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CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 To 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

Charity name: Rivertime Accessible Boating  
Trading as: Accessible Boating Thames (ABT)

Charity registration number: 1181307

## Objectives and Activities

|                                                                                                                                                                      | SORP<br>reference  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document                                                                                          | Para 1.17          | To meet the needs of people by the provision of accessible boating opportunities on open water.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts. | Para 1.17 and 1.19 | <p>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 because 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 always ensure the safety of the participant.</p> <p>The boating experience is built around three types of boats.</p> <p><b>Sailing dinghies</b></p> <p>ABT has three types of craft, one more suited to training and the other for single handed sailing. The third is 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.</p> <p><b>Bell Boats</b></p> <p>Bell boats are effectively a catamaran made from two long open canoes seating up to 10 or so people and steered by a qualified 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.</p> |

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|                                                                                                                              |           | <b>Wheelyboat</b><br><br>The Wheelyboat is a purpose designed open motorboat 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 wheelchair 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. |
| Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit | Para 1.18 | The Trustees of Accessible Boating Thames have complied with their duty to have due regard to the commission's public benefit guidance.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

|                                 | SORP reference |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| Contribution made by volunteers | Para 1.38      | <p>The charity is highly dependent upon a small, dedicated team of volunteers who undertake a range of activities including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Helming the Wheelyboat</li> <li>• Helming the Bell Boats</li> <li>• Operating the Safety Boat</li> <li>• Boat cleaning and maintenance</li> <li>• Client support</li> </ul> <p>The volunteers when appropriate and, in many cases, have RYA Powerboat 2, RYA Inland Waterways, RYA Sailing and/ or RYA First Aid qualifications.</p> |
| Other                           |                | <p>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 loans. In the latter case the arrangements are subject to Memoranda of Understanding with RBT.</p>                                                                                                                          |

## Achievements and Performance

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| Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole. | Para 1.20      | <p>In 2022 the charity provided bellboat sessions for SEND schools and regular opportunities for disabled individuals and groups to access water sport through sailing, motorboat and bellboat sessions.</p> <p>In 2022 our host organisation, Bisham Abbey Sailing &amp; Navigation School, erected a stretch tent on the riverside and Accessible Boating Thames provide a set of accessible picnic tables enabling visits from special groups who had the opportunity to have a social gathering and the option of using our boats for outings on the river Thames.</p> <p>During the year ABT operated around 20 bellboat sessions, with 20 to 30 participants on average and up to 6 people on the Wheelyboat during the sessions; 4 afternoon sessions for dementia action groups with around 30 people each time, where they are taken out on the river on the Wheelyboat in groups of 6 people at a time; 2 family picnic days with approx. 30 people at each session and there were also be between 20 and 30 individual and family Wheelyboat trips out for 2 to 3 hours at a time.</p> |

## Financial Review

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| Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period            | Para 1.21 | <p>As at the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023, the charity had income of £9,845 and expenditure of £5,931 giving a surplus for the year of £3,914.</p> <p>The reserves carried forward as at the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 totalled £39,340, therefore Accessible Boating Thames has sufficient reserves to ensure its continued operation.</p> |
| Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held | Para 1.22 | The reserves policy requires that there are sufficient unrestricted funds to run the charity for 6 months. The reserves will be increased gradually to enable the purchase of replacement boats where necessary.                                                                                                                                       |
| Amount of reserves held                                                        | Para 1.22 | As at 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023, the reserves held totalled £39,340.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Reasons for holding zero reserves                                              | Para 1.22 | There are no zero reserves.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| Details of fund materially in deficit                                            | Para 1.24 | There are no funds in deficit.                                                                                                                                                 |
| Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern | Para 1.23 | <p>There are no uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern.</p> <p>Accessible Boating Thames has sufficient reserves to ensure its continued operation.</p> |

