

CRUSADER COMMUNITY BOATING

England & Wales - Charity number 1163121

Details

Other names CRUSADER COMMUNITY BOATS

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2015-08-13

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: (1) TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE INFIRMITY OR DISABILITY, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE.(2) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN FROM PRIMARY SCHOOLS WITHIN NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BY OFFERING A MOBILE CLASSROOM TO COMPLEMENT THEIR SCHOOL-BASED EDUCATION AND PROVIDE A MEANINGFUL AND RELEVANT ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH TO LEARN ABOUT WATER SAFETY AND GAIN AN APPRECIATION OF THEIR NATURAL SURROUNDINGS.

Activities: WE RUN BOAT TRIPS ON NORTHAMPTONSHIRE'S WATERWAYS ON OUR SPECIALLY EQUIPPED WIDE BEAM BOAT FOR LOCAL GROUPS OF DISABLED AND DISADVANTAGED PEOPLE OF ALL AGES AND FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE FROM CARE HOMES. THE SERVICE IS RUN BY A GROUP OF VOLUNTEER CREW AND RELIES ON VOLUNTARY DONATIONS.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Northamptonshire

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|---------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-12-31 | £18,686 | £22,259 | - | - |
| 2024-12-31 | £33,071 | £30,868 | - | - |
| 2023-12-31 | £21,320 | £31,484 | - | - |
| 2022-12-31 | £36,541 | £27,796 | - | - |
| 2021-12-31 | £18,036 | £24,276 | - | - |
| 2020-12-31 | £62,280 | £142,948 | - | - |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|-----------------------|------|------------|
| COLIN LLOYD NEAL | | 2025-01-14 |
| Colin Lovesy | | 2025-07-24 |
| Gary Keith Coles | | 2025-08-15 |
| Geoffrey Hugh Fellows | | 2026-02-08 |
| Julie Colman | | 2022-12-12 |
| Julie Payne | | 2025-08-15 |
| Paul Hickerson | | 2023-09-04 |

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Bringing the peace and tranquillity of Northamptonshire's waterways to everyone, regardless of age, physical or mental ability, through subsidised trips for eligible groups on our specially equipped wide beam boats.

Trustees Annual Report: 1st January to 31st December 2025

Correspondence Address: 7 Pyghtle Way, East Hunsbury, Northampton NN4 0QJ

Trustees showing date of appointment

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|----------------|-------------|--|---------------|-------------|
| Julie Colman | 10 Dec 2025 | | Geoff Fellows | 28 Jan 2023 |
| Paul Hickerson | 4 Sep 2023 | | Colin Neal | 14 Jan 2025 |
| Mike Watts | 14 Jan 2025 | | Colin Lovesy | 24 Jul 2025 |
| Gary Coles | 15 Aug 2025 | | Julie Payne | 15 Aug 2025 |

Trustees are elected for a 3 year term, after which they may be re-elected for a further term.

Officers

Colin Neal (Chairman), Geoff Fellows (Treasurer), Paul Hickerson (Maintenance), Stephen Henley (Client Manager), Karla Lesingham (Crew Rota), Julie Colman (Training), Sue Hickerson (Secretary & Quartermaster), Mick Watts (Health & Safety Officer).

Note: Mick Watts is standing down as a trustee and as our H&S Officer as at the AGM.

Governance

The charity is registered with the Charity Commission as a 'Charitable Incorporated Organisation - Association Model' governed by its board of trustees. Day-to-day operations are managed by the Officers on behalf of the Trustees. All Trustees, Officers and Crew act on a voluntary basis.

Meetings

Trustees normally hold face-to-face meeting 2 to 3 times a year with other business handled via email or telephone.

Charity Assets

The principle assets of the charity are two passenger trip boats 'Mountbatten Crusader' and 'Community Spirit' plus associated equipment used in connection with their operation. The charity aims to hold cash reserves sufficient to cover at least one year's outgoings. Some of this cash is held in an interest-earning account.

