

DORSET DISABLED CANOE UNIT

England & Wales · Charity number 1187830

Details

Other names DDCU

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2020-02-07

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

Contact

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Dorset
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Activities

Objects: THE PROMOTION OF COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN HEALTHY RECREATION, AND IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY AMONG PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE, BY THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR PARTICIPATING IN CANOEING AND KAYAKING ("FACILITIES" MEANS LAND, BUILDINGS, EQUIPMENT, ACCESS TO COACHING AND ORGANISING SPORTING ACTIVITIES).

Activities: The Dorset Disabled Canoe Unit is a British Canoeing affiliated club established approximately 20 years ago to provide a safe and friendly environment for people with disabilities to take to the water in canoes and kayaks. The club is based on the bank of the River Stour near Christchurch in Dorset. The club operates fortnightly paddling sessions on a Sunday afternoon from April until September.

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Recreation
- **Who:** People With Disabilities

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** LOCAL
- Dorset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-01-31	£3,287	£1,478	-	-
2024-01-31	£1,305	£1,239	-	-
2023-01-31	£1,714	£11,230	-	-
2022-01-31	£10,302	£1,503	-	-
2021-01-31	£790	£979	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alexia Anderson		2025-10-31
Elizabeth May Watkins		2021-03-03
Jagdeep Jagpal		2019-11-19
Natalie Laura Coates		2019-11-19
Vince Clark		2023-03-26

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Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date		Period end date
From	01 February 2024	To	31 January 2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Dorset Disabled Canoe Unit

Other names charity is known by DDCU

Registered charity number (if any) 1187830

Charity's principal address

Sea Cadet site Phoebe	
Rugby Club Car Park, Iford Lane	
Christchurch, Dorset	
Postcode	BH6 5NF

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	Jonathon William Packer	Chairperson	1 Jan 2024 – 26 Mar 2024	Charity Members at the AGM.
2	Laura Morgan	Treasurer	Full Year	Charity Members at the AGM.
3	Jagdeep Jagpal	Vice Chair	Full Year	Charity Members at the AGM.
	Natalie Laura Coates	Trustee	Full Year	Charity Members at the AGM.
4	Elizabeth May Watkins	1. Chairperson 2. Secretary	1. 26 Mar 2024 – year end 2. Full Year	Charity Members at the AGM.
5	Vince Clark	Trustee	Full year	Charity Members at the AGM.
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
See above.	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
None.		

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 <small>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</small>	CIO Association Model
How the charity is constituted <small>(eg. trust, association, company)</small>	Association
Trustee selection methods <small>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</small>	Elected by AGM

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees; • the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works; • relationship with any related parties; • trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them. 	<p>In 2024 the DDCU continued a period of stabilisation and refreshing of equipment. In addition a grant from the BCP Thriving Communities Fund has allowed us to expand our activities to provide the experience of paddling in sea kayaks in Poole harbour and deliver training to our leaders members and volunteers.</p> <p>Risk assessments have been undertaken to support the effective delivery of our activities. These include identification and measures to address safeguarding risks.</p>
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Section C Objectives and activities

<p>Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document</p>	<p>The objective of Dorset Disabled Canoe Unit is the promotion of community participation in healthy recreation, and in particular but not exclusively among people with disabilities in the interests of social welfare with the object of improving their conditions of life, by the provision of facilities for participating in canoeing and kayaking ("facilities" means land, buildings, equipment, access to coaching and organising sporting activities).</p>
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Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Paddling sessions

The club enjoyed 10 out of the 11 planned fortnightly paddling sessions during this season (from April – September) with one session cancelled due to weather.

Members have enjoyed generally good weather conditions and trips both up and down the river, including the Christchurch loop. They have used their skills to dodge all the pleasure boats and paddle boards during the busier months!

Having re-established the club following the pandemic, this season we were able to open up to new members. In preparation for the season we held 2 sessions in a swimming pool to help members keep in touch and practice their skills. In June we held an open day offering taster sessions with most new paddlers returning for the further paddles later in the season.

