

# THE MARY SUNLEY CANAL BOAT TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1177356

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2018-02-27

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES, IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE-TIME OCCUPATION, FOR PERSONS, RESIDING IN THE EAST CHESHIRE AND SURROUNDING AREA, WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABLEMENT, POVERTY OR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE.

**Activities:** The charity takes groups of elderly people and/or people with disabilities on trips along the Macclesfield Canal on a canal boat that incorporates a lift and is specially adapted to take wheelchairs.

## Classification

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- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Cheshire East

## Finances

| Period end | Income  | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|---------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2024-12-31 | £26,440 | £14,123     | -      | -         |
| 2023-12-31 | £19,900 | £11,479     | -      | -         |
| 2022-12-31 | £18,063 | £11,618     | -      | -         |
| 2021-12-31 | £9,622  | £6,376      | -      | -         |
| 2020-12-31 | £720    | £15,022     | -      | -         |

## Trustees

| Name                    | Role | Appointed  |
|-------------------------|------|------------|
| ANTHONY EVANS           |      | 2018-03-29 |
| Andrew Wright           |      | 2020-03-17 |
| BRIAN BOWKER            |      | 2018-03-29 |
| Brian David Pateman     |      | 2020-03-17 |
| DAVID DAWSON            |      | 2019-03-21 |
| DIANA MEADOWS           |      | 2018-03-29 |
| GEOFFREY ERNEST SPILLER |      | 2019-03-21 |
| John Wright Williams    |      | 2021-06-07 |
| Philip John Hall        |      | 2020-07-07 |
| Roger Graham Yorke      |      | 2026-03-24 |
| Tracy Elizabeth Spargo  |      | 2021-06-07 |

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# Accounts

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# Mary Sunley Canal Boat Trust

CIO Charity No. 1177356

Principal Office 124 Towers Road, Poynton, Stockport, SK12 1DF

Constitution dated 29th March 2018

Financial and Reserve policy dated 11<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

## Trustee's Report for year 2004

### ***Summary of Trust:***

The Trust owns and operates a crewed canal boat that is adapted for disabled people. We offer day trips on the Macclesfield Canal in Cheshire. Our passengers are mainly elderly people with limited mobility.

### ***Charitable Objectives of the Trust:***

TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES, IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE-TIME OCCUPATION, FOR PERSONS, RESIDING IN THE EAST CHESHIRE AND SURROUNDING AREA, WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABLEMENT, POVERTY OR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE.

### ***Structure:***

Mary Sunley Canal Boat Trust is an all-volunteer organisation with no paid staff. A committee consisting of 11 trustees and co-opted members manages the running of the organisation.

Mary Sunley Canal Boat Trust Trustees in 2024 (and 2025) are: Andrew Altree, Brian Bowker, David Dawson, Anthony Evans, Phillip Hall, Diana Meadows, Brian Pateman, Tracy Spargo, Geoffrey Spiller, John Williams and Andrew Wright

The Trustees are satisfied they have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charity Act 2006 to have regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Potential new trustees are invited to attend committee meetings, discuss role and responsibilities with key trustees and referred to Charity Commission guidance - Charity trustee: what's involved (CC3a).

Trips are crewed by a minimum of 2 volunteers.

### ***Advisers***

**Co-op Bank** 1 St Peters Square, Stockport SK1 1NX

**Vernon Building Society** 19 St Petersgate, Stockport SK1 1HF

**Insurance Broker, Gallagher**, Unit 3, Magden Park Green Meadow Llantrisant Rhondda Cynon Taff CF72 8XT

### ***Trustees Report***

During the year we did a total of 141 paid trips, and 1502 passengers slightly down on 2023, but this was probably due to the cold and damp spring we had, limiting the number of bookings we got for April and May. We are still encouraged to see how most of our long-standing customers have come back year after year to enjoy their days on the water.

We were very sad to hear of the deaths of Tony Smith, Tim Baker, and Arthur Dowd. Most people would of course have known Tony who was a very knowledgeable, and likeable Skipper for a number of years. Tim had been a trustee, in fact he was chairman when we got the Mary Sunley 2, and was instrumental in ensuring the funds were available to allow us to build the boat. Arthur was also a trustee at the same time as Tim We have welcomed a number of new volunteers, and will be trying to find more in the coming months.

