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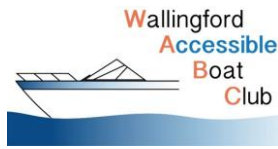
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**Receipts and payments account for the period**  
**1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022**  
**Registered Charity No. 1179179**

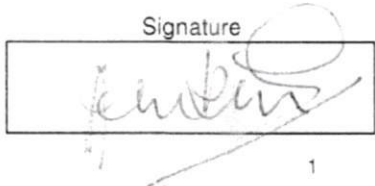
**Receipts and payments**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Last year £
<b>Receipts</b>					
Grants	4,175.00	0.00	0.00	4,175.00	11,098.00
Donations	13,498.26	0.00	0.00	13,498.26	5,773.43
Interest Received	16.76	0.00	0.00	16.76	0.00
Raffle	789.00	0.00	0.00	789.00	651.06
Sponsorship	7,000.00	0.00	0.00	7,000.00	0.00
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>25,479.02</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>25,479.02</b>	<b>17,522.49</b>
<b>Payments for charitable purposes</b>					
Fund raising expenditure	238.15	0.00	0.00	238.15	0.00
Wheelyboat	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Training	2,117.50	0.00	0.00	2,117.50	82.50
Insurance	1,765.76	0.00	0.00	1,765.76	1,765.76
Life Vests	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Stationery and PR	1,173.94	0.00	0.00	1,173.94	542.48
Boat repairs and maintenance	1,972.88	0.00	0.00	1,972.88	2,208.72
Equipment	2,056.03	0.00	0.00	2,056.03	760.80
Storage	1,110.60	0.00	0.00	1,110.60	1,358.02
Subscriptions and other fees	230.00	0.00	0.00	230.00	272.58
Independent Examiners Fee	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	90.00
Telephone & Data Costs	891.45	0.00	0.00	891.45	833.70
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>11,556.31</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>11,556.31</b>	<b>7,914.56</b>
<b>Administrative expenses</b>	<b>2,422.86</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,422.86</b>	<b>874.96</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>13,979.17</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>13,979.17</b>	<b>8,789.52</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>11,499.85</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>11,499.85</b>	<b>8,732.97</b>
<b>Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>44,278.91</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>44,278.91</b>	<b>35,545.94</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>55,778.76</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>55,778.76</b>	<b>44,278.91</b>

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<b>Represented by :</b>					
Lloyds Bank Treasurers Account	22,762.00	0.00	0.00	22,762.00	44,278.91
Lloyds Bank Reserve Account	33,016.76	0.00	0.00	33,016.76	0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>55,778.76</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>55,778.76</b>	<b>44,278.91</b>

**Assets retained for the charity's own use**

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost	Current value
Wheelyboat	Unrestricted	40,328	40,328
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Signature 	Print Name J. A. JENKINS	Date of approval 29/03/2023
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## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF WALLINGFORD ACCESSIBLE BOAT CLUB

### PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

I report on the accounts of the charity for the period ended 31 December 2022 set out on page 1

### RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement above.

### INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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