPC)	£5,629	£3,486	
Activities- Youth	£1,500		
Activities- Wild Adventures	£10,406	£7,125	
Activities- Scouts / Guides / Other	£2,590	£1,848	
Annual membership	£25	£1,523	
Rentals	£26,863	£16,686	
Other Ventures - Nino's catering van	£1,000		
Donations	£2,058	£32,955	
Interest	£1,081	£1,012	
Training	£680		
Flood damage (claimed)	£8,905		
Prior year	£474		2
Total income	£100,440	£93,699	
Paddle UK affiliation	£1,178	£678	
BEL / LEL affiliation	£400	£350	
Insurance	£3,199	£1,599	
Activities- D of E	£8,887	£6,230	
Activities- Climbing	£4,562	£2,338	
Activities- Paddling	£236		1
Pangbourne Paddlesport Club (PPC)	£0	£2,773	
Activities- Youth	£1,118		
Activities- Wild Adventures	£120	£859	
Activities- Scouts / Guides / Other	£0	£200	
Utilities	£18,724	£20,303	
Building- running & maintenance	£11,191	£7,920	
Building- repairs	£2,796	£11,339	
Building- cleaning	£10,046	£9,829	
Building- projects	£0	£494	
Equipment- purchases including renewals	£359	£20,561	
Equipment- repairs & maintenance	£119	£3,015	
Hirings	£21,547	£13,463	
Office supplies & services	£1,191	£2,496	
Social events	£213	£282	
Training	£2,055	£350	
Gifts	£0	£45	
Grants	£0	£780	
Transaction fees	£763	£674	
Flood damage (to claim)	£8,905		
Prior year	£17,312		3
Total expenditure	£114,919	£106,577	
Net surplus / (deficit)	-£14,479	-£12,879	

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Assets Carried forward from...			
Santander	£58,932	£79,390	
Debtors	£9,415	£0	4
Creditors	-£4,075	£0	4
Prepayments	£1,073	£0	4
Deferred income	-£1,000	£0	4
CCLA	£22,904	£21,823	
Paypal	£0	£514	
Marathon Account	£5	£5	
Petty Cash	£0	£0	
Total	£87,252	£101,732	

Notes

1 'Activities- Paddling' covers AD paddling activities (as opposed to PPC-related income).

2 £474 spent on flood damage repairs in FY23-24 was reclaimed in FY24-25.

3 'Prior Year' is £13,117 for new equipment (funded by grants received in FY23-24) plus £4,195 outstanding for gas and electricity consumed in FY23-24.

4 Debtors, creditors, prepayments and deferred income were not included in prior year accounts.

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The committed £13,039 was not included in the FY23-24 accounts, as the money was not actually spent in FY23-24. However, if it were to be included (as an accrual) the true loss in FY23-24 would have amounted to £25,918.

The trustees are deeply concerned by the significant loss in FY23-24 and fear that, if losses in future financial years continue at a similar rate, the Charity will face financial collapse in 3-4 years' time. They are therefore implementing several initiatives to increase income.

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The Charity still wishes to support low-cost or no-cost activity for young people who would not normally be able to participate in outdoor and adventurous activities due to their, or their families’, personal circumstances.

ACTIVITIES

This year saw the next stage of the transformation of the way activities are run at the Centre. This has been both exciting and challenging and will take a year or two to achieve the desired results.

The year started with the transfer of the previously run evening canoeing courses and club sessions to the newly inaugurated Pangbourne Paddlesport Club. This is an arm’s length members club concentrating on the development of paddlesport on the River Although the weather was not the best the club ran all sessions and two evenings for courses for potential new members. The club is fully approved by Paddle UK (Formerly British Canoeing). The year was very successful for the first year, sessions and courses well attended. The Paddlesport Club had a good results in the Regional Hasler Races and then moved on to training for the Devizes – Westminster canoe race, the Waterside Series and Thames side races

The next development was the continued support of Wild Adventures as they developed half term and summer holiday programmes. These also made a great start and are now proving popular. Wild Adventures are also piloting small day time school groups for the summer term next year.

During this time the climbing with Born to Climb also continued to develop with more additional needs groups and school groups attending. The groups usually follow the NICAS award training structure.

In January as the Paddlesport Club confirmed their usage of the Centre, the Charity started to explore the delivery of one-off taster sessions, primarily to uniformed groups from the Scout and Guide Associations to use the time unwanted by the club. To enable this to happen we held our leader’s training day in January enabling them to upskill and update their CPD requirements with their respective Governing Bodies. This was completed and thanks go to everyone who attended and delivered the training , particularly Cliff Coombes and Alan Brown.