Operations

The trip season had a slow start due to the lift out and MCA inspection of Community Spirit being delayed until early May because of the prevailing river condition. The season would normally start mid April but the first passenger trip on the river was pushed back to 20th May.

During the year we ran a total of 70 passenger trips (cf 97 in 2024), 46 on Community Spirit and 24 on Mountbatten. The drop in numbers is due to a combination of factors, mainly the shortened season and a shortage of Boatmasters following two retirements at the end of 2024. Although several trips were cancelled due to adverse weather conditions and/or Strong Stream Advice being in force, most were rescheduled for a later date in the season.

Prior to the trip season, Mountbatten also had an out-of-water inspection and the marine surveyor recommended a number of maintenance tasks were carried out over the following two year period. Trustees had considered whether we should put this boat up for sale but decided to hold onto it for the time being and had the maintenance work carried out in December 2025.

All this has led to a significant operating loss for the year and we've had to rely on our reserves to see us through.

The charity had a successful recruitment campaign early in the year and took on 15 new volunteers. Several of these have taken up steering and one is working towards applying for a Boatmaster licence.

Financial Overview

We started the year with a bank balance of £40,779.32 and an end of year balance of £37,205.81 making an operating loss of £3,573.51 The charity has no debts or other liabilities and further information can be found in the treasurer's report and year end accounts.



Colin L Neal
Chair of the Trustees
Crusader Community Boating
5th January 2026



Crusader Community Boating

Annual Accounts for Year Ending 31st December 2025

| | |
|-------------------------|------------|
| Balance Brought Forward | £40,779.32 |
| | |
| Income | £18,685.84 |
| | |
| Expenditure | £22,259.35 |
| | |
| Outstanding | £0.00 |
| | |
| Operating Deficit | £3,573.51 |
| | |
| Balance Carried Forward | £37,205.81 |
| | |

Geoff Fellows
Treasurer
Crusader Community Boating
31st December 2025

As an Independent Examiner I have reviewed the accounts of the above Charity for the period 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025.

From the information and documentation provided I am of the opinion that the accounts represent a true and correct position of the Charity.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Michael Parr'.

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Michael Parr
Independent Examiner

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Registered Charity No 1163121

Trustees Annual Report: 1st January to 31st December 2024

Correspondence Address: 79 Tanfield Lane Northampton NN1 5RN

Trustees

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Governance

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Meetings

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Charity Assets

The principle assets of the charity are two passenger trip boats '*Mountbatten Crusader*' and '*Community Spirit*' plus their associated equipment used in connection with their operation.

Operations

Despite the river being closed on several occasions and at times struggling for Boatmasters and steerers 2024 has been a very successful season. During the year we did 97 trips, 47 on Mountbatten, 50 on Community Spirit and carried some 1855 passengers which equates to a 16% increase on last year. Something indeed to be proud of. I would personally like to thank the trustees and crew for their support.

Since the pandemic it has been extremely difficult to successfully obtain grants and donations, therefore some difficult decisions were necessary. In 2023 the trustees together with the support of our patron put together a business model and pricing structure to try and move the charity onto a

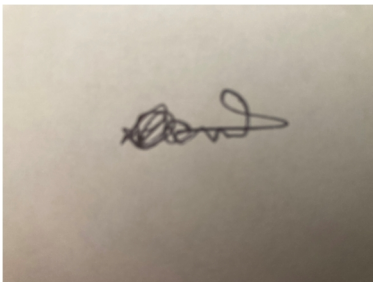
self funding basis. This strategy has proved successful particularly with Community Spirit which has not only funded its own operational costs but has generated a small profit which subsidised Mountbatten.

Each season we loose some volunteers and gain new ones and are particularly grateful to those who have taken on additional responsibilities as Trustees or Officers of the charity, working above and beyond for the benefit of Crusader Community Boating. That being said we are actively looking to recruit new volunteers plus train new steerers and boatmasters.

Financial Overview

We started the year with an opening bank balance of £38,576.71. Despite having one or two unexpected items of expenditure we have a closing bank balance of £40,779.32 which means not only have we covered our operating costs but made a small profit of £2,202.61.