Overall, we have welcomed six new paddler members to the club. Due to the increased numbers, we have frequently run two separate groups during our sessions. This helps us to adapt the session to different members' health and fitness.

Expanded Sessions Following Funding Grant

Thanks to the grant from the BCP Thriving Communities Fund we have been able to expand our activities to provide the experience of paddling in sea kayaks in Poole harbour. A local provider organised an initial skills session followed by a trip in the harbour. A further session provided the opportunity to paddle to Brownsea Island which was a new and unforgettable trip.

This funding also provided a rescue practice session at our usual location, enabling volunteers to keep skills up to date and will also provide essential first aid training for six leaders and support volunteers in February 2025.

It has also enabled the club to have two further sessions out of season in the swimming pool in Broadstone. These have been enjoyed by members old and new and provided an excellent opportunity to build confidence and practice skills in kayaks in a safe (and warm) environment over the winter. Extra support from volunteers at these sessions has been great to help new members get to know and work with the leading team. We are very grateful to BCP Thriving Communities Fund for providing these opportunities for our members which enables them to access kayaking. They tell us that it improves their physical health and mental wellbeing. Our volunteers have also benefitted, both from the training and opportunities to support members developing their skills.

Social Events

We had a successful BBQ after our paddle on 1 September, which raised valuable funds for the club and was organised by one of our members and her husband. We have also had an enjoyable post-Christmas meal at the Piazza lounge in Wimborne, attended by 30 members with family and friends. These events enable us to keep in contact through the year with all involved with the club, whether regular paddlers or in supporting roles.

Statutory Declaration

All trustees reaffirmed their adherence to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Funding

As a small club we are very dependent upon fundraising to deliver our activities, maintain and provide suitable equipment for disabled paddlers and grow our club. This year we were given generous donations from Ringwood Canoe Club and a local business (Astute Ltd) and have recently heard that our application to the Talbot Village Trust for support to buy a new container has been successful. This was a priority for the club as the present one has several leaks and equipment is getting damaged as a result. With increasing membership, we also now need extra equipment and more stable kayaks suitable to the needs of our paddlers.

Policies

All of our policies are being updated for review at the AGM to include recent updates from Paddle UK to whom the club is affiliated.

Grant Making

The BCP Thriving Communities Fund has enabled us to expand our activities to provide the experience of paddling in sea kayaks in Poole harbour. In addition the funding has provided a rescue practice session at our usual location is also providing essential first aid training for eight leaders and support volunteers thus enabling volunteers to keep essential skills up to date.

Section D

Achievements and performance

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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

- Re-election of Charity Trustees and key roles.
- Planning paddles and events for the 2025 season.
- 10/11 paddle events held in 2024
- Maintained volunteer training sessions via volunteer paddles and pool sessions. This enabled volunteers to practise and be able to support disabled members once sessions were held.
- Site maintenance at the property to ensure access remained possible (cutting back foliage, securing storage racks for canoes, kayaks, and equipment) and general maintenance of all equipment.
- AGM held on MAR24.
- Holding trustee and committee meetings throughout the year.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

A review of accounts was conducted at the AGM in March 2024
It was agreed to maintain reserves to support ongoing costs of management.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F Other optional information

None.

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>Elizabeth May Watkins</i>	<i>Jagdeep Jagpal</i>
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Full name(s)	Elizabeth May Watkins	Jagdeep Jagpal
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Position (e.g., Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	Trustee
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Date	16/10/2025
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	2/1/2024	To	1/31/2025
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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 £
A1 Receipts				
Donations (Duck Race, bank goodwill payment, another club)	897	-	-	897
Memberships	200	-	-	200
Grants (Dorset Community)	-	1,555	-	1,555
Thrive Communities Fund Project - Contribution from members	-	140	-	140
Receipts from fundraising activities(BBQ)	155	-	-	155
Receipts from members towards Xmas lunch	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities (memberships/equipment use)	340	-	-	340
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	1,592	1,695	-	3,287
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
None	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	1,592	1,695	-	3,287
A3 Payments				
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	-	-	-	-
- BBQ	42	-	-	42
- Insurance	336	-	-	336
- Training Costs - South Coast Adventures	-	885	-	885
- Memberships - British Canoeing	155	-	-	155
- Bank Charges	61	-	-	61
Sub total	593	885	-	1,478
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
Equipment Purchases	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total payments	593	885	-	1,478
Net of receipts/(payments)	999	810	-	1,809
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-