The Duke of Edinburgh’s Award groups met on a Monday evening with those training at Bronze level attending one week and those completing Silver and Gold the following week. We had eight groups at Bronze who completed a walking expedition. At Silver we had five open canoeing groups

completing their expeditions on the river Thames. At Gold our group chose to do a sea kayak expedition, the practice on the River Severn and the qualifying expedition on the River Wye. I am pleased to report most have gone on to achieve their full Duke of Edinburgh's Awards. Over 75 Awards were presented to the successful candidates on 18th September by John Bishop MBE and his wife of the John Simmonds Trust based at Rushall Farm. The SE Operations Officer for the West of Berkshire Annette Robinson made a presentation to John for all his support for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. Thanks go to Linda Clark, Jake Humphries, Jan Porter, Peter Walker, Nadine Hinton, Lynne Davies, Nick Vaughan Fowler, Gwen James, Anthony Casey, Bob Sutherland, Brian Billsbury, Rob Syfret and Kevin Dennis for managing the groups. The Centre had been granted a three-year licence from the Awarding Body, one of a handful of open Award Centres. Jan Porter was recognised for her dedication to the Award with an Invite to Buckingham Palace for a Gold Award Presentation Garden Party.

Although the current financial situation is difficult, we are looking to other areas where we can generate income. The Centre has made significant expenditure on repairing plant that should have been picked up by our Landlord West Berkshire Council. These are part of the ongoing lease negotiations which are still progressing. We are disappointed not to have concluded these negotiations by the end of the financial year as indicated by West Berkshire Council. This year we have been hit by the serious increase in energy costs. The Trustees decided to absorb these costs so as not to go into a spiral of our users and community groups closing due to high costs. However, we are not in a position to sustain this any longer so inevitably our prices will increase.

The Centre has once again been used by a number of Community groups, with the Scouts increasing their use with the development of both badgers and squirrel groups.

Special Thanks

I should like to give special thanks to Tony Fitzgerald for the way he developed and managed the finances of the Charity over the last few years as he steps down as our Treasurer to be replaced by Andy Pincock. To Anne Huddart who has made several successful grant applications to various organisations which has significantly contributed to the improvement of equipment at the Centre and raising our profile within the village. Chris Whitehead, assisted by Peter McIver and Bill Whitaker who ensured that the building has been able to open, keeping running cost's down to minimum especially as we are in a period of increased costs and inflation. To Brian Davies, the vice chairman for his work reviewing our policies and procedures assisted by Chrissy Campbell and Alan Brown and Mal Sanderman. Brian is stepping down as the Vice Chairman and is being replaced by Andy Pincock. Finally for all the support of our Administrator Caroline Collins who has done such a magnificent job in supporting the Trustees. Caroline is off to a new post and has been replaced by Carl Wenczek. The Trustees have also appointed Jade Gingell as a project support officer to develop and improve our business communications.

Kevin Dennis

Chairman

June 2024

ADVENTURE DOLPHIN (PANGBOURNE) CHARITY

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Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

THE ADVENTURE DOLPHIN (PANGBOURNE) CHARITY

On accounts for the year ended

31st March 2024

Charity no (if any)

1156978

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Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 03 2024**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
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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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Robert H C Plumb

Date:

4th June 2024

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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England & Wales - Charity number 1156978

Accounts

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Report of the Trustees for the Financial Year 2022 – 2023

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HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The Adventure Dolphin (Pangbourne) Charity was originally established in 2005 as a fundraising organisation that would work alongside the statutory youth service of West Berkshire Council. It wanted to enhance opportunities for young people from the Pangbourne area of West Berkshire to get involved in outdoor and adventurous activities. Primarily, the focus for the period between 2005 and 2010 was to raise funds for a replacement building and projects that were outside of the scope and remit of West Berkshire Council. This included construction of a purpose designed climbing room and specialist equipment for users with mobility and cognitive limitations.

In 2014, the impact of reducing funding for Local Authority Services resulted in West Berkshire Council deciding that its role at the Dolphin Centre would be to focus on programmes supporting services to schools and other Children's Social Services priority groups. The Council would no longer provide financial support for discretionary services during evening and weekend programmes for the wider population.

At this point, the Trustees of the Adventure Dolphin (Pangbourne) Charity decided to explore ways in which these valuable programmes of out of school personal and social development could continue to benefit the youth population of the area. A new legal entity in the form of a "Charitable Incorporated Organisation" (CIO) was established. The undertakings and operations of the previous charity transferred to it in accordance with a Transfer Deed dated 16th May 2014 when the new charity was registered. The parties to the transfer deed were:-

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- (2) The Adventure Dolphin (Pangbourne) Charity (Registered Charity Number 1156978)

Having completed the change from being a fundraising charity to being an operational organisation delivering outdoor and adventurous activities, in 2017 the Charity faced a further challenge. West Berkshire Council announced that from the start of the 2018 – 2019 financial year, they had no ongoing operational requirement for the Dolphin Centre building.

