

FLOATY BOAT

England & Wales · Charity number 1191392

Details

Other names FLOATY BOATY, FLOATY BOAT FUND

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2020-09-21

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Activities

Objects: FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT:TO FURTHER OR BENEFIT THE LIVE-ABOARD BOATER COMMUNITY OF THE CANAL NETWORK OF BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET, BERKSHIRE, BRISTOL AND WILTSHIRE AND THEIR LOCAL COMMUNITIES WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS BY ASSOCIATING TOGETHER THE SAID RESIDENTS AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN A COMMON EFFORT TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE RESIDENTS.IN FURTHERANCE OF THESE OBJECTS BUT NOT OTHERWISE, THE TRUSTEES SHALL HAVE THE POWER:TO ESTABLISH OR SECURE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MOBILE NARROWBOAT-BASED COMMUNITY CENTRE AND TO MAINTAIN OR MANAGE OR CO-OPERATE WITH ANY STATUTORY AUTHORITY IN THE MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF SUCH A CENTRE FOR ACTIVITIES PROMOTED BY THE CHARITY IN FURTHERANCE OF THE ABOVE OBJECTS.

Activities: Floaty Boat's vision is to enable folk to reduce the likelihood of reaching crisis point

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Economic/community Development/employment, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Bath And North East Somerset
- Bristol City
- Wiltshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£13,198	£16,696	-	-
2024-03-31	£7,693	£1,021	-	-
2023-03-31	£176	£3,000	-	-
2022-03-31	£1,118	£2,596	-	-
2021-03-31	£5,565	£4,726	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Elizabeth Margaret Lavender		2025-02-25
Gathorne James Gough		2025-01-14
Helen Farrally		2024-09-10

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TRUSTEES' STATEMENT

During 2024–2025, Floaty Boat continued to develop and strengthen its work, delivering both new and ongoing projects that support, empower and celebrate the boating community. The charity has further strengthened its governance with the appointment of two Co-Chairs and an additional trustee, alongside continued growth in our operational team and volunteer base.

We remained committed to responding to the needs of liveaboard Boaters, using their feedback and insight to shape and expand our incentives so they reflect the evolving needs of the community. By building on the skills and experience already present along the canal, we have ensured our work remains community-led and relevant. We also continued to develop relationships with local organisations and groups, helping to strengthen connections and collaboration across communities.

The trustees are confident that, looking ahead, Floaty Boat will continue to grow and develop in the years to come, while staying focused on delivering its charitable aims and long-term objectives.



**JAMES GOUGH &
HELEN FARRALLY**

Co-chair Trustees



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A YEAR ON THE CUT

Events

This year Floaty Boat put on three successful Floating Fayres: one in Spring in Bathampton (B&NES), one in Summer at The Barge Inn, Honeystreet (Wiltshire) and a Winter one in Bradford on Avon (Wiltshire). Both events in Wiltshire were funded by Wiltshire Council. The Floating Fayres bring the boating and wider community together to celebrate the diverse creative culture and talent on the Kennet and Avon canal. They give Boaters an opportunity to sell their hand-crafted wares, there are music performances and heritage craft demonstrations. Service providers such as the fire service and Julian House Boater outreach team were in attendance. At the Winter Fayre, flu/Covid vaccinations were offered from a vessel on the canal. These incentives help Boaters to access vital services which can be challenging when living aboard, thus improving health outcomes in the community. Bringing everyone together also helps to tackle issues of isolation and loneliness which can exist when living nomadically on the waterways.

We organised our yearly kids Christmas Party at the Canal Tavern in December. Our very own green Father Christmas brought presents for over 30 Children who attended.

There was a Christmas Carol Fundraiser at the Barge Inn on the 20th December 2024.

We also hosted a New years eve get together at The Twelve Bells, Trowbridge with live bands.

These events not only help to raise funds, they also bring the boating community together particularly in the winter time when living nomadically can be more challenging and isolating.

“The fayres are a highlight for our family and a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with friends. I often invite non-Boater friends along, as they’re a great way to showcase the wide range of skills and the strong sense of community that exists along the canal. For me, the fayres are also a chance to develop new skills. I’ve recently enrolled in a back-to-work short course in children’s face painting, and the Floating Fayre has provided the perfect, supportive environment in which to put those skills into practice”