The charity has no debts and further information is available in the treasurers report and year end accounts.

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Peter Corns
Chair of the Trustees
Crusader Community Boating 31st December 2024

Crusader Community Boating

Annual Accounts for Year Ending 31st December 2024

| | |
|-------------------------|------------|
| Balance Brought Forward | £38,576.71 |
| | |
| Income | £33,070.93 |
| | |
| Expenditure | £30,868.32 |
| | |
| Outstanding | none |
| | |
| Operating Surplus | £2,202.61 |
| | |
| Balance Carried Forward | £40,779.32 |
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Geoff Fellows
Treasurer
Crusader Community Boating
31 Dec 2024

As an Independently Examiner I have reviewed the records and accounts of Crusader Community Boating and confirm they represent a true and fair position of the Charity as at 31st Dec 2024.



Michael Parr
FMAAT (Ret'd)
16.6.25

Crusader Community Boating

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Registered Charity No 1163121

Patron: David Laing

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Charitable Activities & Objectives

This year, we were able to open our trip season in April and run through to late October which had been the norm prior to the pandemic.

During the year we did 83 trips, 31 on Mountbatten, 52 on Community Spirit and carried some 1605 passengers. It also worth noting that we had several new charities take advantage of our services.

The number of trips is significantly down on previous years due to the lack of qualified Boatmasters, cancellations due to strong stream restrictions and lock / gate repairs on the river nene.

Operations

At the start of the year a management team was established to facilitate smoother running of the charity's operations and spreading the workload. The online booking system continues to be improved, making a much enhanced user experience .

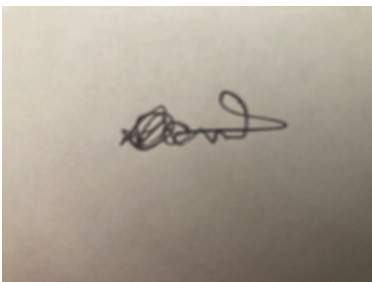
During the year, we have experienced a number of technical issues with Community Spirit and Mountbatten and are indebted to the ongoing support of GJBC, the hard work put in by our retired Maintenance Manager, (Michael Lindsay) as well as the patience and understanding by our service users and crew volunteers. We believe most of these issues are now resolved and look forward to better times ahead.

Each season we loose some volunteers and gain new ones and are particularly grateful to those who have taken on additional responsibilities as Trustees or Officers of the charity, working above and beyond for the benefit of Crusader Community Boating. That being said we are actively looking to recruit new volunteers plus train new steerers and boatmasters.

Financial Overview

We started the year with an opening bank balance of £48,740.55. During the year we have had unexpected expenditure of £6,229 due to the technical issues with Community Spirit, and unexpected repairs to Mountbatten, nevertheless we will close the year having made an operating loss of £10,163.84 and with a closing bank balance of £38,576.71

The charity has no debts and further information is available in the year end accounts.

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Peter Corns
Chair of the Trustees
Crusader Community Boating 31st December 2023