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- to promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of West Berkshire in particular Pangbourne and the surrounding area the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation (in particular water and land based activities) for individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving their condition of life; and
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The cash reserves now exceed the fixed costs of one year’s operations in the event of catastrophic trading conditions. The COVID-19 pandemic has affected the volunteering capacity we once enjoyed. The adverse trading conditions following on from the pandemic and has tested the Charity’s finances to the full as income dried up during the period Jan-March 2019 and subsequently at a reduced level. That position notwithstanding the Charity still wish to support low, or no, cost activity for young people who would not normally be able to participate in outdoor and adventurous activities due to their, or their families, personal circumstances.

ACTIVITIES

The year started with our leaders training day and a challenge to all the leaders to assess if they were up to date, and current with their respective Governing Bodies. This was completed and thanks go to Adrian Moon for all his hard work and encouragement to achieve this task, frustratingly all was to no avail as we experienced problems with our website and booking procedures for most of the summer which reduced capacity which also matched the commitment of the volunteer leaders.

The competition group racing under Pangbourne Canoe Club most likely for the last time as the new Pangbourne Paddlesport Club is just about to launch, met on Saturday mornings and during the summer Tuesday and Thursday evenings. The team had a good showing at the Regional Hasler Races and then moved on to training for the Devizes – Westminster canoe race, the Waterside Series and Thames side races. The club experienced its best results in the Devizes to Westminster canoe race to date Stuart Quinton came 4th and won the over 50 cup, Simon Tilbury Clark who was paddling for the RAF, but trains at Pangbourne came 5th, Robin Tilbury came in 13th and Vicky Metcalfe successfully completed the Woman’s C1 class. The team took a combined time of 59 hours 36 minutes and 37 seconds to win the senior team prize. Ruth Stacey won the Inaugural Jon White Trophy for displaying exceptional determination, resolve and acumen, supported by a paddler from Reading Canoe Club. The Award was sponsored by the Royal Marines and the R.A.F. Sport Federation for the disability paddlers.

The climbers restarted sessions and have aimed to run courses which have increased during the year. The team had gradually built a regular following with many of the young people gaining NICAS level 1 and 2 accreditations. Once NICAS level 2 is gained they can then become club members. Due to numbers the climbing was increased to two evenings a week with other groups using the Wall as well. Thanks to Gerry Wigglesworth, Carl Wenczek with casual help from a number of other climbers.

The regular Sunday morning sessions have continued throughout the year led by Nick Hatchett, Mark Edwards, David Booth and Kevin Dennis. A regular group of a dozen paddlers join the group most weeks summer and winter.

The Duke of Edinburgh’s Award was organised on a Monday evening with those training at Bronze level attending one week and those completing Silver and Gold on the following week. We had eight groups at Bronze who completed a walking expedition. At Silver we had two canoeing groups completing their expeditions on the river Thames. At Gold we had two groups who chose to do

canoeing expeditions. Their practice expedition took place over four days on the River Wye and the qualifying expedition on the River Severn. I am pleased to report most have gone on to achieve their full Duke of Edinburgh's Awards. 50 full Awards were presented to the successful candidates on 12th September by Annette Robinson the SE Operations Officer for the West of Berkshire. Thanks go to Linda Clark, Dominic Hinton, Jake Humphries, Jan Porter, Gwen James, Anthony Casey, Bob Sutherland, Brian Billsbury, Nadine Hinton and Kevin Dennis for managing the group. The Centre had been granted a three year licence from the Awarding Body a one of a handful of open Award Centres.

The summer saw the planned evening paddlesport courses on Thursday and Wednesday evenings taking place with a much lower attendance than in past years due to IT problems and a reduction in volunteers. I would especially like to thank Ian Blatchley and John Bethell for supporting their teams during this period. John Bethell stood down at the end of the season after over 25 years. Thanks also go to the operations team who met every two months. Cancellation of the scout's evening and planned open day were necessary.

If anyone knows of companies who would be interested in using the facilities we offer please let the trustees know. The current financial situation is just breaking even, but we shouldn't get complacent given the relatively high running costs of the building and the need to replace equipment as required.

Special Thanks

I should like to give special thanks to Tony Fitzgerald for his continued work on our finances. In addition our thanks go to Chris Whitehead, assisted by Peter Maclver and Bill Whitaker who ensured that the building has been able to open, keeping running costs down to minimum especially as we are moving in to a period of increased costs and inflation. To Brian Davies and Chrissy Campbell for their work reviewing our policies and procedures assisted by Mal Sandham. Alan Brown for his work on office systems, Anne Huddart for fundraising and our village profile. Peter Maclver and Andy Pincock for keeping going with the lease and planning permissions and finally our heartfelt thanks to Caroline Collins for all the administrative support in the office.

There are undoubtedly challenges ahead. As already referred to in this Report our Charity needs to continue to be financially viable, while achieving community usage of the building, as well as fostering a clubs' sense of identity.

