

EBCHESTER BOAT CLUB

England & Wales · Charity number 1187183

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2020-01-02

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS: TO PROMOTE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN HEALTHY RECREATION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IN EBCHESTER AND THE SURROUNDING AREA BY THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR ROWING, PADDLING AND OTHER WATER SPORTS CAPABLE OF PROMOTING PHYSICAL HEALTH AND FITNESS ("FACILITIES" MEANS LAND, BUILDINGS, EQUIPMENT AND ORGANISING SPORTING ACTIVITIES).

Activities: Provides facilities for rowing, paddling and other water sports to promote physical health and fitness

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** LOCAL
- Durham
- Northumberland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-10-31	£1,975	£2,759	-	-
2023-10-31	£1,861	£2,246	-	-
2022-10-31	£4,206	£6,295	-	-
2021-10-31	£6,501	£3,097	-	-
2020-10-31	£8,986	£6,939	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
IAIN ALEXANDER KNOX	Chair	2019-03-17
Brenda Beveridge		2020-05-28
GEOFFREY MARSHALL		2019-03-17

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Activities

Rowing

When the weather got too cold and windy to row at the Boathouse in autumn 2023, Ebchester Boat Club moved indoors at Ebchester Community Centre and committed to weekly winter training. With a combination of stretching, ergs and core exercises, the crew kept up their fitness in readiness for the return of water rowing. Whenever possible we also braved the cold to get out in singles or a double at the boathouse on Sunday mornings. Once the nights got lighter in late spring 2024, Wednesday evening rowing sessions returned to the boathouse, in preparation for Ebchester competing in the Northern Rowing Sunday League Series 2024. With meetings taking place in rowing clubs around the North East and Northumberland once a month over the summer, the Sunday League offered Ebchester a great opportunity to compete in side by side racing against crews from other clubs. As the newly formed Ebby Eagles (mixed crew) and Ebby Hawks (women) we raced at Tyne Amateur Club at Newburn, Talkin Tarn RC and Durham with exciting wins against Talkin Tarn and Tees rowing clubs. At the last meeting at Durham on 6 October 2024 Ebchester were presented with a special award for our performance over the series by Colin Percy, organiser of the Sunday League. This completed a very enjoyable and successful season for EBC.



Padding

With continued support from a larger coaching team, now 6 strong, we have continued to provide a larger number of sessions for local groups. As some of our coaches are Paddlesport Leaders, these sessions have included youth groups beyond the Scout Association. Our thanks need to be extended to these volunteer coaches who continue to pass on their skills up to 3 times a week. We continue to provide canoe, kayak and paddle board sessions with some focusing on specific skill improvement but others on pure and simple fun! Help from Gateshead Scouts continues with funding and advice. Purchases of more buoyancy aids and helmets was with their invaluable support. The scouts wider offer of water-based sessions during School holidays, through the Whickham Thorns activity centre, aided by council-led schemes, continues to be popular. This brings even more young people to the outdoors and gives them valuable chances to try out water based activities which will hopefully spark the promotion of better physical and mental health in later life. The continued clearing of the weir and river bank also takes up time. Fallen and washed down timber will very quickly block the river if it is not removed. Thanks go to those individuals who help is with this continued work. We go into another year with continued enthusiasm and the promise of future efforts.



Public Benefit

In carrying out these activities, the Trustees have taken into account the Charity Commission's Guidance on the public benefit requirement (PB1, PB2 & PB3) and have complied with their duty to have due regard to this guidance when exercising their powers and duties.

Achievements and Performance

The Club continued to recover following the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic and a change of personnel. As public interest in water-borne activities continues, there has been a noticeable demand for paddle sport activities, especially kayak and canoeing skills. The scouting movement in particular benefitted from this demand. Coaching skills are continually being developed to broaden the scope of the club.

Financial Review

The Club's receipts amounted to £1,975. The total expenditure of the Club was £2,759, leaving a balance of £2,210 represented by cash in the bank. A balance of £2,210 remains in general funds.

A copy of the annual accounts is attached to this report as Appendix A

Reserves policy

The Club has no employees and the costs of winding up the Trust would be nominal. The only need for reserves at present is to cover essential running costs and emergency expenditure for which the trustees consider it prudent to maintain a general reserve representing approximately eight months' running costs (this year set at £1,800).