CRUSADER COMMUNITY BOATING
Charity 1163121

| Accounts for the Year from 2023-01-01 to 2023-12-31 | | | |
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| | | | |
| Balances (Period Start) | Natwest Bank | 48,740.55 | |
| | Cash in Hand | 0.00 | |
| | Total | 48,740.55 | |
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| Balances (Period End) | Natwest Bank | 38,576.71 | |
| | Cash in Hand | 0.00 | |
| | Total | 38,576.71 | |
| | Difference start to end of period | -10,163.84 | |
| | | | |
| Income | Donations | 14,573.76 | |
| | Private Charter Fees | 5,146.00 | |
| | Grants | 0.00 | |
| | Fundraising | 258.88 | |
| | Patron's Donations | 0.00 | |
| | Sales and General | 516.51 | |
| | Gift Aid | 825.04 | |
| | Total Received | 21,320.19 | |
| | | | |
| Expenditure | Moorings | 3,969.32 | |
| | CRT Licence Fees | 1,262.66 | |
| | Insurance | 4,619.60 | |
| | MCA Costs | 5,212.60 | |
| | Fuel and Electricity | 911.74 | |
| | Servicing and Maintenance | 10,996.20 | |
| | Uniforms and Equipment | 402.85 | |
| | Training | 1,194.00 | |
| | Refunds | 1,305.00 | |
| | Office and Administration Costs | 1,610.06 | |
| | Total Expenditure | 31,484.03 | |
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| | Balance income -v- expenditure | -10,163.84 | |
| | | | |
| Mountbatten Only | Total expenditure | 13,503.07 | |
| | Total Receipts | 5,075.00 | |
| | | | |
| Community Spirit Only | Total expenditure | 15,157.21 | |
| | Total Receipts | 6,011.00 | |
| | | | |
| General Exp and Receipts | Total expenditure | 2,823.75 | |
| | Total Receipts | 10,234.19 | |
| | | | |
| Outstanding Due or Owed | None. | 0.00 | |
| | | | |
| Note | The income received from Donations and Private Hire Should be calculated taking refunds into account | | |
| | i.e. Income from Donations and private hire = 14,573.76 + 5,146.00 = 19,719.76, but a total of 1,305.00 has been refunded, so the net income from Donations and Private Hire is 18,414.76. | | |

Accounts for the year 2023 – Treasurer's Remarks

- 1) The Accounts at the end of the year show a credit balance of £38,576.71.
- 2) 2023 has been a helpful year in terms of clarification of income versus expenditure because there have been no Patron's Donations or Grants received. Therefore what the accounts show is a fairly realistic picture of profit and loss for the period.
- 3) We have spent just over £10,000 more than we received, although there have been some unusual items of expenditure in particular which will be detailed by the Chairman and which with any luck are unlikely to recur.
- 4) At the end of 2024 we would probably have a credit balance of around £25,000 if we were to continue with the current pricing and administration regime, and assuming no major unforeseen events occur to upset the balance.
- 5) This estimate takes into consideration the current climate of inflation and price instability, the latter especially in the area of fuel and energy costs.

It also takes into account the somewhat unpredictable nature of illness levels in the population, and especially in the more vulnerable portion of the population since this group forms a large part of our clientele.



Geoff Fellows
Treasurer – Crusader Community Boating.

2023-12-31.

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Crusader Community Boating Annual General Meeting

Held on Saturday 28th January 2023 at 10.30am
The Walnut Tree, Station Road, Blisworth, NN7 3DS

Those Present

Trustees –

Steve Boyce (Vice Chair), Peter Corns (Treasurer), Frances Prater (Secretary), John Collier, Gary Coles, Julie Colman, Jill Baker

Crew –

John Page, Wendy Rawlings, Chris Baker, Bill May, David Bennie, Geoff Fellows, Janet Wootton, John Page, John Shaw, Sue Hickerson, Liz Parker, Mick Watts David & Janice Garratt were invited so we could give them our best wishes on their retirement.

Apologies

Anne Page, Colin & Paula Neal, Michael Lyndsay, Rod Bower

Welcome

The Vice Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. We have 2 new members here today Stephen & Elizabeth Parker. The Vice Chair gave formal thanks to David Laing for attending and for all the years of support he and his Foundation have given to Crusader Community Boating.

Many thanks to Colin Neal for all his hard work since 2016 and Paula who made the cards to sell and other contributions.

Trustees Annual Report

SB asked if everyone had read the Annual Report, which had been circulated early January 2023 and were there are any questions. There being no questions the report was accepted.

Approved

Treasurer's Report/Acceptance of Accounts

Copies of the financial statement had been circulated early January 2023 in advance of the AGM.

PC commented that without the support and donations from David Laing and J Mackaness we would not have an operating profit.

The Treasurer noted that the accounts had been approved by an Independent Examiner (G Smith) and requested that they be approved by the Members.

Proposer Peter Corns, Seconder Steve Boyce.