Kevin Dennis

Chairman

June 2023



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

THE ADVENTURE DOLPHIN (PANGBORNE) CHARITY

On accounts for the year
ended

31 MARCH 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1156978

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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 accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

31 5 2023

Name:

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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Adventure Dolphin (Pangbourne) Charity

Summary of Accounts 31st March 2022 - 31st March 2023

Assets carried forward from	31 st March, 2022	31 st March, 2023
Santander	£81,596.41	£90,247.11
CCLA	£20,448.45	£20,810.99
Paypal	£1,448.71	£514.16
Marathon Account	£8,211.98	£4.98
Lloyds	£0.00	£2,772.59
Petty Cash	£1,120.00	£260.40
Total	£112,825.55	£114,610.23

Adventure Dolphin (Pangbourne) Charity

Summary of Accounts 31st March 2022 - 31st March 2023

Annual membership	£3,638.00
Income from courses	£29,876.87
Other income	£35,120.97
Interest received to CCLA	£362.54
Total Income	£68,998.38
Expenditure	
Supplies and Services	£67,213.70
Total Expenditure	£67,213.70
Balance	£1,784.68

Adventure Dolphin (Pangbourne) Charity

Summary of Accounts 31st March 2022 - 31st March 2023

Income collected from joining fees and membership

Annual Membership £3,638.00

Total £3,638.00

Income collected from courses

Evening Courses £3,415.00
Dof E £26,401.87
Sunday morning paddle £60.00

Total £29,876.87

Adventure Dolphin (Pangbourne) Charity

Summary of Accounts 31st March 2022 - 31st March 2023

Other Income

Rentals	£20,966.00
Hasler 2022	£3,999.14
Gifts	£8,880.83
Equipment	£1,100.00
Social	£175.00

Total

£35,120.97

Adventure Dolphin (Pangbourne) Charity

Summary of Accounts 31st March 2022 - 31st March 2023

Expenditure on Supplies and Services

British Canoeing Affiliation	£779.40
BEL / LEL Affiliation	£350.00
Insurance	£3,187.68
D of E	£12,361.02
Climbing	£2,302.75
Hasler Race expenditure	£1,806.55
Utilities	£11,127.76
Professional fees / services	£2,968.40
Building- running & maintenance	£5,645.84
Building- repairs	£4,268.45
Building- cleaning including windows & supplies	£7,772.10
Building- projects	£263.20
Equipment	£3,401.33
Hirings	£6,931.08
Office supplies & services	£2,647.87
Social events	£167.12
Training	£120.00
Gifts	£133.83
Grants	£375.00
Transaction fees	£604.32
Total	£67,213.70

THE ADVENTURE DOLPHIN (PANGBOURNE) CHARITY

England & Wales - Charity number 1156978

Accounts

The Adventure Dolphin (Pangbourne) Charity

Charity Registration Number 1156978

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- to advance the education and development of the young people in the area of benefit and to promote their mental, spiritual, moral and physical development and improvement so as to develop their full capabilities, grow to full maturity as well-rounded individuals and enable them to become responsible members of society.

Organisational Structure.

Board of Trustees

The Charity is managed by a Board of Charity Trustees. The constitution requires a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 15 Trustees to be registered. The founding Trustees were recruited from the Trustees of the previously existing Charity. They also invited other people with specific knowledge and skills to join them. Now that the Charity is established, Trustees are appointed throughout the year and positions are ratified the Charity's AGM in the autumn of each year. Each Trustee is elected to serve a 3-year term with one third of the Board of Trustees standing down at each AGM. During the 2021– 2022 financial year the following changes in registered Trustees were recorded: -

Trustees appointed or re-appointed at the 2021 AGM (21st January 2021)

- Tony Fitzgerald appointed
- Kevin Dennis re-appointed
- Alan Brown re-appointed
- Chris Whitehead appointed

Dr Brian Davies appointed

Anne Huddart appointed

Peter Maclver appointed

Trustees who resigned at the AGM

- Steve Ellis resigned at 2022 AGM

Board of Trustees concentrate on Strategic Planning and Oversight for the long-term development of the Charity. This covers business and financial planning; licensing, insurance and regulatory compliance; and succession planning. would not be the success it is today.

President's Award

Our President, Clive Williams OBE. made the first Award of this annual Award for outstanding contribution to the Centre. The first recipient was Chris Whitehead, due to his work looking after the building during the Covid pandemic.

Operational Management

Day to day operational coordination is devolved to a group of experienced volunteers "the operations group" to discuss and agree the practical operational arrangements. The Chair of the operations group is currently Kevin Dennis. The co-ordination of activity programmes, and quality assurance of those programmes, is achieved by ensuring that each of the 12 activity groups that make up the annual activity programme, has a representative who attends the operations meetings. For example, the Tuesday evening climbing group representative; the Saturday morning marathon training group representative; the Monday evening Duke of Edinburgh's Award group representative. The operations group communicates with the rest of the membership of the charity by sharing it's meeting notes, regular training and maintaining the Charity's website and production of a regular newsletter. Although all interest groups within the charity are represented at meetings of the Operations Group, the bulk of the work still tends to fall on the shoulders of a few. With the continued goodwill of these highly committed individuals, these arrangements have been sufficient to ensure that the organisation meets its objectives in ways that provide safe and enjoyable programmes of activity for many people. However, the Trustees are aware that over reliance on a few individuals exposes the Charity to a significant risk of failure if one or more of these individuals becomes unavailable for some unforeseen reason. The Trustees continue to explore further options to strengthen the organisational structure.