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)            | Para 1.47 | <p>The charity's principal sources of funding are Trusts and Foundations, private individuals and clubs.</p> <p>The key items of expenditure are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintenance of powerboats (Wheelyboat and safety boat)</li> <li>• Maintenance of unpowered boats (sailing dinghies and bell boats)</li> <li>• Purchase of professional boating services (trainers and helms)</li> <li>• Insurance</li> </ul> <p>Further funds are required, and the charity will continue to seek support from generous donors and grant making bodies to ensure the charity is able to develop its service offering in the coming years.</p> |
| Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted | Para 1.46 | The charity does not have any investments.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

## Structure, Governance and Management

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| Description of charity's trusts:                                                                                                                                          |           |                                      |
| Type of governing document<br>(trust deed, royal charter)                                                                                                                 | Para 1.25 | Constitution                         |
| How is the charity constituted?<br>(e.g unincorporated association, CIO)                                                                                                  | Para 1.25 | Charitable Incorporated Organisation |
| Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees | Para 1.25 | Appointed by the existing Trustees   |

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works | Para 1.51 | <p>Accessible Boating Thames (ABT) was formed from the participatory boating activities of Rivertime Boat Trust (RBT) that runs a fully accessible trip boat on the River Thames. ABT retains a close working relationship with RBT.</p> <p>The boating activities predominantly take place at Bisham Abbey near Marlow using professional services provided by Bisham Abbey Sailing and Navigation School.</p> |
| Other                                                                                     |           | The Board comprises Trustees who have the experience and relevant skills to carry out the functions of managing the charity. The Trustees meet quarterly and can make the relevant decisions.                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

## Reference and Administrative details

|                             |                                                                  |
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| Charity name                | Rivertime Accessible Boating                                     |
| Other name the charity uses | Accessible Boating Thames (ABT)                                  |
| Registered charity number   | 1181307                                                          |
| Charity's principal address | Grovefield House<br>24 Furze Platt Road<br>Maidenhead<br>SL6 7NN |

## Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

|   | Trustee name         | Office (if any) | Dates acted if not for whole year      | Person entitled to appoint trustee (if any) |
|---|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| 1 | Gavin Tisshaw        | Chairman        |                                        |                                             |
| 2 | Gregory Wilkinson    |                 | Resigned 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 |                                             |
| 3 | Christopher Humphris |                 |                                        |                                             |
| 4 | Stephen Illman       |                 | Resigned 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2023   |                                             |
| 5 | Stephen Betts        |                 |                                        |                                             |
| 6 | Hilary Spiers        |                 | Appointed 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2023   |                                             |
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## Additional information (optional)

### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

| Type of adviser   | Name      | Address                                                                                                     |
|-------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Technical Advisor | Peter May | Bisham Abbey Sailing and Navigation School<br>National Sports Centre,<br>Marlow Road,<br>Bisham,<br>SL7 1RR |
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## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

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| Signature(s)                           |  |  |
| Full name(s)                           | Gavin Tisshaw                                                                     |  |
| Position (eg Secretary,<br>Chair, etc) | Chairman                                                                          |  |
| Date                                   | 31st January 2024                                                                 |  |

**Rivertime Accessible Boating**  
**Trading as Accessible Boating Thames**

**Income and Expenditure**

|                               | <b>Period Ended<br/>31/03/2023</b> | <b>Period Ended<br/>31/03/2022</b> |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Income                        | 9,845                              | 17,169                             |
| Expenditure                   | 4,136                              | 4,367                              |
| Depreciation                  | 1,795                              | 2,450                              |
| <b>Surplus for the Period</b> | <b>3,913</b>                       | <b>10,352</b>                      |

**Balance Sheet**

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| Fixed Assets                | 14,376 | 15,887 |
| Current Assets              | 24,965 | 22,280 |
| Creditors due within 1 year | 0      | 2,740  |
| Net Current Assets          | 39,340 | 35,427 |
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| Capital Account             |        |        |
| B/fwd balance               | 35,427 | 25,075 |
| Current Year Earnings       | 3,913  | 10,352 |
| Total Capital and Reserves  | 39,340 | 35,427 |