Approved by Members

Trustees / Officers

| | | |
|------------------------------|---|---|
| Colin Neal (chair / trustee) | - | End of tenure did not stand for re-election |
| Mike Dean | - | resigned |
| Frances Prater | - | re-elected |
| John Collier | - | re-elected |
| Julie Colman | - | elected |
| Jill Baker | - | elected |

Going forward a new Chair needed to be appointed.

There being no nominations Peter Corns has offered to take on the role of chair in order to keep the charity operational. S Boyce proposed P Corns and David Laing seconded, the members vote was unanimous and Peter Corns was duly elected.

Approved By Members

Geoff Fellows (GF) had volunteered for the role of Deputy Treasurer. Since PC was now elected as chair GF agreed to take on the role of Treasurer and Trustee. PC proposed this election and SB seconded. All those present voted and agreed unanimously.

JB asked when would these changes become active. The Chairman replied once there has been a satisfactory handover of the Treasurers duties.

Approved By Members

Bank Mandate

The above changes and elections would necessitate a change to the bank mandate.

Geoff Fellows (GF) would need to be added to the bank mandate as an authorised signatory.

It would also be beneficial for Jill Baker (JB) the Client Services Manager to have read only access to the bank in order to check on payments from clients.

Colin Neal (CN) no longer being an officer of the charity will be removed from the bank mandate. All those present agreed to the mandate changes.

Approved By Members

2023 Season

Crew

CB explained that there is no crew rota yet as no trips booked in April. JB – so far we have 30 trips booked but hopefully this will increase.

GC enquired if we had sufficient steerers. A number of crew are interested in training to do this. PC and SB will do some training sessions in March. We do need more crew as a matter of some urgency. If anyone has any ideas for advertising recruiting etc. please come forward.

DG suggested we do an article for the Inland Waterways magazine which might produce some volunteers.

JB/JC are already compiling an article for Towpath Talk and hopefully the Chronicle & Echo.

Training

JC will start training early February DG has offered to come along on the 7th February to assist. Bridge works on the river are now finished (we had been told end of March) so Community Spirit can get through.

MCA Inspection for both boats will be on 21st March 2023. We will need to check everything one week prior to the inspection.

We have 3 volunteers who wish to train as Boat Masters, so by the year end we hope they have completed this. Going forward into 2024 we should have 6 Boat Masters.

The new Chairman stated that he hopes to have some consolidation during the coming year as we adjust to new management.

SB asked if anyone has any ideas or suggestions please do raise. Remember we are all volunteers and all part of the same group.

SB then introduced David Laing who then introduced himself for the benefit of those members who do not know him. He and J Mackaness have been very pleased to assist CCB and congratulated everyone on the handling of the charities operations during a difficult few years with the ongoing effects of the pandemic.

CCB is not currently self financing therefore David Laing on behalf of himself and James Mackaness have agreed to continue offering support to the charity for the next 3 years.

DL then presented DG with a gift and asked if another could be passed on to CN as a thank you.

SB made it clear after speaking with DL prior to this meeting that DL is available to help and advise in any way he can.

PC announced that this year may be a difficult one with all the changes and several new crew, but hopes that by the season end we should be running efficiently together. PC felt we should make more opportunity to socialize to get to know one another.

Charges

These will remain the same for this season.

PC reminded everyone that they are welcome to book a trip for themselves, family & friends free of charge although a donation would be appreciated.

Northampton Boat Club

PC/SB have been to visit the Northampton Boat Club and they are very keen to have some liaison with CCB.

They do hold various social events / fundraising during the year from which CCB may benefit.

Any Other Business

JC enquired who will be managing the website? PC replied, at the moment the decision has not been made. It was commented that some of the wording on the website could do with updating.

DG still had contact with the person who originally set up the website and currently pays the domain licence fee. DG offered to make contact to establish the current and ongoing arrangement.

GF would like to thank everyone that has offered to help clean the boats prior to MCA inspection, he now has enough volunteers.

As the vegetation officer he would like crew to report any potential obstacle problems noted during cruising to him. Please would all use the app 'What3words to make finding the area easier, he will email the instructions how to set this up and use.

Heritage days – JC has volunteered to do the talks (DG has passed on previous info), GF has volunteered to be back up.