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Signed on behalf of the Trustees:



Full Name: Iain Knox

Position: Chairman



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Accounts for the period 1 November 2023 - 31 October 2024

Income

	2023 - 24	2022-23
Grants	0	570
Memberships	1,935	1,091
Course Fees		200
Sundry	40	35
Insurance Claim	0	0
Interest	0	0
	£1,975	£1,861
<i>Income / Expenditure</i>	<i>-£784</i>	<i>-£385</i>

Expenditure

	2023 - 24	2022 - 23
Affiliation	1,250	1,273
Equipment		0
Insurance	1,010	973
Repairs		1,122
Training	499	0
Travel		0
	£2,759	£2,246

Balances

	11/08/2024	31/10/2023
Current Account	2,210	2,989
Cash in Hand		
	£2,210	£2,989
Liabilities		
Creditors		
Debtors		
Grants Pending	0	860
	£2,210	£3,849

Assets

	31/10/2024	31/10/2023
Fixed Assets	0	0
Equipment	25,000	25,000
	£25,000	£25,000
Reserves		
General Fund	1,710	2,489
Restricted Reserves	500	500
	£2,210	£2,989

NB: £860 grant-pending no longer available

Grant Income

	2023-24	2022-23
Durham Sport		500
	£0	£500

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With the rowing club starting to find it's feet again post covid, meant that the club was in a position, in April 2023, to hold its first open day. This was a great day on which the club not only gained a few new members and interest in up-coming Learn to Row courses, but also helped to raise the visibility of the club in the local area. Small 'erg' challenges were held along with the sale of teas, coffees and butties which raised some much-needed pennies for a local charity.



Following on from the successful open day a Learn to Row course was held over the late spring of 2023 which produced 3 new rowers to the club. They are really enjoying learning a new skill and are looking forward to the next steps in their rowing career. We have also seen new members joining us from other clubs in the area after coming along to our single scull sessions. They've been brilliant at encouraging our newer rowers and helping them out where needed.

The experienced rowers amongst the club have also started to look towards the future and have started to increase their own training with a view to the club entering local competitions in 2024 - with a keen eye on Durham Regatta in the future! They are also looking to increase their coaching knowledge to help the club develop the club further by being able to offer more course in the future.



Paddling

This year has seen, once again, an increased number of paddling sessions at Ebchester. Thankfully, the larger coaching team remained through the year and continued to provide sessions. Our thanks need to be extended to them. As unpaid coaches, they are giving up their time to promote paddling and pass on their skills. Up to 3 sessions per week were offered during the peak summer months mainly during weekdays, however some weekends sessions were also provided. With the additional purchase of paddleboards, we were able to offer an increased variety of sessions and specific paddleboarding skill development. Support from Gateshead Scouts was welcome in the form of new buoyancy and ropes for canoes. Through their wider offer within the Whickham Thorns activity centre, water-based sessions were offered during School holidays through council-led schemes and purchasable sessions. All this contributing to an increased interest in water-based sports, potential for local access and promotion of the health and mental benefits of getting active outside. Clearing the weir and river banks of trees kept us busy as ever. The clearing of the large oaks that fell in the middle and towards the top of the river was particularly challenging. Thanks to the volunteers who don't mind helping to keep on top of this work.



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Financial Review

The Club's receipts amounted to £1,861: comprising grants amounting to £570, membership fees and course fees. The total expenditure of the Club was £2,246, leaving a balance of £2,989 represented by cash in the bank. The Club is grateful to Durham Sport for the grant that enabled members to be trained as kayak coaches. A balance of £2,489 remains in general funds

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Course Fees	200	0
Sundry	0	35
Insurance Claim	0	2,225
Interest	0	0
	£1,861	£4,206
<i>Income / Expenditure</i>	<i>-£385</i>	<i>£2,089</i>

Expenditure

	2022 - 23	2021 - 22
Affiliation	1,273	790
Equipment	0	2,800
Insurance	973	1,583
Repairs		1,122
Training		0
Travel		0
	£2,246	£6,295

Balances

	31/10/2023	31/10/2022
Current Account	2,989	3,378
Cash in Hand		
	£2,989	£3,378
Liabilities		
Creditors		
Debtors		
Grants Pending ¹		860
Net Worth	£3,989	£4,238