Financial Review

At the 2021 AGM the financial reserves stood at £111,619 the reserves carried forward at 31st March 2022 have increased to £112825, with a surplus of £1,205. Whilst this maintained the Charities financial position, the uncertainty over the future business model of the charity adds to the degree of financial risk for which provision must be made. The Trustees were grateful to receive a grant from the Covid recovery fund. In potentially taking full responsibility for running and maintenance of the Dolphin Centre building, in addition to the cost of the activity programme, the Trustees recognise that the charity's annual costs will increase. Income from a Variety of sources is being considered and these will be reported when they have been firmed up. The effect of the Covid Pandemic has been a reduction in volunteers and presents a significant risk. Our thanks should be given to Angela Cullinan for her work in promoting the use of the building to local clubs and other organisations and which now earns an income in the region of £20000. For the last 4 years the Trustees have adopted the following principles in agreeing the annual budget.

- That the cost of "Members Activity" should be covered by the contributions of "Members".
- That courses and classes should generate a surplus that can be used for charitable purposes

- That the fixed costs for premises, insurance, licences etc. is split between courses that are traded activity to raise funds, and activities that are for the benefit of Members.
- That the fixed costs are split in proportion to total hours of use for each type of activity, but this is currently under review. The Trustees continue to recognise that the Charity needs to make provision to cover two specific financial risks.
- Income generation from courses and classes is highly dependent upon good weather, water conditions, and the state of the national economy. Poor attendance can result in failure to cover the Charity's fixed costs. (It should be noted Covid -19 has compromised the courses taking place in the usual way, but in 2022 this will be reviewed and is dependent on several factors currently under discussion)
- Although appropriate insurance cover is in place, the Charity recognised the need to ensure that any "Excess" provisions of an insured claim against the Charity can be covered from the reserves. The cash reserves will be allowed to increase to cover the fixed costs of one years' operations in the event of catastrophic trading conditions. Surplus funds above this level are directed to support low, or no, cost activity for young people who would not normally be able to participate in outdoor and adventurous activities due to their, or their families, personal circumstances.

Activities

The year started with our leaders training day and a challenge to all the leaders to assess if they were up to date, and current with their respective Governing Bodies. This was all completed and thanks go to Adrian Moon for all his hard work and encouragement to achieve this task, frustratingly all was to no avail as we were only able to open up our canoe courses at the start of June, losing the first course. We also had to cancel the planned open day and the scout's evenings due to the covid pandemic. The competition group racing under Pangbourne Canoe Club met on Saturday mornings and during the summer Tuesday and Thursday evenings when able to by the relaxing of covid restrictions. The regular Regional Hasler Races were cancelled; however, the centre ran one of the first races in the South in September when regulations and NGB guidance allowed. The Devises to Westminster canoe race was cancelled. The climbers restarted sessions in the Autumn with just one evening a week. The team have gradually built a regular following with many of the young people gaining NICAS level 1 and 2 accreditations. Once NICAS level 2 is gained they can then become club members. Thanks to Gerry Wigglesworth, with casual help from several other climbers. The regular Sunday morning recreational paddling sessions restarted in the late summer and continued throughout over the winter. The Duke of Edinburgh's Award was organised on a Monday evening with those training at Bronze level attending one week, and those completing Silver and Gold on the following week. We had three groups at Bronze who completed a walking expedition. At Silver we had two canoeing groups completing their expeditions on the River Thames. I am pleased to report most have gone on to achieve their full Duke of Edinburgh's Awards. Thanks go to Linda Clark, Dominic Hinton, Jake Humphries, Jan Porter, Gwen James, Anthony Casey, and Kevin Dennis for managing the group. The summer saw the planned evening paddlesport courses on Thursday and Wednesday evenings taking place for the last two sets of courses with a much lower attendance than in past years due to covid, and possibly the loss of volunteer coaches. I would especially like to thank Ian Blatchley and John Bethell for supporting their teams during this period. Thanks also go to the operations team who met every two months. Cancellations of the scout's evening and a planned open day were necessary. Looking Ahead. In 2021 we started to look at the structure by which Adventure Dolphin is run and this is ongoing process which we hope will be concluded during the next year. We still have not resolved the lease with West Berkshire Council due to staff shortages at

West Berkshire Council, which is beyond our control. In addition, we explored the possibility of ways to maximise the use of the facilities by other third-party companies and providers and this is again is an ongoing situation, which we hope to have put this in place for the 2022 season. If anyone knows of companies who would be interested in using the facilities, we offer please let the trustees know. The current financial situation is a healthy, but we shouldn't get complacent given the relatively high running cost of maintaining the building and the need to replace equipment as required and implications of the war in the Ukraine.