CB asked if we have any way we can encourage more bookings? Could we revisit previous clients to ask if they are interested. PC thought perhaps not this year whilst we are short on Boat Masters etc. but good idea for 2024 season.

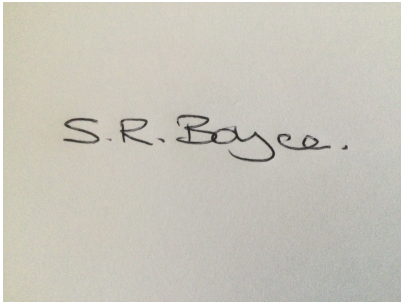
GC inquired if we can take out Mountbatten without a B/M. With 12 passengers or less we do not have to operate under MCA rules and therefore a BM is not mandatory, however PC was of the opinion that we should not go down this route or encourage it as it would be unfair to place unqualified crew with the responsibility. Also we must ensure we are still covered by the insurance.

SP is qualified to operate boats with 12 or less passengers under the RYA Inland Waterways JB thought this would be useful if Boat Masters are unavailable and numbers for trip are low she could offer them M/Batten. PC said again we need to check we would still be covered by our insurance by operating without a boat master.

DG would like to mention that this was looked into several years ago. It is possible to run M/Batten without a qualified Boat Master with 12 or less passengers but you MUST inform the Insurance company that you wish to do this and ensure still insured.

Meeting closed at 11.45am

Signed Vice-chair



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Annual Accounts For Year Ending 31st December 2022

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Opening Bank Balance as at 1st January 2022 **39,995.24**

Receipts


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|-------------------|---------------|-----------|
| Donations | 9,519.57 | |
| Private charters | 7,875.00 | |
| Grants | 5,500.00 | |
| Fund raising | 401.92 | |
| Patrons donations | 13,000.00 | |
| Gift aid | <u>244.99</u> | 36,541.48 |

Payments

| | | |
|----------------------|---------------|-----------|
| Moorings | 3,821.69 | |
| CRT licence fees | 1,035.65 | |
| Insurance | 4,218.13 | |
| MCA costs | 1,764.00 | |
| Fuel / Electricity | 2,469.08 | |
| Servicing / Maint'ce | 13,424.49 | |
| Uniforms & Equipment | 35.99 | |
| Training | 60.00 | |
| Office / Admin | <u>967.14</u> | 27,796.17 |

Operating profit for the year 2022 **8,745.31**

Closing balance at bank 31st December 2022 **48,740.55**

Signed R. P. Corns 
Treasurer and Trustee

Date 1/1/23

Independent Examiners Report

I have examined the accounts of the Crusader Community Boating charity in accordance with Auditing Standards and in my opinion they give a true and fair view of the organisation's affairs for the 12 months ending 31st December 2022.

Signed 
Independent Examiner
G. G. Smith

Date

2/1/23

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Treasurer's Comments Year Ending 31st December 2022

This has been a very interesting year. Running two boats and a season without covid restrictions.

We have a fairly healthy bank account with £48,740.55 in the bank.

In fact this year we have made an operating profit of £8,745.31

We have had very generous donations from David Laing and James Mackaness, our patrons totalling £13,000 plus grants totalling £5,500 from Arnold Clark, Maud Eckington Trust and The Page Fund. Without these grants and donations we would have made an operating loss of £9,754.69.

We are not, nor do we wish to be, a profit making operation but in order to continue with the services we offer we must break even every year.

Our operating costs are approx. £22,500 per year so unless we have some major unexpected outgoings we have sufficient funds to cover 2023.

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Trustees Annual Report: 1st January to 31st December 2021

Correspondence Address: 7 Pyghtle Way, East Hunsbury, Northampton, NN4 0QJ

Trustees

Colin Neal (Chairman), Peter Corns (Treasurer), Michael Parr (stepped down 17/11/21), Frances Prater (Secretary), Stephen Boyce, John Collier, Michael Dean, Gary Coles (appointed 28/11/21).