A6 Cash funds last year end

	3,844	-	-	3,844
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	4,842	810	-	5,652

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash in bank	4,842	810
		-	-
		-	-
	Total cash funds	4,842	810
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	None	-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
B3 Investment assets	None		-
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			-
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			-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Kayaking Equipment	Unrestricted	-
	Support Equipment	Unrestricted	-
	Misc.	Unrestricted	-
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B5 Liabilities

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

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Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
Rent	Unrestricted	
		-
		-
		-

Signature	Print Name
<i>Jagdeep Jagpal</i>	Jagdeep Jagpal
<i>Liz Watkins</i>	Liz Watkins

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Last year

to the nearest £

285
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136
514
370
1,305

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1,305

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515
185
153
62
915

324
324

1,239

66
-

3,778
3,844

-
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**When due
(optional)**

Annual

**Date of
approval**

10/10/2025
10/11/2025

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Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report for the period									
From		Period start date			To		Period end date		
		01	February	2023			31	January	2024

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

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Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Paddling sessions

The club enjoyed 9 out of the 11 planned fortnightly paddling sessions during this season (from April – September) with the 2 remaining sessions cancelled due to weather. Members have continued to use the new Kayaks provided through the grant from Sport England, which have offered greater stability on the water. We have done various routes including the “loops” both up and down river, and enjoyed ice-cream stops whilst listening to various festivities on the quay.

It is thanks to our volunteer leaders: Noel, Jon, Vince, Kevin, and Iain that these paddles have taken place. There has been a group of 8 disabled paddlers, most of whom have paddled regularly and we have also been able to offer opportunities to some new paddlers. Family carers also play a big part in the club, in supporting roles but some also enjoy the paddles too! On one occasion we had enough helpers to be able to split into two groups and therefore adapt the session to different members' health and fitness. There was much fun to be had as the groups met one another at various points.

We had some shortage of leaders over the key holiday periods and put out a call to local canoe clubs for support. We had a great response from Ducks and Poole Harbour Canoe club which enabled us to keep to schedule. We are delighted that some of those volunteers have offered further help for the forthcoming season.

Indoor Pool Sessions

We had two pre-season pool sessions which were greatly enjoyed by the members, who were able to practice various skills, including rescuing each other. We are keen for more members to join such sessions in the future as they help with water confidence and enable leaders to practice rescues with the members.

Feedback

Feedback from the members has shown that they really appreciate the time that the volunteers give to run the paddles and that they have had a clear benefit not only on their physical fitness but also their mental health.

Social Events

Paula has kindly continued to arrange social events which have been enjoyed by members. We had a BBQ mid-season after a paddle, which raised valuable funds for the club. Unfortunately, a further BBQ planned for the final session was scuppered by heavy rain! We have also had a post-Christmas meal at the Trouville and a meal by the sea at the Durley Chine hotel. This has enabled us to keep in touch outside the paddling season and meet up with a wider group of supporters.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Policies

All the current club policies are now on the website and any further changes (following review) will be agreed at the AGM.

Running the club

We have a very committed group of volunteer Trustees, committee members and leaders. However, with young families and other clubs to manage, their time is at a premium. Therefore, we are very glad of the support that we have had on the water from other local clubs.

As a group we try to support one another with all the tasks so that no one post is unduly time-consuming. However, we would really benefit from more support with administration, fund-raising, and organisation of social events.