Assets

	31/10/2023	31/10/2022
Fixed Assets	0	0
Equipment	25,000	25,000
	£25,000	£25,000
Reserves		
General Fund	2,489	2,878
Restricted Reserves	500	500
	£2,989	£3,378

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	2022-23	2021-22
Arnold Clarke		1,000
Duham Sport	500	
	£500	£1,000

Note 1 Expected grants expired (pre covid)

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Over the winter season of 2021 to the spring of 2022 the club underwent a quiet period to allow the current members the opportunity to hone their skills and get back up the level they were rowing pre-covid. The club started to branch out and form close working relationships with other local clubs, not only to allow our rowers to learn how to use larger 'sweep' style boats, but also to give others from outside Ebchester the chance to get used to rowing a fine single scull, which according to most is an art form in itself.



In 2022 the club underwent some changes in personnel with our long-standing coach stepping down to focus on her studies. She has been a stalwart of the club since it re-opened and will be missed by everyone here and we wish her well with her studies. Due to the change-over we were unable to run learn-to-row courses, but this gave us plenty of time to plan future events and get our existing members back up and fully running post-covid, which has been no easy feat. Feedback from the members is that they have enjoyed the opportunity to try new things and would like this to continue, alongside having as many sessions at both Ebchester and Derwent Reservoir as possible.



Paddling

Following on from a covid-induced lack of paddling at Ebchester, we certainly made up for it this year. It was evident that lockdown had increased the appetite for water-based activities and many groups were keen to get involved. An increased number of Scout certificated coaches helped us to run sessions for Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers and Leaders from Gateshead, Blaydon, Chopwell Consett, Blackhill and Annfield Plain to name but a few. Based on the Scout Association paddle sports activity syllabus, the sessions supported kayak and canoe skills alongside general water safety. Whilst we didn't manage to develop our wish to provide public sessions, the increased number of coaches and particularly guidance from a senior coach helped us to plan for this development towards the end of the year. Furthermore, as is necessary every year, we cleared debris from the river keeping it flowing and ensuring that the weir is clear of potentially damaging debris.



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Achievements and Performance

The Club for much of the season underwent a period of consolidation following the restrictions imposed during the Coronavirus pandemic. Development of rowing activities has been limited by a change of personnel, but preparations for next season are well in hand. A resurgence of public interest in water-borne activities led to the development of paddle sport activities, including kayak and canoeing skills and general water safety. The scouting movement in particular benefitted from this activity. Coaching skills have been developed in preparation for public sessions in the coming season.

Financial Review

The Club's receipts amounted to £4,206: comprising grants amounting to £1,000, membership fees and an insurance claim. The total expenditure of the Club was £6,295, leaving a balance of £3,378 represented by cash in the bank. The Club is grateful to Arnold Clark Automobiles Ltd. for the grant that enabled the Club to purchase buoyancy aids. A balance of £2,878 remains in general funds

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Income			Expenditure		
	2021 - 22	2020-21		2021 - 22	2020 - 21
Brought forward			Affiliation	790	653
Grants	1000	4,900	Equipment	2,800	901
Memberships	946	1,371	Insurance	1,583	558
Course Fees		180	Repairs	1,122	177
Sundry	35	50	Training		754
Insurance Claim	2,225	0	Travel		54
Interest	0	0			
	£4,206	£6,501		£6,295	£3,097
<i>Income / Expenditure</i>	<i>-£2,089</i>	<i>£3,404</i>			

Balances			Assets		
	31/10/2022	31/10/2021		31/10/2022	31/10/2021
Current Account	3,378	5,494	Fixed Assets	0	0
Cash in Hand			Equipment	25,000	26,000
	£3,378	£5,494		£25,000	£26,000
Liabilities			Reserves		
Creditors		-2,375	General Fund	2,878	3,928
Debtors			Restricted Reserves	500	1,666
Grants Pending	860	860			
Net Worth	£4,238	£6,447		£3,378	£5,494

Grant Income

	2021-22	2020-21
Banks Community Fund		4,400
Barbour Foundation		500
Arnold Clark	1,000	
	£1,000	£4,900

EBCHESTER BOAT CLUB

England & Wales - Charity number 1187183

Accounts

Exchester Boat Club

Registered Charity Number 1187183



Trustees' Annual Report November 2020 - October 2021



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Activities

Rowing

Despite not being permitted to row in early 2021, members set to work preparing the club's boats and blades in readiness for the much awaited green light from British Rowing, permitting the return of water sessions. One of our junior rowers set to work on a damaged old Aylings single boat. After many hours of dedicated sanding, painting, sealing, and the replacement or repair of many parts, the Aylings single was returned to its former glory. The boat was awarded its new name BobBob before being proudly launched onto the river for the start of the rowing season in March 2021.



