

BWD Chairman's Statement 2023/4

For Bourne Water Dragons, the year to end March 2024 was encouraging and eventful. Encouraging because we increased our membership by 50% to 42 over the year, and also encouraged by the level of support from local businesses and charities which enabled us to acquire our own smaller dragon boat to replace the one we had on loan. Eventful because this was the first year that “climate change” impacted on club activities. In the 18 months to March 2024 rainfall was the highest ever recorded since records began in 1836 with the early months of 2024 proving exceptional and rendering our local River Stour unsafe for paddling on most days. Our competitive events in 2023 started with a first ever entry at the Sherborne County Fair on Spring Bank holiday at the end of May, when the weather was sunny and windy.

Our 16 paddler team acquitted themselves well finishing half way down a leaderboard of over 20 teams and we vowed to come back the following year and do better still. In June we started a recruitment drive to attract new members. A table of literature, trophies and paddles was used by members to broaden awareness of BWD and attract interest. Venues that we attended, included David Lloyd, Littledown and Haskins Garden Centre. In the summer we also took delivery of our new 30 foot 10 man dragon boat which had been bought using a

very generous donation from Haskins Garden Centre. We prepared for an official launching and the traditional and requisite “dotting of the Dragon’s eye” ceremony. This dramatic and colourful event was well attended and took place in August, when our boat “Coleman’s Dragon Fly” decked out in BWD colours was formally launched. Early September and we were competing for the third year at the Cookham Regatta on the river Thames and after tough, very close heats we made the final. We were then beaten by a very small margin and found it touching when the young fit winning team gave a Cancer Survivor team a standing ovation when we left the jetty. After serious discussion we put in a November entry for the well-established Henley Winter Series. Rather than a sprint this would be a lung-busting 7 kilometre time trial. Nevertheless, we were very disappointed when the aforementioned rainfall levels led to a cancellation and a subsequent postponement to March which also resulted in a similar level of flooding and cancellation again.

In May 2024 Bourne Water Dragons will be 5 years old. We are the result of the vision and belief held initially by Mary Milne that a club such as ours can offer physical and mental well-being to those who have been affected by cancer. We have a significant role which we hope will continue to grow.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name

No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

Period start date

To

Period end date

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership	880	-	-	880	-
Kit	980	-	-	980	-
Various	497	-	-	497	-
Donations	931	-	-	931	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	3 288	-	-	3 288	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	3 288	-	-	3 288	-
A3 Payments					
Vodafone	136	-	-	136	-
Membership – BDA	100	-	-	100	-
Training	120	-	-	120	-
Event Registration	680	-	-	680	-
Website	376	-	-	376	-
DBS checks	60	-	-	60	-
Sundries	251	-	-	251	-
Equipment/kit	1 599	-	-	1 599	-
Stationery	239	-	-	239	-
Sub total	3 561	-	-	3 561	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	3 561	-	-	3 561	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 273	-	-	- 273	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	5 093	-	-	5 093	-
Cash funds this year end	4 820	-	-	4 820	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	bank account	4 820	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	4 820	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
	Nil	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Nil		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Boats, paddles, buancy aids, drums		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Nil		-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	