The Future

Having successfully returned to paddling following the pandemic, we are now keen to offer paddling opportunities to new members as well as developing new experiences for our regular members. As a result, we are planning a taster session in June and exploring options to paddle in other locations. We would like to continue to offer pool sessions as they are an excellent introduction for new paddlers as well as an opportunity for existing members to develop skills.

The general view of members is that we have a great location on the river which offers good options for sheltered water paddling. There is also parking. The use of toilets and availability of a shower at the rugby club has been an improvement. We should like to improve access to the water as the ramp is quite steep and are planning to explore options with the sea-cadet leaders who manage the site.

All in all, it was a good season; thanks to all members who make the experience of paddling with the club so enjoyable.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

- Re-election of Charity Trustees and key roles.
- Planning paddles and events for the 2023 season.
- 9/11 paddle events held in 2023
- Maintained volunteer training sessions via volunteer paddles and pool sessions. This enabled volunteers to practise and be able to support disabled members once sessions were held.
- Site maintenance at the property to ensure access remained possible (cutting back foliage, securing storage racks for canoes, kayaks, and equipment) and general maintenance of all equipment.
- AGM held on 26MAR23.
- Holding trustee and committee meetings throughout the year.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

A review of accounts was conducted at the AGM 26MAR24.

It was agreed to maintain reserves to support ongoing costs of management.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F Other optional information

None.

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>Elizabeth May Watkins</i>	<i>Jagdeep Jagpal</i>
Full name(s)	Elizabeth May Watkins	Jagdeep Jagpal
Position (e.g., Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	Trustee

Date 11/10/2024



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/02/2023	To	31/01/2024
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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 £
A1 Receipts				
All Donations (inc Cash/Chq Deposits/ Amazon Europe Core and donation from another club)	285	-	-	285
Legacies	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-
Gross trading receipts	-	-	-	-
Receipts from fundraising activities(BBQ and lunches etc)	136	-	-	136
Receipts from members towards Xmas Lunch	514	-	-	514
Gross trading receiptsn (membership & equipment use)	370	-	-	370
Income from investments other than land or buildings	-	-	-	-
Rents from land & Buildings	-	-	-	-
Gross Receipts from other Charitable activities	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	1,305	-	-	1,305
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
None	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	1,305	-	-	1,305
A3 Payments				
Expenses for fundraising Activities:	-	-	-	-
Gross Trading Payments	-	-	-	-
Investment Management Costs	-	-	-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	-	-	-	-
- Rent	-	-	-	-
- Lunch Social and BBQ	515	-	-	515
- Equipment Insurance	324	-	-	324
- Equipment purchase	-	-	-	-
- Training Costs	185	-	-	185
- Maintenance costs	-	-	-	-
- Memberships - British Canoeing	153	-	-	153
- Bank Charges	62	-	-	62
- Stationary	-	-	-	-
Grants and Donations	-	-	-	-
Governance Costs	-	-	-	-
- Audit /Independent examination	-	-	-	-
- Preparation of annual accounts	-	-	-	-

- Legal costs	-	-	-	-
- Other	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,239	-	-	1,239
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
Equipment Purchases	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,239	-	-	1,239
Net of receipts/(payments)	66	-	-	66
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	66	-	-	66

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Balance of funds remaining in account after expenses and income	3,844	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total cash funds	3,844	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
	None	-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
	None		-
			-
			-
			-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
	Kayaking Equipment	General	-
	Support Equipment	General	-
	Misc.	General	-
			-
			-

B5 Liabilities

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

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Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
Rent	General	
Insurance	General	
		-
		-
		-

Signature	Print Name
<i>Jagdeep Jagpal</i>	Jagdeep Jagpal
<i>Liz Watkins</i>	Liz Watkins

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**Endowment
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to nearest £**

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**Endowment
funds
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**Current value
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**Current value
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**When due
(optional)**

annual

**Date of
approval**

15/10/2024
15/10/2024