Community

This year we have maintained our groups thanks to the work of Angela Cullinan. We have ten groups regular meeting over 14 sessions a week. The sessions include three yoga classes from two providers, Dance, Zumba, two Tia Chi classes, Art, Kettle ball conditioning, Rugby tots and a cub and our local Pangbourne Scout and cub groups.

Special Thanks

I should like to give special thanks to Tony Fitzgerald for obtaining grants from various sources which has significantly contributed to the financial security of Adventure Dolphin and ensuring we are in a health financial state throughout the current situation. In addition, our thanks go to Chris Whitehead who ensured that the building has been able to open, keeping running cost's down to minimum especially as we are moving in to a period of increased costs and inflation.

Kevin Dennis

Kevin Dennis

Chairman

3rd October 2022

THE ADVENTURE DOLPHIN (PANGBOURNE) CHARITY

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Adventure Dolphin (Pangbourne) Charity

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Adventure Dolphin (Pangbourne) Charity (The Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2022.

This report is made solely to the company's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the company's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or the accounts do not accord with those records; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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:



Dated: 10 November 2022

Alexander Peal BSc(Hons) FCA DChA

For and on behalf of
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Adventure Dolphin (Pangbourne) Charity

Summary of Accounts 31st March 2021 - 31st March 2022

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at the end of the Period

	31 st March 2022	31 st March 2021
Cash Funds		
Santander	81,596	81,342
CCLA	20,448	20,440
Paypal	1,449	1,574
Marathon Account	8,212	7,599
Petty Cash	1,120	666
Total	112,826	111,620

Adventure Dolphin (Pangbourne) Charity

Summary of Accounts 31st March 2021 - 31st March 2022

Receipts and Payments Accounts

Receipts	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
Annual membership	-	5,788	5,788
Income from courses	-	18,305	18,305
Other income	-	29,164	29,164
Interest received to CCLA	-	9	9
Total Receipts	-	53,266	53,266
Payments			
Supplies and Services	-		52,061
Total Expenditure	-	52,061	52,061
Net of receipts	-	1,206	1,206
Cash funds last year end	-	111,620	111,620
Cash funds this year end	-	112,826	112,826

Adventure Dolphin (Pangbourne) Charity

Summary of Accounts 31st March 2021 - 31st March 2022

Income collected from joining fees and membership

	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
Annual Membership	-	5,788	5,788
Total	-	5,788	5,788

Income collected

	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
Evening Courses	-	6,060	6,060
BEL	-	1,422	1,422
Dof E	-	10,768	10,768
Sunday morning paddle	-	55	55
Total	-	18,305	18,305

Adventure Dolphin (Pangbourne) Charity

Summary of Accounts 31st March 2021 - 31st March 2022

Other Income

	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
Rentals	-	16,758	16,758
Social	-	100	100
Gifts	-	692	692
Hasler 2021	-	3,615	3,615
Grants	-	8,000	8,000
Total	-	29,164	29,164

Adventure Dolphin (Pangbourne) Charity

Summary of Accounts 31st March 2021 - 31st March 2022

Expenditure on Supplies and Services

	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
BC	-	2,131	2,131
Training	-	431	431
Telephone	-	1,540	1,540
Insurance	-	3,165	3,165
Hasler 2021	-	1,502	1,502
Fees	-	555	555
Gifts	-	39	39
Climbing	-	2,003	2,003
Printing and Stationery	-	1,350	1,350
Hirings	-	2,250	2,250
Entertainment and refreshments Social	-	324	324
Building	-	29,699	29,699
Equipment	-	1,584	1,584
Membership	-	167	167
DofE	-	5,321	5,321
Total	-	52,061	52,061

THE ADVENTURE DOLPHIN (PANGBOURNE) CHARITY

England & Wales - Charity number 1156978

Accounts

The Adventure Dolphin (Pangbourne) Charity

Charity Registration Number 1156978

Report of the Trustees for the Financial Year 2020 - 2021

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Board of Trustees

The Charity is managed by a Board of Charity Trustees. The constitution requires a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 15 Trustees to be registered.

The founding Trustees were recruited from the Trustees of the previously existing Charity. They also invited other people with specific knowledge and skills to join them. Now that the Charity is established, Trustees are appointed through elections held at the Charity's AGM in the autumn of each year. Each Trustee is elected to serve a 3-year term with one third of the Board of Trustees standing down at each AGM.