We have already opened the bookings for the 2025 season, and we are encouraged by the number of bookings already received. We are in a fortunate financial position to be able to keep the prices the same for another year, as we do not want to disadvantage certain groups who may find the cost to be prohibitive. Thanks to the fund raising efforts of the Mayor of Poynton and particularly volunteer Tony Deacon, the gifts, donations and legacies we have received we have been able to replace the curtains and cushions, and I am sure the fresh look inside the boat will be most welcome.

Although we have had small technical issues with the boat, these are to be expected due to its age, and we are realising how important it is to carry out regular preventative maintenance to ensure the reliability of the Mary Sunley and our thanks to everyone who has helped in keeping the boat ship shape. I extend sincere thanks to my fellow Trustees and committee members for their commitment and enthusiastic support. All make a real contribution to the success of the trust.

And finally, a big thank you to all our splendid volunteers for your commitment, enthusiasm, and humour.

### ***Financial health and reserve policy:***

The Trust is in a good financial position. Income is derived by trip fees and donations. Our Reserve Policy states that we should hold a reserve of £10k to cover the cost of major planned or unforeseen repair costs and projects to improve our operation. In addition, we plan to grow a New Boat Fund of £100k by 2033. We remain on track to do this and therefore comply with our Reserve Policy.

**Treasurer's Report:**

I am pleased to report that the Mary Sunley Canal Boat Trust had another financially positive performance in 2024. The performance was far better than the Trustees had anticipated when setting the budget. Boat hire charge was held at £120 for a standard 4-hour trip in 2024.

In summary                      Operating Surplus £12,316  
   Funds held in Bank and Building Society £73,387.

Total income was £26,439.84 of which £18,180 was from hire charges and £6,204.39 in donations

£3,584.96 came from the Mayor of Poynton's various fund-raising events, £1,253 raised by volunteer Tony Deacon on a sponsored bike ride and £2227.63 in legacies/memorial gifts.

Total expenditure was £14,123.02 an increase of £2,643 compared with the previous year.

Costs including Boat Licence, Mooring, Insurance and Diesel all increased compared with last season due to inflation pressures. Repair and equipment costs increased compared with previous seasons which is to be expected with an aging boat.