Workshops

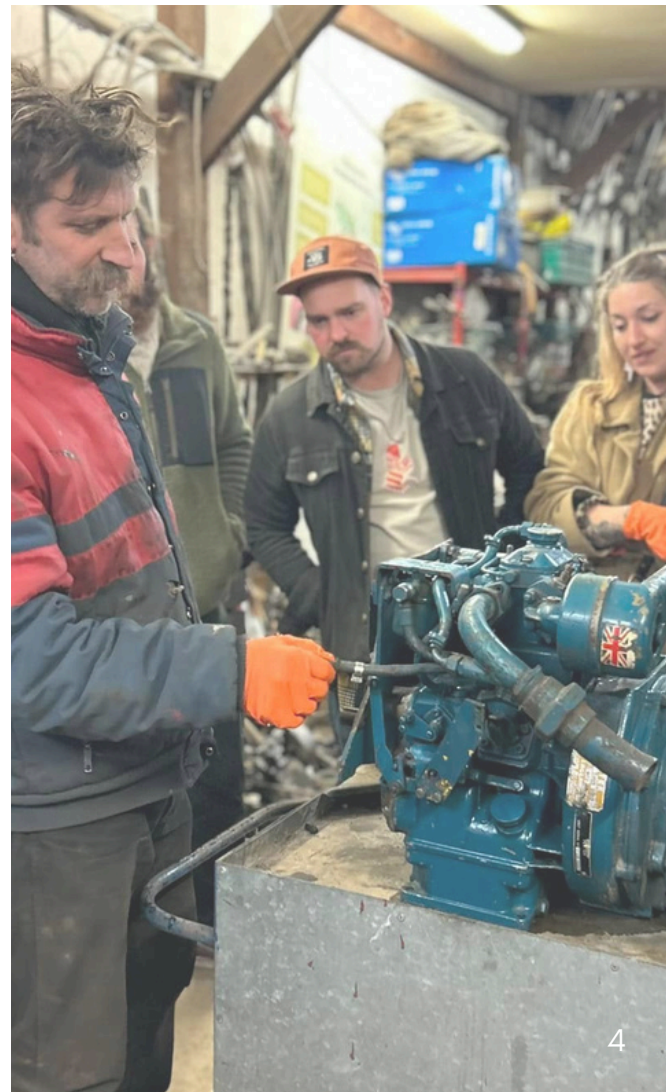
We delivered a programme of 15 workshops throughout the year. These included, Engine Maintenance, 12 Volt electrics, Stove Safety, Bike maintenance and Theatre. These workshops are designed to expand knowledge and develop confidence, enabling people to understand their systems and carry out simple works themselves. This helps to keep Boaters safe and prevent them from reaching crisis point. The workshops also bring people together preventing isolation and loneliness and improving wellbeing on the canal. All our workshops are delivered by experts who live on the canal or have a strong connection to it and specialise in work on off grid systems. Wiltshire Council funded this workshop programme.

“I have always been confused about the electric system on my boat and had to wait for weeks for an electrician to come last time something went wrong. Since the workshop I have managed to fix my own system a few times, I feel so much more confident”

A Voice for Boaters

Floaty Boat continues to engage with key stakeholders, taking part in joint working to improve outcomes for the liveaboard boating community and to deepen understanding in the wider community of life on the water ways.

During the year a boating community group was set up by Wiltshire Council linking organisations such as local authorities, support services, police, local businesses, and health services. Floaty Boat has played a key role in this work and will be delivering more collaborative projects with key stakeholders next year. It has been great to strengthen our connections to other local organisations.



Canal and River Trust (CRT) have commissioned a report into the future of boat licensing. The results could have a huge impact on nomadic Boaters. As part of the review they published a survey to hear from canal users. The survey was complicated and difficult to complete, therefore, Floaty Boat wrote guidance and ran face to face survey support sessions for Boaters, to help them complete it. We will continue to engage with the licence review process as it progresses and to amplify the voice of liveaboard Boaters.

“I attended the Boater survey support session. As someone dyslexic who finds forms really hard and has two children under five, I honestly don’t think I would have been able to take part in getting my voice heard without the help of Floaty Boat.”

Pay it Forward for winter fuel

We again provided a helping hand to over 30 Boaters throughout winter with our Pay it Forward Scheme. This was in conjunction with the boatyard in Hilperton and Fredrick the Fuel boat. We set up the scheme by donating a small amount to each merchant, then people could donate and the money was used to give fuel to those who were most in need, keeping the community warm in the coldest months.



FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

Floaty Boat CIO – Annual statement of accounts and balance sheet 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

Statement of Accounts

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
INCOME				
Grants	1)	£0.00	£9,734.05	£9,734.05
Donations	2)	£1,156.77	£0.00	£1,156.77
Fundraising activity	3)	£0.00	£306.80	£306.80
Trading/earned income	4)	£2,000.00	£0.00	£2,000.00
Total		£3,156.77	£10,040.85	£13,197.62
EXPENDITURE				
Project costs	5)	£5,414.49	£5,349.90	£10,764.39
Workshop costs		£0.00	£4,384.15	£4,384.15
Pay it forward Fuel support payments		£1,240.20	£306.80	£1,547.00
Core costs / overheads		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total		£6,654.69	£10,040.85	£16,695.54
Balance brought forward from 2023-24 (31 March 2024)		£5,919.09	£2,385.85	£8,304.94
In-period balance		-£3,497.92	£0.00	-£3,497.92
Year-end balance <u>at</u> 31 March 2025 (accumulated surplus)		£2,421.17	£2,385.85	£4,807.02

Balance sheet at 31 March 2025

Current assets		
Cash at bank and in hand <u>at</u> 31 March 2025	6)	£24,147.52
Debtors	7)	£257.00
Net current assets		£24,404.52
Current liabilities		
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8)	-£9,597.50
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		£14,807.02

Notes

- 1) Wiltshire Council grant towards Floating Fayres and workshops
- 2) Miscellaneous donations given at fayres and workshops
- 3) Raffle and Carolling Fundraiser
- 4) Stallholder fees for Floating Fayres
- 5) "Projects" were spring, summer and winter Floating Fayres, and Kids' Christmas party
- 6) £23,917.16 at bank and £230.36 in petty cash, includes £10,000 grant from Wiltshire Council for charitable activities in 2025-26 financial year
- 7) Donations of £117.60 owed and advanced unspent project costs of £139.40 owed
- 8) Total freelance fees owed for Winter and Spring 2024 fayres relating to 2024-25 financial year

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LOOKING AHEAD

Our aims for the next 12 month period are:

- Delivery of two Floating Fayres in summer and winter.
- Delivery of workshops to continue to share knowledge and resources within the community and build resilience.
- Continue to be a voice for liveboard Boaters.
- Continue to build partnerships with a range of local and national stakeholders and organisations, to help improve health and wellbeing outcomes for Boaters and to develop understanding between our communities.
- Continue to engage in the CRT licensing review consultation and to advocate for liveboard Boaters on the Kennet and Avon canal throughout this process.
- Continue to facilitate the Pay it Forward scheme, enabling the community to support itself to stay warm through the winter months and diminish fuel poverty.
- Begin development and planning of a Floaty Boat website, an online community hub for the boating community where we share all our workshops, events, and links to other useful resources.
- Development of a volunteer management strategy.
- Continue to provide events/spaces for Boaters to get together, tackling issues of isolation and loneliness due to the transient lifestyle of continuous cruisers.
- Continue to strengthen our governance by recruiting more trustees and developing financial management systems.





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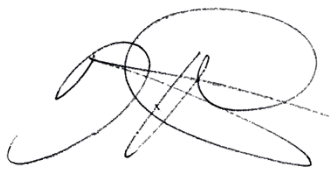
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TRUSTEE'S STATEMENT

During the period of 2023-2024 Floaty Boat grew from strength to strength, taking on two extra operational members and delivering new and existing projects to empower and benefit the boating community.

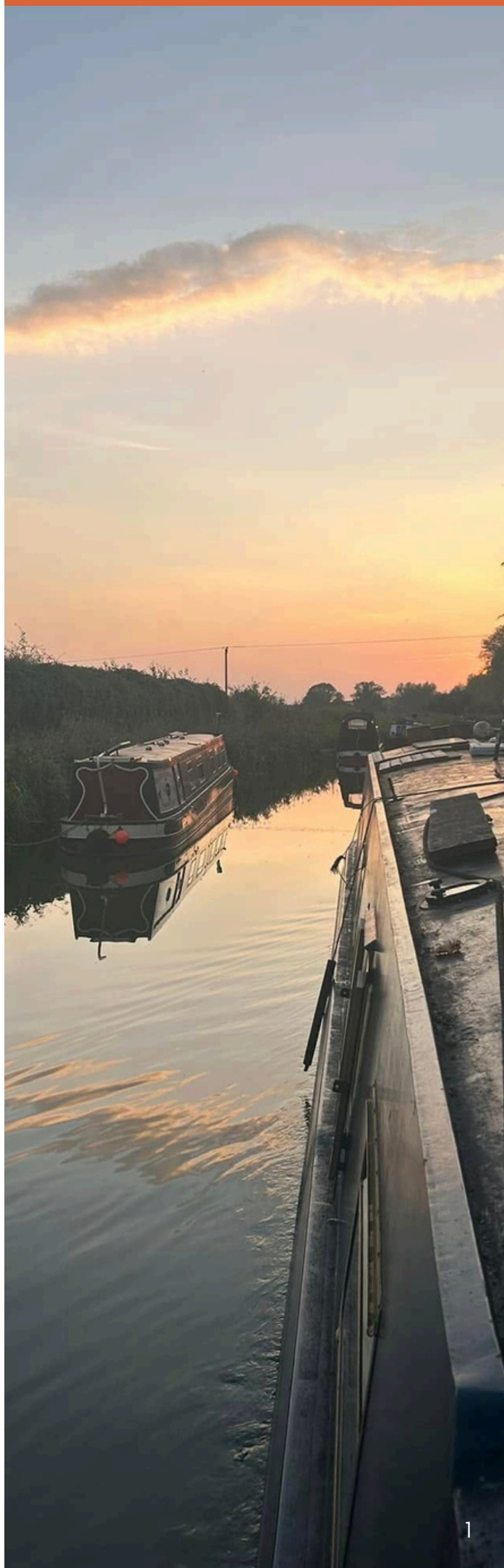
We harnessed the feedback and input from Boaters so we can continue supporting and expanding our incentives to suit the need of the community using the skills already existing on the canal. We continued to build relationships with other local organisations and groups to enhance connections across communities.

