



The Beverley Barge Preservation Society

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman's Report – Overview of the year. This report covers 1/4/23 to 31/3/24

I would like to start by thanking all our members for making this another successful year. With 22 of our members we have over 50% of the membership actively supporting which is a very high percentage for any voluntary group. The society has maintained a steady membership but has not been able to significantly attract new members.

During the year there has been on-going work on developing policies, procedures, risk assessments and safe working methods for our activities.

The society has also kept its links with Beverley Town Council and where possible been part of community activities in the Beverley area. The society also took part in the Heritage weekend opening the vessels to the public in an event that was well received.

After the winter period we started of 2023 with an open day to try and attract new members. The vessels had been maintained over the winter and were all operable for the summer of 2023. Initially the River to Hull closed due to a problem with the Wind Turbine at Cargills. This issue was resolved and Cargills made a donation of £1000 to the society as compensations for the loss of sailings.

I do not intend to repeat the treasurer 's report here but do want to point out while we had a surplus of £1640 for the year this did include £2500 of donations, which may not be repeated. There were also costs involved with the boat safety certificates. It is noticeable that costs are going up. We have sufficient reserves for day-to-day operation at over £11,000 but I will return to this in my conclusions.

SUN undertook 18 public sailing between 22nd April and 2nd October. Syntan made two round trips to Hull on 28.29 April and 11/12 August. In addition the vessels were open on the Beckside with Mermaid providing short trips on one Sunday a month from May to September.

Heading upstream the condition of the river with particular reference to weed has led to a cut back on trips to Hempholme and concentrating on Aike Beck as a turning point. Tree growth is a problem both up and downstream from Beverley with the lower River Hull now needing to be navigated much closer to high water which make a round trip to Hull in a day no longer practical.

There were also a small number of static use events on the beck for SYNTAN.

Over the winter period maintenance has taken place on the Beck with the vessels being prepared for their boat safety certificates. The poor weather has delayed this work and also made the dry dock unusable. There were also issues with the surveyor. This has now been resolved but that did run over into the current year.

Overall the year 2023/2024 has been a successful one for the society. The vessels are being maintained in good condition and operations have enabled us to fulfil our objective to keep navigation going on the river Hull, keep the skills needed and also give the public a chance to experience travel on the river Hull and Beverley Beck.



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There are however significant challenges facing us. These are

- 1) an aging membership and a lack of new members.
- 2) the condition of the river Hull
- 3) increasing need for documentation and compliance
- 4) generation of more income
- 5) lack of resources to develop areas like the on line presence, publicity, and the documentation we need

None of these areas are in a crisis state at this time but they need to be a priority going forward to ensure the long-term future for the BBPS.

Once again thanks to all our members and supporters for enabling the BBPS to keep sailing into 2024.



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INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Year Ending 31 st March:	2023/2024	2022/2023	2021/2022
INCOME			
Donations	2,165	3,290	1,198
Sales	0	6	0
Events	100	50	204
Membership	280	250	460
Bookings	4,191	3,261	1,670
Grants	1,500	2,000	2,930
Gift Aid	0	0	0
Other	126	11	14
<i>Interest</i>	<i>110</i>	<i>7</i>	
<i>Transfer (to)/from Reserves</i>	<i>56</i>	<i>(1,146)</i>	<i>0</i>
TOTAL INCOME	8,530	7,729	6,476
EXPENDITURE			
Repairs & Renewals	2,077	1,517	1,615
Fixtures & Fittings	84	396	1,372
Hire Costs	0	0	0
PR/Social Media	360	360	360
Stationery	102	2	0
Galley	0	12	0
Telecom & Postage	45	0	20
Fuel & Oil	575	0	354
Licences & Memberships	1,306	427	412
Insurance	2,231	1,993	2,144
Accounts fees	0	240	
Health & Safety	0	0	10
Events costs	30	195	0
Training	56	354	
Depreciation	0	0	760
Other Expenses	24	3	10
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	6,890	5,499	7,057
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	1,640	2,230	(581)



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BALANCE SHEET

Year Ending 31 st March:	2023/2024	2022/2023	2021/2022
FIXED ASSETS			
Barge Syntan	95,000	95,000	95,000
Vessel Mermaid	20,000	20,000	20,000
Vessel Sun	35,000	35,000	35,000
Upgrade	0	0	0
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	150,000	150,000	150,000
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at Bank / Petty Cash	11,176	8,871	5,033
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Loan	2,500	2,500	2,500
Membership Fees Paid in Advance	10	0	170
Refundable Booking Deposits	100	194	132
Deferred Income - Training	1,590	1,646	
Short Term Creditors	1,375	570	
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	5,575	4,910	2,802
NET CURRENT ASSETS	5,601	3,961	2,231
TOTAL ASSETS	155,601	153,961	152,231
REPRESENTED BY:			
General Reserve 1 st April	153,961	151,731	152,302
<i>Adj. to opening balance</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>10</i>
Net Surplus / (Deficit)	1,640	2,230	(581)
General Reserve 31 st March	155,601	153,961	151,731
plus Restricted Reserve	0	0	500
TOTAL RESERVES	155,601	153,961	152,231