The Trustees declare they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

Signature



Name

Brian Pateman

Position

Secretary

Date

12 July 2025

|             |                  | <b>MARY SUNLEY CANAL BOAT TRUST</b>                 |  |                         |                   |               |       |
|-------------|------------------|---|--|-------------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------|
|             |                  | <b>income and expenditure account dated</b>         |  | <b>31 December 2024</b> |                   |               |       |
| <b>2022</b> | <b>2023</b>      |   |  | <b>2024</b>             |                   |               |       |
|             |                  | <b>INCOME</b>                                       |  |                         |                   | <i>Budget</i> |       |
| 16,190.00   | 18,420.00        | Hire Charges  |  | 18,180.00               |                   |               | 18000 |
| 396.00      | 0.00             | credit b/f  |  |                         |                   |               |       |
| 639.03      | 715.70           | Donations & Sponsorship                             |  | 6204.39                 |                   |               | 1000  |
| 0.00        | 0.00             | Grants & Community Funding                          |  | 0.00                    |                   |               | 0     |
| -           | -                | Public Events (e.g. Poynton Show)                   |  | 0.00                    |                   |               | 150   |
| 428.17      | 443.44           | Collecting Tins & Sales on Boat                     |  | 461.24                  |                   |               | 400   |
| 315.50      | 260.00           | Crew Clothing                                       |  | 183.50                  |                   |               | 0     |
| 94.73       | 61.13            | Interest  |  | 1410.71                 |                   |               | 1650  |
| -           | -                | Other   |  | 0.00                    |                   |               | 0     |
| 18,063.43   | 19,900.27        | <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>                                 |  |                         | <b>26,439.84</b>  |               | 21200 |
|             |                  | <b>EXPENDITURE</b>                                  |  |                         |                   |               |       |
|             |                  | <b>Fixed Costs</b>                                  |  |                         |                   |               |       |
| 796.68      | 868.38           | Boat Licence  |  | 944.70                  |                   |               | 920   |
| 1,960.91    | 2173.35          | Mooring & Rent                                      |  | 2390.68                 |                   |               | 2391  |
| 50.00       | 130.00           | Membership  |  | 0.00                    |                   |               | 150   |
| 1,782.55    | 2033.33          | Insurance   |  | 2342.34                 |                   |               | 2200  |
| 225.76      | 242.69           | Annual Maintenance & Inspections                    |  | 421.02                  |                   |               | 350   |
|             |                  | <b>Variable Costs</b>                               |  |                         |                   |               |       |
| 1,549.86    | 1075.10          | Diesel  |  | 1287.20                 |                   |               | 1200  |
| 150.00      | 553.19           | Regular Maintenance Inc. Pump Outs                  |  | 515.00                  |                   |               | 600   |
| 1,627.79    | 2293.52          | Repairs and Equipment                               |  | 3311.63                 |                   |               | 3500  |
| 382.34      | 146.95           | Consumables ( not fuel)                             |  | 156.57                  |                   |               | 200   |
|             |                  | <b>Admin and Crew Costs</b>                         |  |                         |                   |               |       |
| 866.90      | 1123.08          | Booking and payment system                          |  | 1461.21                 |                   |               | 1180  |
| -           | 0                | Admin/ Secretarial                                  |  | 33.36                   |                   |               | 50    |
| 299.00      | 0                | Marketing and Promotion                             |  | 0.00                    |                   |               | 250   |
| 1,498.20    | 462.00           | Training  |  | 350.20                  |                   |               | 500   |
| 261.30      | 237.24           | Crew Clothing Inc. ID                               |  | 216.12                  |                   |               | 0     |
| -           | 0                | Crew Recognition                                    |  | 560.00                  |                   |               | 500   |
| 166.91      | 141.99           | Other   |  | 132.99                  |                   |               | 300   |
| 11,618.20   | 11480.82         | <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>                            |  |                         | <b>14,123.02</b>  |               | 14291 |
| 6,445.23    | 8419.45          | <b>NET INCOME (Operating Surplus /loss)</b>         |  |                         | <b>12,316.82</b>  |               | 6909  |
|             |                  | <b>Statement of Assets, liabilities and cash at</b> |  | <b>31 December 2024</b> |                   |               |       |
|             |                  | <b>Assets</b>                                       |  |                         |                   |               |       |
|             | 60,000.00        | Mary Sunley 2 Canal Boat (estimated value)          |  |                         | 55,000.00         |               |       |
|             |                  | Other assets  |  |                         | -                 |               |       |
|             |                  | <b>Bank and Building Society Accounts - cash</b>    |  |                         |                   |               |       |
| 16,517.93   | 6,043.67         | Co-op Bank  |  |                         | 4,949.78          |               |       |
| 36,132.25   | -                |   |  |                         |                   |               |       |
|             | 45,000.00        | Vernon Building Society 35 day account              |  |                         | 58,024.24         |               |       |
|             | 10,026.96        | Vernon Building Society easy access account         |  |                         | 10,413.43         |               |       |
| 52,650.18   | <b>61,070.63</b> | <b>Total cash in bank</b>                           |  |                         | <b>73,387.45</b>  |               |       |
|             |                  | <b>Total assets</b>                                 |  |                         |                   |               |       |
|             |                  |   |  |                         | <b>128,387.45</b> |               |       |

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Mary Sunley Charitable Trust.

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Mary Sunley Charitable Trust for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024.

### Responsibilities and basis of the 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 accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed the 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
- 2) The accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3) The accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and contents of the 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.....



Roger Graham YORKE Associate of the Chartered Institute of Bankers

14 Bowden Lane, Chapel-en-le-Frith, HIGH PEAK

Date 13. July 2025

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The Mary Sunley Canal Boat Trust  
Report of the Trustees for the year 2023

Once again it is my pleasure to present the Trustees report for the year to 31st December 2023.