During the 2020– 2021 financial year the following changes in registered Trustees were recorded: -

Trustees appointed or re-appointed at the 2021 AGM (21st January 2021)

- Tony Fitzgerald appointed
- Kevin Dennis re-appointed

- Alan Brown re-appointed
- Steve Ellis appointed
- Chris Whitehead appointed

Trustees who resigned at the AGM (21st January 2021)

- David Appleton resigned at 2021 AGM
- David Williams resigned at 2021 AGM

The Board of Trustees concentrate on Strategic Planning and Oversight for the long-term development of the Charity. This covers business and financial planning; licensing, insurance and regulatory compliance; and succession planning. Thanks are given to the considerable contribution made by Clive (David) Williams and David Appleton over many years, without which Adventure Dolphin would not be the success it is today.

Operational Management

Day to day operational coordination is devolved to a group of experienced volunteers “the operations group” to discuss and agree the practical operational arrangements.

The Chair of the operations group is currently Kevin Dennis

Co-ordination of activity programmes, and quality assurance of those programmes, is achieved by ensuring that each of the 12 activity groups that make up the annual activity programme, has a representative who attends the Seneschal meetings. For example, the Tuesday evening climbing group representative; the Saturday morning marathon training group representative; the Monday evening Duke of Edinburgh’s Award group representative. The operations group communicates with the rest of the membership of the charity by sharing its meeting notes, regular training and maintaining the Charity’s website and production of a regular newsletter.

Although all interest groups within the charity are represented at meetings of the Operations Group, the bulk of the work still tends to fall on the shoulders of a few. With the continued goodwill of these highly committed individuals, these arrangements have been sufficient to ensure that the organisation meets its objectives in ways that provide safe and enjoyable programmes of activity for many people. However, the Trustees are aware that over reliance on a few individuals exposes the Charity to a significant risk of failure if one or more of these individuals becomes unavailable for some unforeseen reason.

The Trustees continue to explore further options to strengthen the organisational structure.

Financial Review

At the 2020 AGM the financial reserves stood at £93,716 the reserves carried forward at 31st March 2021 have increased to £111,621. Whilst this represents an overall strengthening of the Charities financial position, the uncertainty over the future business model of the charity adds to the degree of financial risk for which provision must be made. In potentially taking full responsibility for running and maintenance of the Dolphin Centre building, in addition to the cost of the activity programme, the Trustees recognise that the charity’s annual costs will increase. Income from a Variety of sources is being considered and these will be reported when they have been firmed up. The unknown affect

of the Covid Pandemic are unknown and present a significant risk. Our thanks should be given to Angela Cullinan for her work in promoting the use of the building to local clubs and other organisations and which now earns an income in the region of £20000.

For the last 4 years the Trustees have adopted the following principles in agreeing the annual budget.

- That the cost of "Members Activity" should be covered by the contributions of "Members".
- That courses and classes should generate a surplus that can be used for charitable purposes
- That the fixed costs for premises, insurance, licences etc. is split between courses that are traded activity to raise funds, and activities that are for the benefit of Members.
- That the fixed costs are split in proportion to total hours of use for each type of activity, but this is currently under review.

The Trustees continue to recognise that the Charity needs to make provision to cover two specific financial risks.

- Income generation from courses and classes is highly dependent upon good weather, water conditions, and the state of the national economy. Poor attendance can result in failure to cover the Charity's fixed costs. **(It should be noted Covid -19 has compromised the courses taking place in the usual way, but in 2022 this will be reviewed and is dependent on a number of factors currently under discussion)**
- Although appropriate insurance cover is in place, the Charity recognised the need to ensure that any "Excess" provisions of an insured claim against the Charity can be covered from the reserves.

The cash reserves will be allowed to increase to cover the fixed costs of one years' operations in the event of catastrophic trading conditions. Surplus funds above this level are directed to support low, or no, cost activity for young people who would not normally be able to participate in outdoor and adventurous activities due to their, or their families, personal circumstances.

Activities

The year started with our leaders training day and a challenge to all the leaders to assess if they were up to date, and current with their respective Governing Bodies. This was all completed and thanks go to Adrian Moon for all his hard work and encouragement to achieve this task, frustratingly all was to no avail as the Pandemic hit us soon after and no courses were able to take place. The competition group racing under Pangbourne Canoe Club had a good showing at the Regional Hasler Races and then moved on to training for the Devizes – Westminster canoe race and the Waterside Series and Thames side races. However, these were all cancelled for 2020 due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 Pandemic. This was a great disappointment to all the paddlers who had trained so hard and looked to compete in these events. The climbers continued to run both club and courses until the Pandemic lockdown. The team had gradually built a regular following with many of the young people gaining NICAS level 1 and 2 accreditations. Once NICAS level 2 is gained they can then become club members. Due to numbers the climbing was consolidated to one evening. Thanks to Gerry Wigglesworth, Bob Feuillade with casual help from a number of other climbers. The climbing was closed for the rest of the year due to the size of our wall and being small and ventilation not being adequate to satisfy the Covid restrictions . The regular Sunday morning sessions continued until lockdown, when the Environment Agency closed the river. Then when opened in early summer