We are positive that moving forward the charity will continue to grow in the coming years and to fulfil our aims and long term objectives.



DOM NEWTON

Chair of Trustees 2020-2024



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Our long term aim is to work towards purchasing a boat as a community hub, run by the community for the community, so that we have a base to deliver our projects from and a space which Boaters can use.



A YEAR ON THE CUT

We delivered two engine maintenance workshops and one 12 volt electric workshop. These courses are designed to expand knowledge and develop confidence with boat engines and electrics, enabling boaters to be able to understand their systems and carry out simple works themselves, thus preventing crisis. All our workshops are delivered by experts who live on the canal or have a strong connection to it and specialise in work on off grid systems.

In July we raised money in a Floaty Boat raffle at The Kennet and Avon Floating Fayre in Bath.

In October the community pump was stolen, the canal and ministries kindly donated money for us to purchase another pump which we sourced. The pump is used throughout the year to float vessels which are sinking. It is a vital asset to Boaters.

The coal boat on the west end of the canal went out of business at the beginning of winter, this left many boaters particularly those without transport or with health issues unable to get fuel directly to their boat. We collaborated with local boatyard Bradford Wharf Services to run a not for profit coal boat between Foxhangers and Darlington Wharf, Bath. This was a one off incentive to fill a gap until another fuel boat business stepped in. The boat was called Ishtar and service was a success due to the countless efforts of volunteers in the community. Ishtar kept many Boaters warm through the coldest months. This ran between November and March.



We again provided a helping hand to lots of Boaters over the winter with fuel on the Pay it Forward Scheme. In conjunction with our service on Ishtar coal boat, the boatyard in Hilperton and Fredrick the Fuel boat. We set up the scheme by donating a small amount to each merchant, then people could donate and the money is used to give fuel to those who are most in need.

On 15th December we put on our annual Boater kids' Christmas party with the real green Father Christmas handing presents to all the kids. This was a great event for both kids and adults to get together over the festive period.

On 1st February we delivered another 12 volt electric workshop in Devizes.

On 26th February we took on The Kennet and Avon Floating Fayre under the Floaty Boat banner. Our operational members already run the Fayre and it fits with our charity ethos so it made sense for it to be part of the charity.

In March, we submitted a workshop proposal bid to Wiltshire Council and won funds to delivery 14 workshops (engine maintenance/ 12 volt electrics/ fire safety/ bike maintenance. These will be delivered between April 24 and April 25.

“ Thank you so much for putting on thr children's Christmas party it was fantastic and such a lovely thing to do. we have only been boaters for 4 months but it's felt like such a great warm community!”



BEHIND THE SCENES

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS - APRIL 2023 TO MARCH 2024

INCOME

Raffle	£24.50
Donations from workshops	£150.00
Donations for PIF	£748.50
Wiltshire Council funding for workshops	£6770.00
Total	£7693.00

EXPENDITURE

Pay it forward-The Boatyard	£281.50
Pay it forward- IshtarFuel boat	£348.00
Pay it forward- Fredrick the fuel boat	£155.00
Kids Christmas party	£172.43
Office expenses	£12.95
Workshops	£50.90
Total	£1021.03

Balance carried forward	£1632.97
In-period balance	£6671.97
Year-end balance	£8304.94



LOOKING AHEAD

Our aims for the next 12 month period are:

- Continue to facilitate the Pay it Forward scheme, enabling the community to support itself to stay warm through the winter months and diminish fuel poverty.
- Delivery of workshops to continue to share knowledge and resources within the community and build resilience.
- Delivery of three Floating Fayres in spring, summer and winter, a place where Boat traders can sell their wares, exhibit skills such as music and crafts and linking our floating community to the wider local communities through which the canal passes.
- Continue to be a voice for liveaboard Boaters.
- Build partnerships with a range of local and national stakeholders and organisations, and increase our capacity to help improve understanding between our communities.
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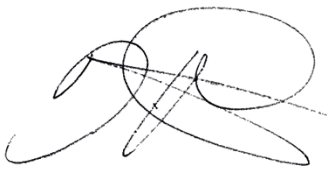
TRUSTEE'S STATEMENT

During the period of 2022-2023 there were some significant changes within the charity resulting in less activity than usual.