After the disruption over the last number of years caused by the Covid pandemic, 2023 saw us finally get back to normality, not requiring any special measures.

During the year we did a total of 154 paid trips, taking a total of 1752 guests, with the numbers finally getting back to pre covid levels, and we are still encouraged to see how most of our long standing customers have come back to enjoy their days on the water, even though the weather left a lot to be desired over the season.

We were very sad to hear of the death of John Wallace. He was a long standing member of the Trust, and it was his skills that kept the Mary Sunley 1 going for so many years. He was also instrumental in the design and build of the Mary Sunley 2, and headed up the training for a number of years. He will be sadly missed

We have welcomed a number of new volunteers, and will be trying to find more in the coming months, so anyone with friends or relatives who you think may like to join the crew, please contact our Secretary.

We have already opened the bookings for the 2024 season, and we are encouraged by the number of bookings already received. We are in a fortunate financial position to be able to keep the prices the same for another year, as we do not want to disadvantage certain groups who may find the cost to be prohibitive

Although we have had small technical issues with the boat, these are to be expected due to its age, and we are realising how important it is to carry out regular preventative maintenance to ensure the reliability of the Mary Sunley, and our thanks to everyone who has helped in keeping the boat ship shape

We were also pleased to be able to get back to our customary social events, and our thanks go to Sue and Trevor for once again organising such a splendid evening with their barbecue, and the Chinese at the Beijing. We are in the throws of organising a start of season bash at NCCC, and remind you to keep the evening of 25th April free.

I extend sincere thanks to my fellow Trustees and committee members for their commitment and enthusiastic support. All make a real contribution to the success of the trust. A number of us have been trustees for many years, and we are mindful of requiring new blood and ideas, so if anyone is interested in becoming a trustee, please get in touch. And finally, a big thank you to all our splendid volunteers for your commitment, enthusiasm, and humour.  
Thank you.

Andy Atree - Chairman March 2024

## MARY SUNLEY CANAL BOAT TRUST

### Income and expenditure account dated

31 December 2023

| 2022             |   | 2023             |
|------------------|---|------------------|
|                  | <b><u>INCOME</u></b>                        |                  |
| 16,190.00        | Hire Charges                                | 18,420.00        |
| 396.00           | Credit b/f                                  |                  |
| 639.03           | Donations & Sponsorship                     | 715.70           |
| 0.00             | Grants & Community Funding                  | 0.00             |
| -                | Public Events (eg Poynton Show)             | 0.00             |
| 428.17           | Collecting Tins & Sales on Boat             | 443.44           |
| 315.50           | Crew Clothing                               | 260.00           |
| 94.73            | Interest                                    | 61.13            |
| -                | Other                                       | 0.00             |
| <u>18,063.43</u> | <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>                         | <u>19,900.27</u> |
|                  | <b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>                   |                  |
|                  | <b><u>Fixed Costs</u></b>                   |                  |
| 796.68           | Boat Licence                                | 868.38           |
| 1,960.91         | Mooring & Rent                              | 2173.35          |
| 50.00            | Membership                                  | 130.00           |
| 1,782.55         | Insurance                                   | 2033.33          |
| 225.76           | Annual Maintenance & Inspections            | 242.69           |
|                  | <b><u>Variable Costs</u></b>                |                  |
| 1,549.86         | Diesel                                      | 1075.10          |
| 150.00           | Regular Maintenance ink Pump Outs           | 553.19           |
| 1,627.79         | Repairs and Equipment                       | 2293.52          |
| 382.34           | Consumables ( not fuel)                     | 146.95           |
|                  | <b><u>Admin and Crew Costs</u></b>          |                  |
| 866.90           | Booking and payment system                  | 1122.08          |
| -                | Admin/ Secretarial                          | 0.00             |
| 299.00           | Marketing and Promotion                     | 0.00             |
| 1,498.20         | Training                                    | 462.00           |
| 261.30           | Crew Clothing inc ID                        | 237.24           |
| -                | Crew Recognition                            | 0.00             |
| 166.91           | Other                                       | 141.99           |
| <u>11,618.20</u> | <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>                    | <u>11,479.82</u> |
| <u>6,445.23</u>  | <b>NET INCOME (Operating Surplus /loss)</b> | <u>8,420.45</u>  |