the National Governing Bodies restrictions about group size and use of changing rooms led to sessions being cancelled, only returning in the autumn about the winter sessions and all agreed to keep going. The River went into flood conditions which continued through to the end of January which only allowed limited activity. The Duke of Edinburgh's Award was organised on a Monday evening with those training at Bronze level attending one week and those completing Silver and Gold on the following week. We had three groups at Bronze who were aiming to complete a walking expedition. At Silver we had two canoeing groups aiming to complete their expeditions on the River Thames. This all stopped due to lockdown, however the group did meet alternate weeks as planned on Zoom with talks and quizzes. The expeditions were picked up in the summer of 2021 when all groups were encouraged to complete. I am pleased to report all completed their expeditions and went on to achieve their full Duke of Edinburgh's Awards. Thanks go to Linda Clark, Dominic Hinton, Jake Humphries, Giles Hinton, Jan Porter, Tom Canning, Gwen James, Anthony Casey and Kevin Dennis for managing the group. The Centre had been granted a year's licence from the Awarding Body a one of a handful of open Award Centres. The summer saw the planned evening paddlesport courses on Thursday and Wednesday evenings cancelled due to the lockdown regulations, I would especially like to thank Ian Blatchley and John Bethell for supporting their teams during lockdown period. Thanks also go to the operations team who met every two months during lockdown to assess when and how the teams could all get back on the water.

Cancellations of the scout's evening, planned open day and our Hasler marathon were necessary. The Restrictions allowed the return of courses in the autumn, too late for us. However club sessions did resume with a slow start over the winter.

Looking Ahead

In 2021 we started to look at the structure by which Adventure Dolphin is run and this is ongoing . In 2022 we should finally have signed the lease, which has been delayed for reasons beyond our control. In addition we explored the possibility on ways to maximise the use of the facilities by other third party companies and this is again is an ongoing situation , which we hope to have put in place for the 2022 season. If anyone knows of companies who would be interested in using the facilities we offer please let the trustees know. The current financial situation is a healthy, but we shouldn't get complacent given the relatively high running cost's of the building and the need to replace equipment as required.

Special Thanks

Finally , I should like to give special thanks to Tony Fitzgerald for obtaining grants from various sources which has significantly contributed to the financial security of Adventure Dolphin and ensuring we are in a health financial state throughout the current situation. In addition our thanks go to Chris Whitehead Who ensured that the building was closed down in a safe manor and kept are running cost's down to minimum and hence will have saved us a significant amount of money during the lockdown.

Steve Ellis

Chairman

14th February 2022

THE ADVENTURE DOLPHIN (PANGBOURNE) CHARITY

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Adventure Dolphin (Pangbourne) Charity

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Adventure Dolphin (Pangbourne) Charity (The Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2021.

This report is made solely to the company's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the company's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or the accounts do not accord with those records; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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:

Dated: 30 March 2022

Alexander Peal BSc(Hons) FCA DChA

For and on behalf of
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Adventure Dolphin (Pangbourne) Charity

Summary of Accounts 31st March 2020 - 31st March 2021

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at the end of the period

	31 st March 2021	31 st March 2020
Cash funds		
Santander	81,342	51,659
CCLA	20,440	20,416
Paypal	1,574	13,776
Marathon Account	7,599	7,599
Petty Cash	666	266
Total	111,621	93,716

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Receipts and Payments Accounts

	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
Receipts			
Joining fees and annual membership	-	888	888
Income from courses	-	457	457
Other income		37,204	37,204
Interest received to CCLA	-	24	24
Total receipts	£0	£38,573	£38,573
Payments			
Supplies and Services	-	20,668	20,668
Total Payments	-	20,668	20,668
Net of receipts/(payments)	-	17,905	17,905
Cash funds last year end	-	93,716	93,716
Cash funds this year end	-	111,621	111,621

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Income collected from joining fees and membership

	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
Annual Membership	-	888	888
Total	-	888	888

Income collected

	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
Evening Courses	-	530	530
Trips	-	300	300
DofE	-	687	687
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Total	-	457	457

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Other Income

	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
Rentals	-	6,995	6,995
Purley & Sea Scouts	-	3,044	3,044
Sale of Assets	-	400	400
Newbury Canoe Club	-	300	300
Gifts	35	689	724
West Berks Covid Grant	-	20,241	20,241
Sports England Grant	-	5,500	5,500
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Total	35	37,169	37,204

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Expenditure on Supplies and Services

	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
BC	-	438	438
Open Day	-	69	69
Training	-	520	520
Telephone	-	1,423	1,423
Insurance	-	3,156	3,156
Fees	-	978	978
AGM	-	121	121
Printing and Stationery	-	577	577
BEL/LEL	-	50	50
Building & Equipment	-	12,962	12,962
Trips	-	215	215
DofE	-	159	159
Total	-	20,668	20,668