Our chief executive Alice Young, made the decision to leave Floaty Boat due to family reasons, therefore we took some time to take stock of the future of the charity.

We put most of the money that we have raised into the Pay it forward scheme, Which was greatly received by Boaters during the cost of living crisis.

In summer 2023 Floaty Boat became more active when new members from the Boating community joined the team. We are excited about the skills our new team members will bring to the charity and the projects we are planning to deliver in the coming months and years.



DOM NEWTON

Chair of Trustees



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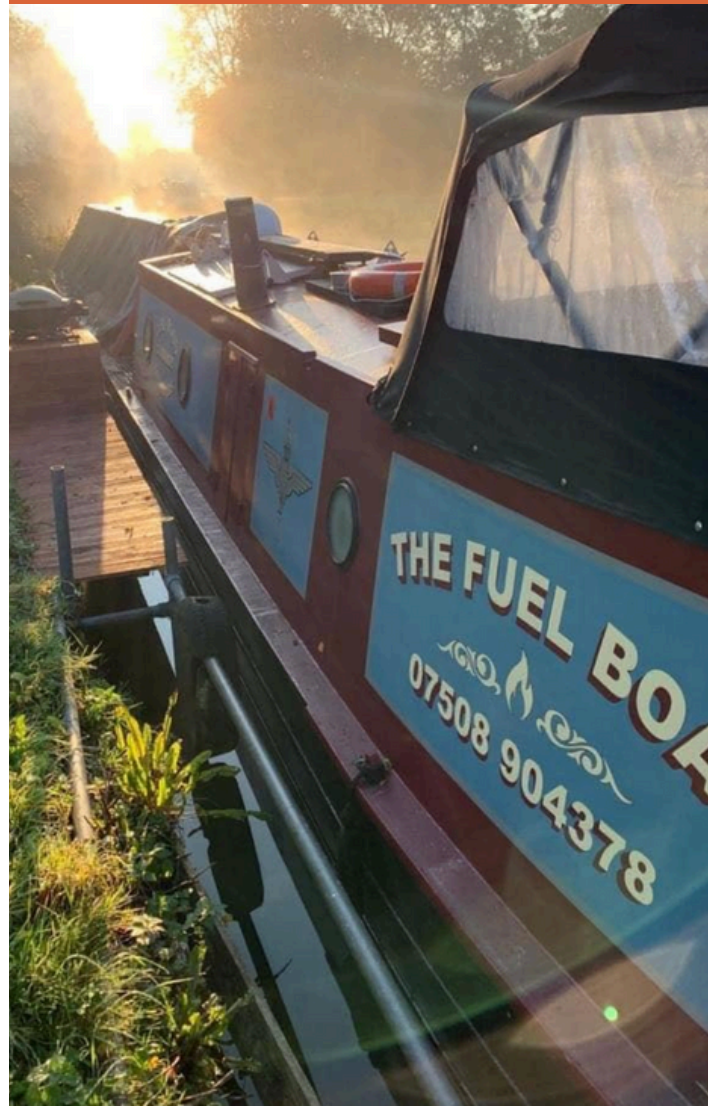
October - February 2022-2023

Provided a helping hand to lots of boaters over the winter months with fuel on the Pay it Forward Scheme.

In conjunction with Aquillion coal boat, The boatyard in Hilperton and Fredrick the Fuel boat. (we donated money to them which was given to people we asked them to deliver to)

5th December 2022.

We facilitated a fundraiser for a vulnerable community member whose boat caught alight in the early hours on December 5th. We raised £6,666 which went directly to his family to help get his life back on track after losing everything.



6th December 2022.

Hosted a canal kids Christmas party for the children on the canal. We had over 50 families attend.

“I can’t thank you enough for putting the kids Christmas event on. It meant so much to me & my daughter to feel included in the community after a stressful start to life on the canal”



12th January 2023.

Our Chair of Trustees, Dom, was interviewed by the BBC about our Pay It Forward scheme as part of a segment on the rising costs of fuel.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-wiltshire-64211158>

The interview also reflected on the failure of the UK Government to provide any support for liveaboard boaters in the face of huge fuel price inflation this year. Dom noted: "During the recent cold snap, we were running burners all the time to keep the boats warm on two inches of ice. "We just want equity. We are tax-payers, we pay income tax, and yet we're left to our own devices."