### Statement of Assets, liabilities and cash at 31 December 2023

|                  |  |                   |
|------------------|--|-------------------|
|                  | <b>Assets</b>                                      |                   |
| 60,000.00        | Mary Sunley 2 Canal Boat (written down book value) | 55,000.00         |
|                  | Other assets                                       | -                 |
|                  | <b>Bank Account - cash</b>                         |                   |
| 16,517.93        | Co-op Bank   | 6,043.67          |
| 36,132.25        | Virgin Money                                       | -                 |
|                  | Vernon Building Society 35 day account             | 45,000.00         |
|                  | Vernon Building Society easy access account        | 10,026.96         |
| <u>52,650.18</u> | <b>Total cash in bank</b>                          | <u>61,070.63</u>  |
|                  | <b>Total assets</b>                                | <u>116,070.63</u> |

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# **The Mary Sunley Canal Boat Trust**

## **Report of the Trustees for the year 2022**

Once again it is my pleasure to present the Trustees report for the year to 31st December 2022.

After the disruption over the last 2 years caused by the Covid pandemic it was with relief that we were able to get back to some sort of normality, although we still had a number of trips cancelled due to infections in some homes.

During the year we did a total of 139 trips of which over 50 were for Care Homes, about 47 for groups ie stroke society, dementia groups etcetera. with the rest being private parties. Although the total number of trips is still down on pre covid levels, we are still encouraged to see how most of our long standing customers have come back to enjoy their days on the water, and it was particularly useful that the weather was so good.

Although we have had small technical issues with the boat, these are to be expected due to its age, and we are realising how important it is to carry out regular preventative maintenance to ensure the reliability of the Mary Sunley.

Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, we did not think it was appropriate to have our customary social events, but were pleased to meet at the Beijing again in January. Hopefully this is the start, and we will be able to meet again before too long.

I extend sincere thanks to my fellow Trustees and committee members for their commitment and enthusiastic support. All make a real contribution to the success of the trust. And finally, a big thank you to all our splendid volunteers for your commitment, enthusiasm, and humour.  
Thank you.

Andy Altree  
March 2023

## MARY SUNLEY CANAL BOAT TRUST

### Income and expenditure account dated 31/12/ 2022

| 2021             |  | 2022             |
|------------------|--|------------------|
|                  | <b><u>INCOME</u></b>                       |                  |
| 7,938.00         | Hire Charges bank receipts                 | 16,190.00        |
| 2,080.00         | Credited trips                             |                  |
| (396.00)         | Hire Charges b/f                           | 396.00           |
| 1,267.20         | Donations & Sponsorship                    | 639.03           |
|                  | Grants & Community Funding                 | -                |
|                  | Public Events (eg Poynton Show)            | -                |
| 469.25           | Collecting Tins & Sales on Boat            | 428.17           |
|                  | Crew Clothing                              | 315.50           |
| 42.56            | Interest                                   | 94.73            |
| 16.02            | Other                                      | -                |
|                  |  | <hr/>            |
| <b>11,417.03</b> | <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>                        | <b>18,063.43</b> |
|                  | <b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>                  |                  |
|                  | <b><u>Fixed Costs</u></b>                  |                  |
| 736.57           | Boat Licence                               | 796.68           |
| 1,922.46         | Mooring and Rent                           | 1,960.91         |
| 40.41            | Memberships                                | 50.00            |
| 1,633.59         | Insurance                                  | 1,782.55         |
| 208.00           | Annual Maintenance and Inspection          | 225.76           |
|                  | <b><u>Variable Cost of Boat</u></b>        |                  |
| 605.80           | Diesel                                     | 1,549.86         |
| 60.80            | Regular Maintenance inc Pump Out           | 150.00           |
| 298.44           | Repairs and Equipment                      | 1,627.79         |
| 86.98            | Consumables (not fuel)                     | 382.34           |
|                  | <b><u>Admin and Crew Costs</u></b>         |                  |
| 770.18           | Booking and Payment System                 | 866.90           |
| -                | Admin/ Secretarial                         |                  |
| -                | Marketing and Promotion                    | 299.00           |
| -                | Training                                   | 1,498.20         |
| -                | Crew Clothing and ID                       | 261.30           |
| -                | Crew Recognition                           | -                |
| 13.00            | Other                                      | 166.91           |
|                  |  | <hr/>            |
| <b>6,376.23</b>  | <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>                   | <b>11,618.20</b> |
| <b>5,040.80</b>  | <b>NET INCOME (Operating Surplus/loss)</b> | <b>6,445.23</b>  |