In March 2021 British Rowing gradually relaxed its covid restrictions and many rowing members were able to get back on the water for the first time post-covid.

In April 2021 we developed and delivered a *Learn to Row (L2R)* course for Adults who have physical and/or learning disability.

This course enabled 3 individuals with varying disabilities to safely access rowing. Over the 6 week course the rowers and volunteers overcame many challenges and problems in order to facilitate a rowing experience at a level appropriate to each individual's needs.

After successfully completing the L2R course two of the rowers continued to row as part of Ebchester Boat Club, while the third was supported to access a slightly larger club, where more appropriate equipment was available to meet the rowers complex needs. Feedback from the L2R course was extremely positive and is testament to the commitment and dedication of those who volunteered to make these sessions possible. Throughout the remainder of the 2021 summer rowing season members enjoyed regular rowing sessions on both the river Derwent and the Derwent Reservoir.



Paddling

Following on from a covid-induced lack of paddling at Ebchester, we certainly made up for it this year. It was evident that lockdown had increased the appetite for water-based activities and many groups were keen to get involved. An increased number of Scout certificated coaches helped us to run sessions for Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers and Leaders from Gateshead, Blaydon, Chopwell Consett, Blackhill and Annfield Plain to name but a few. Based on the Scout Association paddle sports activity syllabus, the sessions supported kayak and canoe skills alongside general water safety. Whilst we didn't manage to develop our wish to provide public sessions, the increased number of coaches and particularly guidance from a senior coach helped us to plan for this development towards the end of the year. Furthermore, as is necessary every year, we cleared debris from the river keeping it flowing and ensuring that the wear is clear of potentially damaging debris.



Public Benefit

In carrying out these activities, the Trustees have taken into account the Charity Commission's Guidance on the public benefit requirement (PB1, PB2 & PB3) and have complied with their duty to have due regard to this guidance when exercising their powers and duties.

Achievements and Performance

The Club for much of the season has had to operate in conformity with the Government's public health regulations and guidance arising from the Coronavirus pandemic. This has meant that activities and development have been severely restricted. We have continued to maintain contact with our members whenever possible and have arranged rowing courses to encourage more people to take up the sport. This has proven successful for 2021 as limitations on travel have re-awakened people's interest in outdoor activities.

Financial Review

The Club's receipts amounted to £6,501: comprising grants amounting to £4,900, membership fees and course fees. The total expenditure of the Club was £3,097, leaving a balance of £5,494 represented by cash in the bank. The Club is grateful to the Banks Community Fund for the grant that enabled the Club to purchase training boats and equipment. The Club is also grateful to the Barbour Foundation for the grant which will allow us to provide Learn 2 Row training for men with mental health issues. A balance of £3,497 remains in general funds

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Reserves policy

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Approved by the Trustees 18 August 2022

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:



Full Name: Iain Knox

Position: Chairman

Ebchester Boat Club

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Appendix A

Accounts for the period 1 November 2020 - 31 October 2021

Income

	2020-21	2020
Brought forward		5,596
Grants	4,900	1,450
Memberships	1,371	1,340
Course Fees	180	240
Donation	50	0
Interest	0	0
	£6,501	£8,986
<i>Income / Expenditure</i>	<i>£3,404</i>	<i>£2,017</i>

Expenditure

	2020-21	2020
Affiliation	653	147
Equipment	901	4,650
Insurance	558	1,095
Professional Fees		1,000
Repairs	177	29
Training	754	18
Travel	54	0
	£3,097	£6,969

Balances

	31/10/2021	31/10/2020
Current Account	5,494	2,047
Cash in Hand		
	£5,594	£2,047
Liabilities		
Creditors	-2,375	
Debtors	0	
Grants Pending	860	4,400
	£3,979	£6,447