Also featured in the Guardian 6th March 2023.

https://www.theguardian.com/business/2023/mar/06/yorkshire-canal-boaters-hebden-bridge-locked-fuel-support?CMP=Share_iOSApp_Other&fbclid=IwAR3uurtbHXCBSepT-90YiupAVvICAcroEgfTTDKW8J9Q4Plffggz0N4x8p0



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FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS - APRIL 2022 TO MARCH 2023

INCOME

Paypal donations	£176.31
Total	£176.31

EXPENDITURE

Pay it forward-The Boatyard	£500.00
Pay it forward- The Fuel boat	£500.00
Pay it forward- Aquillon (fuel boat supplies)	£500.00
Pay it forward- The Fuel boat	£750.00
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Total	£3000.00

Balance carried forward	£4456.66
In-period balance	£2823.69
Year-end balance	£1632.97



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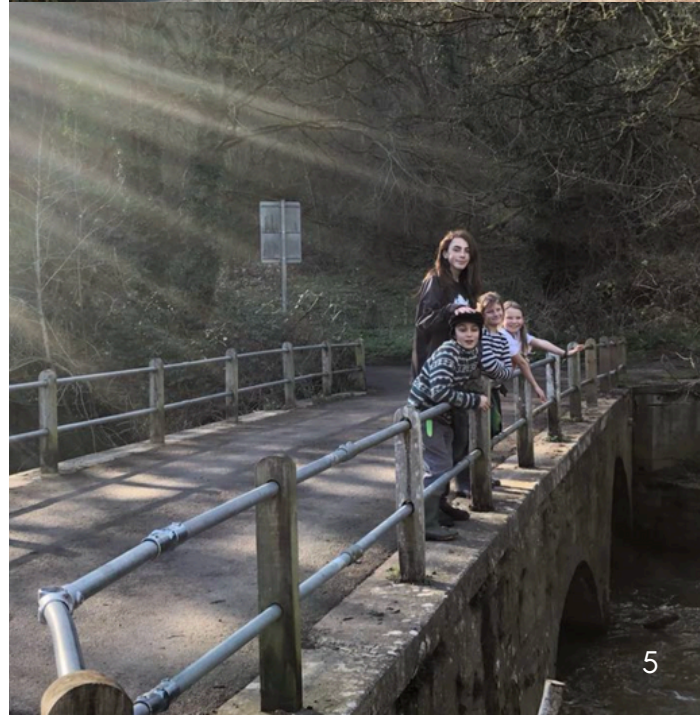
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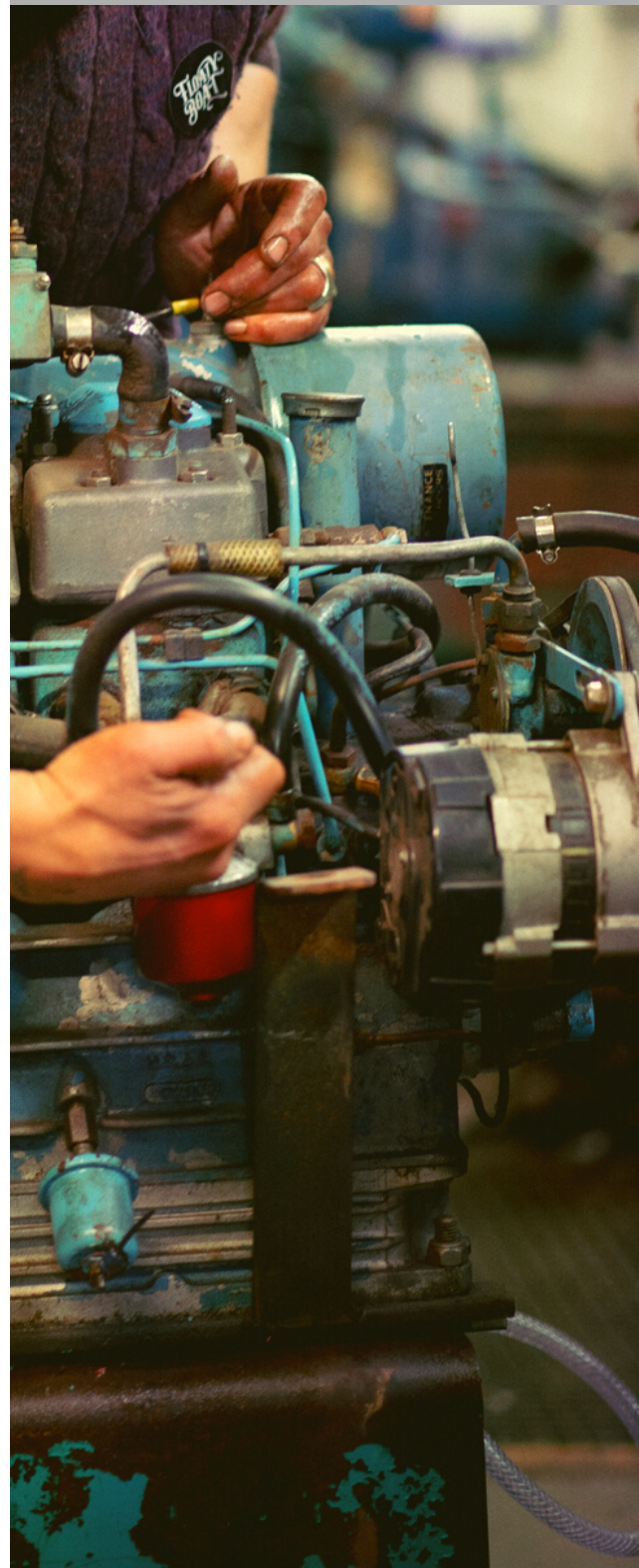
2021 and 2022 has been a challenging year for the charity. A number of workshops were able to be run in November 2021, and other community activities have continued – while others proved problematic due to operational issues, in part due to recurring COVID-19 restrictions.