As our previous Treasurer, Mike Parr continued to assist during a transitional period whilst a new bank account was set up. Trustees are indebted to Mike for his commitment to the charity since its formation.

Governance

The charity is registered with the Charity Commission as a 'Charitable Incorporated Organisation - Association Model' governed by its board of trustees. Day-to-day operations are managed by the charity's Operations Manager (Dave Garratt) on behalf of the Trustees. All Trustees and the Operations Manager act on a voluntary basis and are also active crew volunteers. Crew volunteers are automatically 'Members' of the organisation.

Meetings

Trustees normally meet 3 to 4 times a year. However, due to the pandemic, just one face-to-face meeting was held during the year with other communications taken online or by telephone.

Charity Assets

The principle assets of the charity are two passenger trip boats 'Mountbatten Crusader' and 'Community Spirit' plus their associated equipment used in connection with their operation.

Charitable Activities & Objectives

We began operating boat trips from 5th July - later than the normal mid April start due to Covid restrictions - and finished late November. As expected, the number of bookings were well down on previous years, due to the pandemic, this and the lack of fundraising events during the year having an adverse effect on income.

Extending the reach of our primary activity for the disabled and elderly, plus introducing boat trips for primary schools has been deferred again due to the pandemic.

Our overriding objective for the year was to remain financially solvent and in a position where we are able to resume our full charitable activities as and when able, bearing in mind the ongoing pandemic.

Financial Overview

Many of our service users had made a voluntary donation towards the cost of a boat trip last year which didn't take place due to the ongoing pandemic. The effect of this was to reduce the level of donations received from service users this year. Although we operated at a loss of just over £5K for the year Jan-Dec 2021, our year end balance was relatively healthy at just over £40K. This is important since most outgoings occur in the first 5 months of the year, whereas most income is received in the middle six month period. The charity has no debts. Further details are provided in the Annual Accounts.

Colin L Neal
Chair of the Trustees
Crusader Community Boating

28 November 2021


Crusader Community Boating

Charity Number 1163121

Annual Accounts For Year Ending 31st December 2021

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| Opening Bank Balance as at 1st January 2021 | | 46,235.66 |
| Receipts | | |
| Donations | 9,257.38 | |
| Private charters | 1,520.00 | |
| Grants | 2,099.00 | |
| Fund raising | NIL | |
| Patrons donations | 5,000.00 | |
| Gift aid | <u>159.53</u> | 18,035.91 |
| Payments | | |
| Moorings | 4,440.00 | |
| CRT licence fees | 2,156.58 | |
| Insurance | 4,020.89 | |
| MCA costs | 2,700.00 | |
| Fuel / Electricity | 1,124.50 | |
| Servicing / Maint'ce | 2,483.53 | |
| Uniforms & Equipment | 4,167.64 | |
| Training | 2,178.00 | |
| Office / Admin | <u>895.18</u> | <u>24,276.33</u> |
| Operating loss for the year 2021 | | (<u>6,240.42</u>) |
| Closing balance at bank 31st December 2021 | | <u>39,995.24</u> |

Signed R. P. Corns 
Treasurer and Trustee

Date 1/1/22

Independent Examiners Report

I have examined the accounts of the Crusader Community Boating charity in accordance with Auditing Standards and in my opinion they give a true and fair view of the organisation's affairs for the 12 months ending 31st December 2021.

Signed 
Independent Examiner
G. G. Smith

Date 1/1/22

CRUSADER COMMUNITY BOATING

England & Wales - Charity number 1163121

Accounts



Crusader Community Boating

www.crusadercommunityboating.org.uk

Bringing the peace and tranquility of Northamptonshire's waterways to the disabled, disadvantaged and elderly through free group trips on our specially equipped wide beam boat. Funded by voluntary donations.

Registered Charity No 1163121

Patrons: David Laing, James Mackaness DL

Trustees' Annual Report: 1st Jan to 31st Dec 2020

Correspondence Address: 7 Pyghtle Way, East Hunsbury, Northampton, NN4 0QJ

Trustees

Colin Neal (Chairman), Peter Corns (Vice Chair), Michael Parr (Treasurer), Frances Prater (Secretary), Stephen Boyce, John Collier, Michael Dean, David Williams.