Assets

	31/10/2021	31/10/2020
Fixed Assets	0	0
Equipment	26,000	28,000
	£26,000	£28,000
Reserves		
General Fund	3,928	1,047
Restricted Reserves	1,666	1,000
	£5,594	£2,047

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Durham Sports		450
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Northern Rowing		250
Magic Little Grants		500
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Activities

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The rowing club is a small but lively society with a core of approximately 20 members, many of whom joined directly following the completion of their *Learn to Row* (L2R) courses which ran over the summer and early autumn of 2019. The wide range in ages has not only enabled Juniors to row together in a quad but also with older members. Their presence has also meant some rather interesting social events - such as an 'Escape Room' evening - as well as more traditional dinners. Throughout 2019, prior to the current reporting period, the Rowing club met on Wednesday evenings at Ebchester, and Saturday mornings at the Derwent reservoir, where we have an agreement with the Derwent Reservoir Sailing Club. This meant we were able to offer a variety of rowing experiences to our members. Because of the safe surroundings of Ebchester we were able to row late into autumn with lights fitted



to the boats, which proved to be a magical experience. Winter saw the start of training at the club with twice weekly sessions incorporating ergs and circuits and ended with a club Christmas meal at a local pub.

2020 opened with exciting plans to repeat the previous year's successful regatta and extend the L2R courses. Obviously this all came to an abrupt halt when Covid-19 hit. Rather than see equipment lie dormant during lock-down, the rowing machines were distributed to those who could make use of them. Club 'Zoom' training was then able to take place. As the weeks progressed, Ebchester took part in the Chester-le-Street virtual regatta, entering as an Eight and several Singles. Members also were able to take part as individuals in other virtual challenges and regattas as the rowing world adjusted itself to the new normal. During the summer of 2020 some restrictions were lifted and limited rowing in singles could once more take place before a further lock-down in September. Although this severely impacted the activities of the club, we recognised the responsibility of our members to play their part in protecting the greater community and have strictly adhered to British Rowing guidelines throughout this period. Now our minds are set on the future and how we can once more bring rowing to the community.

Paddling

Whilst Covid-19 put paid to most paddling sessions during the year, a handful of informal sessions were run towards the end of the year. This did, however give us the opportunity to take stock of equipment and boats, make repairs and get on top of all the jobs that were outstanding. With the exception of outside agencies, all paddling currently is under the umbrella of the Scout Association. We are still looking to give access to paddling to the wider community and to this end, four of the Scout leaders are training to have appropriate qualifications. Hopefully the future will see a larger, more active paddling community at Ebchester.



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Financial Review

The Club's receipts amounted to £8,986: comprising reserves of £5,596 accumulated prior to registration, grants amounting to £1,450, membership fees and course fees. The total expenditure of the Club was £6,939, leaving a balance of £2,047 represented by cash in the bank. Of this sum, £1,000 represents the unspent amount of grants for governance and fundraising training and advice. The Club has not been able to utilise the grant during the accounting period because of the emergency restrictions imposed as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. It is hoped that the remaining grant can be spent in accordance with the conditions of grant as soon as the restrictions are sufficiently relaxed. A further grant of £4,400 has been awarded but not yet received. The Club is grateful to Sport England, County Durham Community Foundation, Northern Rowing Council, Durham Sport and Banks Community Fund for the grants that enabled the Club to be set up and to purchase boats and equipment. A balance of £1,047 remains in general funds

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Approved by the Trustees on: 13 August 2021

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:



Full Name: Iain Knox

Position: Chairman

Elcheater Boat Club

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Income

	2020
Brought forward	5,596
Grants	1,450
Memberships	1,340
Course Fees	240
Interest	0
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	£8,986
<i>Income / Expenditure</i>	<i>£2,047</i>

Expenditure

	2020
Affiliation	147
Equipment	4,650
Insurance	1,095
Professional Fees	1,000
Repairs	29
Training	18
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	£6,939

Balances

	31/10/2020
Current Account	2,047
Cash in Hand	
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	£2,047
Liabilities	
Creditors	
Debtors	
Grant Pending	4,400
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Net Worth	£6,447

Assets

	31/10/2020
Fixed Assets	£0
Equipment	£28,000
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Reserves	
General Fund	1,047
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