



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st April 2024 To 31st March 2025

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

Charity registration number: 1181307

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
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	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. The boating experience is built around three types of boats. Sailing Craft 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. Bell Boats 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.

		Wheelyboat 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	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The charity is highly dependent upon a small, dedicated team of volunteers who undertake a range of activities including: • Helming the Wheelyboat • Helming the Bell Boats • Operating the Safety Boat • Boat cleaning and maintenance • Client support The volunteers when appropriate and, in many cases, have RYA Powerboat 2, RYA Inland Waterways, RYA Sailing and/ or RYA First Aid qualifications.
Other		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 owns.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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	In 2024 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. In addition, ABT with its accessible picnic tables enabled 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. During the year ended 31st March 2025, ABT operated 12 bellboat sessions, with 20 to 30 participants on average and up to 6 people on the Wheelyboat during the sessions. It operated 6 picnic sessions for groups involving between 9 and 25 people each time, where they are taken out on the river on the Wheelyboat in groups of 6 people at a time; and there were also 27 individual and family Wheelyboat trips out for between 2 to 3 hours at a time. In addition, ABT also conducted sailing sessions.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	As at the year ending 31st March 2025, the charity had gross income of £86,277 and expenditure of £17,222 giving a surplus for the year of £69,055. The extraordinary income included donations towards the new wheelyboat of £50,219 and donations of the Pioneer safety boat and bellboats with a value of £19,999. In addition donations of £16,059 were received during the year to bring the total gross income of £86,277. The reserves carried forward as at the 31st March 2025 totalled £116,347, therefore Accessible Boating Thames has sufficient reserves to ensure its continued operation.
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 st March 2025, the reserves held totalled £116,347; with £81,909 being restricted and £34,438 being unrestricted.
	Para 1.22	

Reasons for holding zero reserves		There are no zero reserves.
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	There are no uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern. Accessible Boating Thames has sufficient reserves to ensure its continued operation.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The charity's principal sources of funding are Trusts and Foundations, private individuals and clubs. The key items of expenditure are: • Maintenance of powerboats (Wheelyboat and safety boat) • Maintenance of unpowered boats (sailing craft and bell boats) • Insurance • Fuel 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.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	The charity does not have any investments.

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (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:

The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	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. The boating activities predominantly take place at Bisham Abbey near Marlow using moorings provided by Bisham Abbey Sailing and Navigation School.
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

Charity name	Accessible Boating Thames
Other name the charity uses	Accessible Boating Thames (ABT)
Registered charity number	1181307
Charity's principal address	Grovefield House 24 Furze Platt Road Maidenhead 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	Christopher Humphris			
3	Stephen Betts			
4	Hilary Spiers			
5	Emma-Jane Cornwell		Appointed 17 th September 2024	
6	Peter May		Appointed 21 st March 2025	

Additional information (optional)

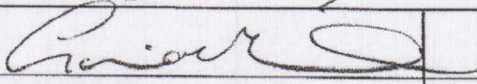
Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Gavin Tisshaw	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman	
Date	20/01/2026	



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Accessible Boating Thames		Charity No	1181307
Annual accounts for the period			
Period start date	01/04/2024	To	Period end date 31/03/2025

Section A

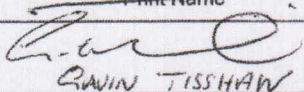
Statement of financial activities

Recommended categories by activity	Guidance Note	Unrestricted funds £ F01	Restricted income funds £ F02	Endowment funds £ F03	Total funds £ F04	Prior year funds £ F05
Incoming resources (Note 1)						
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	S01	16,059	70,218	-	86,277	15,834
Charitable activities	S02	-	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities	S03	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	S04	-	-	-	-	-
Separate material item of income	S05	-	-	-	-	-
Other	S06	-	-	-	-	-
Total	S07	16,059	70,218	-	86,277	15,834
Resources expended (Note 2)						
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	S08	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	S09	9,272	7,950	-	17,222	7,882
Separate material item of expense	S10	-	-	-	-	-
Other	S11	-	-	-	-	-
Total	S12	9,272	7,950	-	17,222	7,882
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)						
Net gains/(losses) on investments	S13	6,787	62,268	-	69,055	7,952
Net income/(expenditure)	S14	-	-	-	-	-
Extraordinary items	S15	6,787	62,268	-	69,055	7,952
Transfers between funds	S16	-	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses):	S17	- 2,567	2,567	-	-	-
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use	S18	-	-	-	-	-
Other gains/(losses)	S19	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	S20	4,220	64,835	-	69,055	7,952
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward	S21	30,219	17,073	-	47,292	39,340
Total funds carried forward	S22	34,439	81,908	-	116,347	47,292

Accessible Boating Thames	Charity No	1181307
Annual accounts for the period	Period start date: 1st April 2024	To period end date: 31st March 2025
Section B Balance sheet		

	Guidance note	Unrestricted funds £ F01	Restricted income funds £ F02	Endowment funds £ F03	Total this year £ F04	Total last year £ F05
Fixed assets						
Intangible assets		-	-	-	-	-
Tangible assets (Note 3)	B02	2,124	81,908	-	84,032	12,780
Heritage assets	B03	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	B04	-	-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets	B05	2,124	81,908	-	84,032	12,780
Current assets						
Stocks	B06	-	-	-	-	-
Debtors (Note 4)	B07	688	-	-	688	-
Investments	B08	-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand (Note 5)	B09	31,740	-	-	31,740	34,512
Total current assets	B10	32,428	-	-	32,428	34,512
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (Note 6)	B11	113	-	-	113	-
Net current assets/(liabilities)	B12	32,315	-	-	32,315	34,512
Total assets less current liabilities	B13	34,439	81,908	-	116,347	47,292
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year (Note 6)	B14	-	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities	B15	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets or liabilities	B16	34,439	81,908	-	116,347	47,292
Funds of the Charity						
Endowment funds	B17	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted income funds (Note 7)	B18	-	81,908	-	81,908	17,073
Unrestricted funds	B19	34,439	-	-	34,439	30,219
Revaluation reserve	B20	-	-	-	-	-
Fair value reserve	B21	-	-	-	-	-
Total funds	B22	34,439	81,908	-	116,347	47,292

Signed by chairman on behalf of all the trustees

Print Name	Date of approval
 GAVIN TISSHAW	20/01/2026



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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Accessible Boating Thames

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1181307

Set out on pages

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Responsibilities and
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2025.

As the charity's trustees, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

17 / 11 / 25

Name:

Samantha Samuel

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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Address:

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Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

NONE