Income has been more restricted for those reasons, while expenditure has grown. We will be making decisions on the continued management and operation of the charity in due course, acknowledging that external funding for larger projects of the type that we wish to undertake may not be possible.

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Period Start Date	01/04/2021
Period End Date	31/03/2022
Income	£
Grant - Bradford on Avon Town Council	-
Grant - Bradford on Avon Development Fund	-
Private large donations (£500+)	-
Small donations (includes £628.51 ring-fenced)	1,118.33
Total	1,118.33
Expenditure	£
Staff costs	-
Volunteer Expenses	15.16
Consultancy fees	500.00
Premises costs (including utilities)	1,877.76
Project costs	137.45
Paypal fees	66.61
Total	2,596.98
	£
Balance carried forward from unestablished activities	5,935.31
In-period balance	1,478.65
Year-end balance	4,456.66



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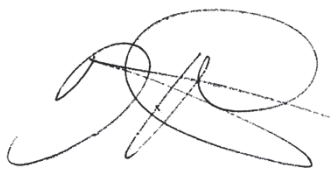
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Throughout 2020 our activities have been defined by the public health context. Like many others, planned activities towards our long-term strategic aims were paused to prioritise the local pandemic response and recovery.

With the charity very much in early stages of development our agility was clearly a strength, resulting in swift, innovative, co-designed solutions, developed and delivered at the heart of the community. From empowering fuel and food projects, to inspiring online events designed to celebrate the talents within the liveaboard community, we aimed to connect authentically within and across the canal and local land-based communities.

We have appointed a Chief Executive Officer, Alice Young who, as one of the founders of the Floaty Boat Fund - the predecessor to the charity - has the professional and lived experience, credibility and connections to guide the charity in this next important period.

As we reflect on the last year, we celebrate our journey towards charity constitution, building on the successes of our volunteers and laying foundations for the months and years ahead.



DOM NEWTON

Chair of Trustees

June 2021



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ON THE CUT

Floaty Boat played a pivotal role in the community response throughout the first lockdown. The impact of the pandemic on the liveaboard community was significant, with pre-pandemic evidence indicating poorer health outcomes for boaters compared with the settled community. Concern grew in relation to the practicalities of off-grid self-isolation without a permanent address.

In summer 2020, we set up the 'pay it forward' fruit and veg delivery boat, which saw members of the community paying in a little each week as a contribution to support those boaters struggling under the severe economic and health constraints.

The scheme not only provided an essential food delivery service, but it also removed the stigma of accepting a food parcel, empowering the recipient to accept a donated box by building in a future opportunity to 'pay it forward'.

The local Town Council's article highlighted the success of the scheme and went on to provide £500 seed funding for the Floaty Boat Pay it Forward fuel supplies (coal, wood and gas) going into the colder months.

The 'pay it forward' veg box scheme assisted the community in supporting itself through the summer and autumn of 2020; a great example of community resilience



The prolonged periods of isolation took their toll on many across the nation. The impact for liveaboards often living in tiny spaces with finite resources meant our annual fundraising event was a much-needed coming together just before the festive period.

The Floaty Folk Winter Warmer live-stream event was viewed over seven thousand times, successfully connecting people near and far, across the liveaboard and land-based communities, as well raising essential funds for the charity.



By the end of March, volunteer roles had been agreed, a rebrand largely finalised, and office space had been procured, ready for a first full year – subject to whatever else the virus was ready to throw our way. Floaty Boat ended the year being featured as a case study in the largest ever study on the health status of liveaboard boaters.

