



Crusader Community Boating

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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

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

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Annual Accounts For Year Ending 31st December 2021

£

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

(6,240.42)

Closing balance at bank 31st December 2021

39,995.24

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