### Statement of Assets, liabilities and cash at 31/12/2022

|                  |  |                   |
|------------------|--|-------------------|
|                  | <b><u>ASSETS</u></b>                       |                   |
| 65,000.00        | Mary Sunley 2 Canal Boat (estimated value) | 60,000.00         |
|                  | Other Fixed Assets                         |                   |
|                  | <b><u>Bank Accounts - Cash</u></b>         |                   |
| 10,167.43        | Co-op Bank                                 | 16,517.93         |
| 36,037.52        | Virgin Money, Statement 8/12               | 36,132.25         |
|                  |  | <hr/>             |
| <b>46,204.95</b> | <b>Total Cash in Bank Accounts</b>         | <b>52,650.18</b>  |
|                  |  | <hr/>             |
|                  | <b>Total assets</b>                        | <b>112,650.18</b> |
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# **The Mary Sunley Canal Boat Trust** **Report of the Trustees for the year 2021**

When I sat down to pen this report, I found myself scratching my head for significant events or developments to report on. It may be that I lack imagination, or that my memory is failing me (both reasonable possibilities I admit). My conclusion though is that Covid has taken over all our lives for the last 2 years, and everything else seems to have paled into insignificance. We are very conscious that due to social distancing, and little interface with our customers we have not been able to have number 3s on the boat. We will of course try to get back to normal operation during the coming season, whilst adhering to government guidelines, and the wishes of our customers

After not starting the season until near the end of May, and then testing our Covid protocols by doing a number of trips for our volunteers, we still managed to have 82 paid trips, and as you have heard from Geoff, due to limited expenditure with no first aid or Skipper training, we were able to report an operating surplus that goes a long way to help our bank balance after such a disastrous 2020 season

As the Mary Sunley 2 gets older, it is inevitable that our cost for maintenance will increase, and to that end, during this closed season we have had the electrical system checked, and a new control panel has been purchased, and will be fitted before the start of the coming season

In summary, I am pleased to report that in spite of everything, we had a very satisfactory year in 2021, and the feedback from our customers reiterated the importance of the service we offer, I thank everyone who worked so hard to to make it so successful

I extend sincere thanks to my fellow Trustees and committee members for their commitment and enthusiastic support. All make a real contribution to the success of the trust. And finally, a big thank you to all our splendid volunteers for your commitment, enthusiasm, and humour

Andy Altree  
February 2022

# MARY SUNLEY CANAL BOAT TRUST

## Treasure's Report for 2021

I am pleased to report that the Mary Sunley Canal Boat Trust had another financially positive performance in 2021. The performance was far better than the Trustees had anticipated early in the year given the lack of certainty in being able to operate the boat as a result of the Governments Covid 19 restrictions.

In summary:

|                   |              |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Operating surplus | = £5,040.80  |
| Cash in Bank      | = £46,198.95 |

I present the accounts with notes for your approval.

### **Operating Surplus=£5,040.80**

An income of £9,622 which is made up of £7,938 in bank account receipts, £2,080 from hire charges brought forward from last year and less £396 that has been carried forward to next year. Bank receipts were payments received for 55 trips paid by Customers and 12 trips paid by Volunteers. 17 trips were taken as credit from the previous year. In total 82 trips were made in 2021.

We received £1,267 in various donations together with £469 from the collecting tins and the box on the boat.

The expenditure of £6,376.23 was well below previous years and down on the budget we set. We did not spend any money on training due the Covid restrictions that restricted meetings. Furthermore, we spent very little on maintenance and repairs in 2021. These items have been included in 2022 budget.

