



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
From	Day 1	Month 04	Year 2020	To	Day 31	Month 03	Year 2021

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Rivertime Accessible Boating

Other names charity is known by

Accessible Boating Thames (ABT)

Registered charity number (if any)

1181307

Charity's principal address

Richmond House

Newlands Drive

Maidenhead

Postcode

SL6 4LL

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Gregory Wilkinson	Chairman		
2	Christopher Barrett			
3	Christopher Humphris			
4	Stephen Illman	Treasurer		
5	Paul Aston	Treasurer	Resigned 1 st April 2020	
6	Gavin Tisshaw		From 24 th January 2021	
7	Stephen Betts		From 1 st March 2021	

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Technical Advisor	Peter May	Bisham Abbey Sailing & Navigation School National Sports Centre, Marlow Road, Bisham, Marlow, Bucks SL7 1RR

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointment by the existing Trustees.

Additional governance issues

Accessible Boating Thames (ABT) was formed from the participatory boating activities of the Rivertime Boat Trust (RBT) that runs a fully accessible trip boat on the River Thames. ABT retains a close working relationship with RBT.

The boating activities predominantly take place at Bisham Abbey near Marlow using professional services provided by Bisham Abbey Sailing and Navigation School.

Section C Objectives and activities

To meet the needs of disabled people by the provision of accessible boating opportunities on open water.

The main activities centre on the objective of providing access to various types of boating experience to people of all ages who would not otherwise be able to access mainstream boating activities as a result of some form of disability. ABT has a very wide definition of disability and accepts people with mental, physical and behavioural issues; the only limitation being to ensure the safety of the participant at all time

The boating experience is built around three types of boats

Sailing dinghies

ABT has three types of craft, one more suited to training and the other for single handed sailing. The third is a new addition, a NEO495 sailboat that provides for two people to sit side by side and will further widen the range of disabilities we can accommodate. For those in a wheelchair there is a hoist for lifting the sailor from their chair into and out of the boat.

Bell Boats

Bell boats are effectively a catamaran made from two long open canoes seating up to 10 or so people and steered by an experienced helm. They are very stable and are therefore ideal for all participants including those with reduced coordination. The boat is large enough to allow carers to support the participants if required

Wheelyboat

The Wheelyboat is a purpose designed open motor-boat that is ideal for anybody who wants to get on the water but is unable or unwilling to paddle or sail for whatever reason. The design is such that a wheelchair can be rolled from the shore directly into it. The steering console is designed so that a person in a wheel-chair can (subject to training) take full control. It is therefore ideal for small groups who either just want to enjoy the river or a disabled sailor who wants to cruise the river independently.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

The charity is highly dependent upon a small dedicated team of volunteers who undertake a range of activities including:

- Boat cleaning and maintenance
- Operating the safety boat
- Helming the Wheelyboat
- Client support

The volunteers are DBS checked when appropriate and in many cases have RYA Powerboat 2 qualifications, RYA sailing and/or First Aid qualifications.

Accessible Boating Thames was established in December 2018 to take over and develop the accessible boating activities that had previously been run by the Rivertime Boat Trust (RBT). The charity is operationally independent and uses a range of boats that it either owns or borrows. In the latter case the arrangements are subject to Memoranda of Understanding.

Due to Covid19 there were limited operations in 2020 with some wheelyboat outings provided for various family groups, mainly involving children with Visual Impairments.

In 2021, subject to Covid19 limitations it is hoped that the charity will provide bellboat sessions for SEND schools through June to September and regular opportunities for disabled individuals and groups to access water sport through sailing, motor-boat and bellboat sessions. Regular opportunities will be provided from Easter to October on Sundays and other days by arrangement.

Section E Financial review

Reserve Policy

The reserves policy requires that there are sufficient unrestricted funds to run the charity for 6 months.

There are no funds materially in deficit.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

The charity's principle sources of funding are Trusts and Foundations, private individuals and clubs.

The key items of expenditure are:

- Purchase of professional boating services. (Trainers and Helms)
- Maintenance of powerboats (Wheelyboat and safety boat)
- Maintenance of unpowered boats (Sailing dinghies and Bell Boats)
- Insurance

The charity does not have any investments.

Section F Other information

The charity's financial report reflects a significant donation by the Edward Gostling Foundation for the purchase of the NEO495 sailing dingy.

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s) Gregory Wilkinson

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) Chairman

Date 1st April 2021

Rivertime Accessible Boating Trading as
Accessible Boating Thames

Income and Expenditure for the Period
1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021

		Period Ended 31/03/2021	Period Ended 31/03/2020
Income		21,149	13,496
Expenditure		4,270	5,300
Surplus for the Period		16,879	8,196
Fixed Assets		16,116	1,000
Current Assets		11,699	10,179
Creditors: amounts falling due wi		2,740	2,983
Net Current Assets		25,075	8,196
Capital & Reserves	B/fwd	8,196	-
	Current	16,879	8,196
		25,075	8,196