BEHIND THE SCENES

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS SEPTEMBER 2020 - MARCH 2021

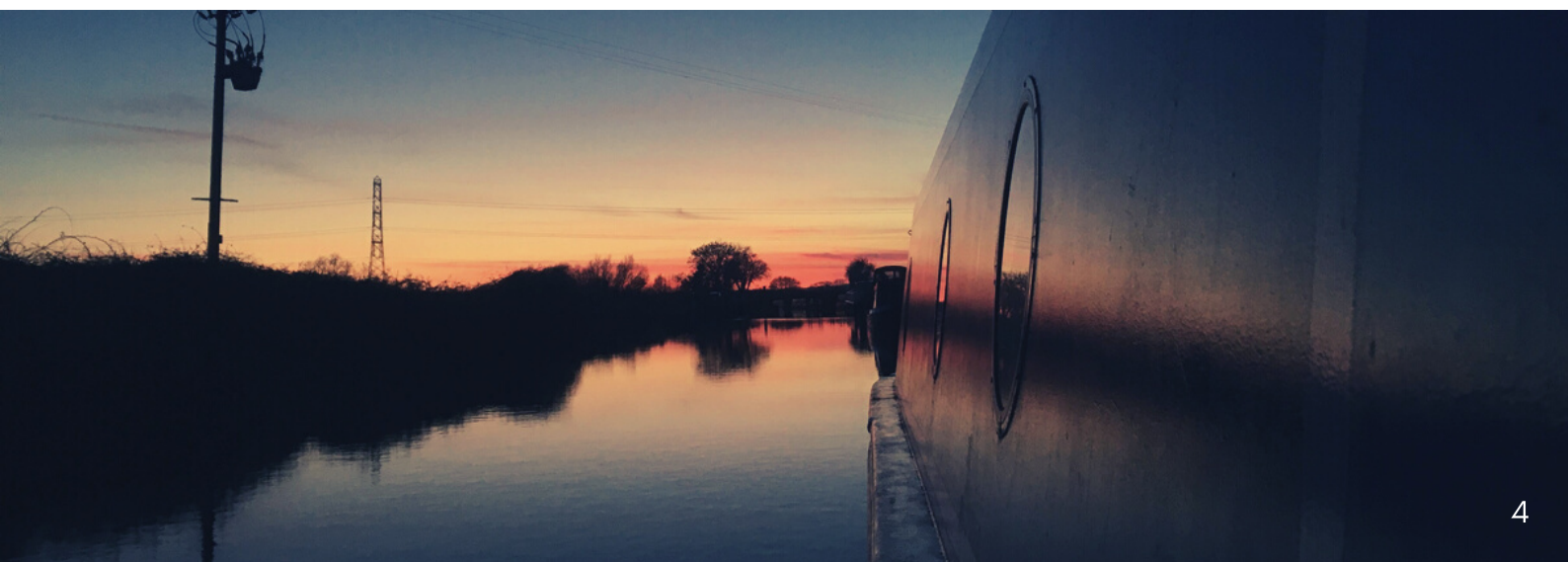
Income	£
Grant - Bradford on Avon Town Council	500.00
Grant - Bradford on Avon Development Fund	884.98
Private large donations (£500+)	1,000.00
Individual giving (includes £628.51 restricted funds)	2,560.51
Attempted transaction returned (payee a/c error)	619.10
Total	5,564.59
Expenditure	£
Staff costs	0.00
Volunteer Expenses	119.42
Consultancy fees	500.00
Project costs August - October 2020	1,206.41
Premises costs	631.21
IT equipment	408.99
Event costs	503.17
PayPal transaction fees	107.81
Restricted funds disbursement	628.51
Attempted transaction payment out (payee a/c error)	619.10
Total	4,724.62
	£
Balance carried forward from unestablished activities	5,935.31
In-period balance	839.97
Year-end balance	6,775.28

THE CREW

Alice Young,
Chief Executive Officer

Laura Darling,
Brand, design and social media

Jassy Powels,
Events and community fundraising



LOOKING AHEAD

Our aims for the next 12 month period will be:

- Completion of charity governance and 'set-up' including finalising of governance and policy framework;
- Transition of financial management to a dedicated bank account, away from the kind support of Bradford on Avon Town Council - this has been continually hampered by the pandemic;
- Addressing the resource needs of the charity, including increasing availability of employee and volunteer time;
- Seeking grant funding of up to £20,000 to support current and planned activities (including the temporary shelved 2021 floating community centre capital build development plan) and develop a robust fundraising pipeline;
- Delivery of workshops to continue to share knowledge and resources within the community and build resilience;
- Development tools to measure and evidence outcomes and impact;
- Build partnerships with a range of local and national stakeholders and organisations, and our capacity to help improve understanding between our communities.

TRUSTEES

Dominic Newton - Chair

Kate Grant

Simon McNeill Ritchie

James Lynch (resigned May 10th 2021)





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