Other fixed cost expenditure was similar to previous years and variable costs less than the budget which is mainly due the less trips and the Government restrictions in force.

### **Net Cash=£46,198.95**

Our cash balance has increased by over £5k compared with reduction of £12k in the previous year. At the commencement of the year, we had to transfer £2k from our reserve account to enable us to make payments prior to trip income being received. Our Reserve Policy states that we should hold a reserve of £10k to cover the cost of major planned or unforeseen repair costs and projects to improve our operation. In addition, we plan to build a New Boat Fund of £100k by 2033. We remain on track to do this and therefore comply with our Reserve Policy

Geoff Spiller, Treasurer.

**THE MARY SUNLEY CANAL BOAT TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1177356

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## Trustees Report for 2020

Well it has certainly been a very odd year for the Charity. At last years AGM we were aware that Covid 19 was coming, but who would have thought 12 months later we are still in lockdown having not done a single trip, but we are now planning the reopening starting on 17th May for volunteers then from 21st June for all guests, in line with the current Government restrictions and guidelines.

During the year the boat has had a complete repaint, and looks like new. There has also been a lot of time spent on the woodwork inside, and I am sure once you see it you will be very impressed.

The year has obviously been a complete financial disaster with the usual outgoings of insurance, mooring fees, licence etc but with no income except our usual collecting tins, and some very generous donations. Luckily we were in a very advantageous position of being able to use our surplus from previous years. We really need at least 70 paying trips this year to break even, so if you are wondering what to do for a day out with family or friends why not book a trip. The money you pay for your trip will help our financial situation, allowing us to take vulnerable groups safely for a day they will remember for a long time.

As usual I would like to thank all the Trustees, and in fact everyone else who has helped out in any way over the last 12 months. I am always loathed to mention any names because I know I will miss someone out, but a number of people have worked hard to ensure that we are ready to open up in a safe manner.

Let's hope 2021 is a year for us to rebuild our client base, and hopefully have the weather to be able to offer everyone a most enjoyable day out on the picturesque Macclesfield Canal.

Andy Altree - Chairman

## **MARY SUNLEY CANAL BOAT TRUST**

### **Treasurer's Report FOR 2020**

The operating year for 2020 was an exceptional period for the Trust when our income was reduced to a nominal sum due to no hire charges as result of Covid19 restrictions. During the year many of the annual expenditure items had still be paid.

In summary:-

- Operating loss = £14,301.36
- Cash in Bank = £42,842.15

Early in the year, prior to the Covid19 Lockdown, we received many bookings for trips however as the year progressed, we reimbursed most customers as we were unable to undertake trips. A number of customers arranged for their repayments to be transferred for trips in 2021. The account records this transfer and cancels out any hire charges in 2020.

### **Operating Loss = £14,301.36**

The statement of account indicates the nominal income for the year of £720.85 resulting from donations, collecting tins and income from bank interest.

Expenditure is significantly higher than previous years as the Boat was repainted at a total cost of £8,380 which included dry dock fees. In line with previous reports the Trust intended to maintain the Boat in the best possible condition and had placed an order with the Specialist Boat Painting Contractor prior to the Covid19 restrictions were known.

CRT reduced the Boat Licence fee and NCBA did not charge an annual fee given the difficult time Charities were having during the Lockdown. Boat Insurance, Mooring expenditure were similar to previous years other than inflation increases. First Aid training was provided at a cost of £663.00. Overall expenditure amounted to £15,022.21.

### **Net Cash in Bank = £42,842.15**

During the year we had to transfer funds from the Reserve Account to meet the expenditure. This transfer together with money from the operating account resulted in a reduction of £12,221.36 in our Bank Accounts.

Credit for future Trips in 2021 amount to £2080. As with previous years the Boat value has been marked down by £5000 resulting in an estimated value of £70,000.

Given the uncertainty regarding future restriction concerning Covid the Trustees have establish budget for 2021 allowing for only a nominal number of paid trips. It is currently estimated as an Operating Loss of approximately £5,000.

Geoff Spiller, Treasurer.

March 2021