Governance

The charity is registered as a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) governed by its board of trustees. Day-to-day operations are handled by the charity's Operations Manager (Dave Garratt) on behalf of the Trustees. All Trustees and the Operations Manager act on a voluntary basis and are also active crew volunteers.

Activities & Objectives in the Year

At the beginning of 2020 the charity had 30 volunteers (including the Trustees and Operations Manager). During February, two successful recruitment days were held and 15 people were invited to become crew members after undergoing induction training.

Then came the first lockdown!

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, all boat trips for our service users were cancelled. Since our service users and the majority of the crew fell into the 'vulnerable category' it was felt unwise to operate our normal service, even outside of the two lockdown periods. A small number of boat trips with less than six people onboard (socially distanced) were held as crew training sessions.

One of the highlights of the year was raising the balance of the c£250K purchase price of our new trip boat 'Community Spirit' which was delivered in early August. The downside, of course, is that the boat has so far not been able to earn its keep!

Another highlight, somewhat unexpected given the situation with the Pandemic, was when we had the pleasure of welcoming HRH The Princess Royal to the official naming of our new boat on 14th October. A wonderful occasion that those present will never forget.

Financial Review

As a direct consequence of the Pandemic, we had zero income from private charter trips which are usually run to help balance the books. All fundraising events during the year were also cancelled. Finally, voluntary donations (which normally come from our core activity of providing boat trips for disabled people and care home residents and their carers) were minimal. This left a £20K hole in our finances. Fortunately, our Chairman was able to compensate for this through some grant funding, enabling us to end the year in a fairly healthy position. Further details are provided in the Treasurer's Report & Accounts.

Summary

The planned extension of our charitable public benefit - more trips for care homes and disabled people, plus the launch of a service for primary schoolchildren - clearly was not achieved due to the pandemic. The revised objective for the year was to ensure our ongoing financial viability and readiness to resume delivery of our service as soon as conditions allow.

Declaration

The Trustees have approved the above report via email communications.
Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees




Colin Lloyd Neal
Chairman, Crusader Community Boating
26th January 2021

Crusader Community Boating Northampton

Charity Number 1163121

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2020

| Funds | | £ |
|---|----------------------|------------------|
| Balance of funds as at 1 st January 2020 | | |
| Available Funds | (Working Balance) | 31833.47 |
| Protected Funds | (New Boat Fund) | 79199.60 |
| Contingency Funds | (Lift out/Emergency) | <u>12000.00</u> |
| Total Funds (NatWest Bank) (01 January 2020) | | 123033.07 |
| Add Advanced Receipts for 2021 trips. | | 3870.00 |
| Less excess payments/receipts 2020 | | <u>80667.41</u> |
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| Balance of Funds 31 st December 2020 | | <u>£46235.66</u> |
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| Balance represented at NatWest Bank | | |
| Available Funds | (Working Balance) | 27450.45 |
| Protected Funds | (New Boat Fund) | 2915.21 |
| Contingency Funds | (Lift Out/Emergency) | 12000.00 |
| Receipts in advance | (2021 Trips) | <u>3870.00</u> |
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| NatWest Current Account (31.12.20) | | <u>£46235.66</u> |

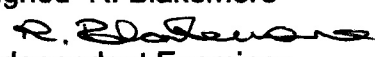
Signed M Parr 
(Treasurer and Trustee to Crusader Community Boating)
01.01.21

Independent Examiners Report

I have examined the accounts of the Crusader Community Boating charity in accordance with Auditing Standards and in my opinion they give a true and fair view of the organisation's affairs for the 12 months ending 31st December 2020.

The above figures reflect the adverse effect of the National Pandemic of 2020 with so very limited boating activity able to take place as compared with previous seasons. Despite this sufficient funds by the way of gifts and grants have been accrued to enable payment for the new boat to be completed.

Signed R. Blakemore


Independent Examiner
01.01.21

