



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1/1/2023 Period start date

To 31/12/2023 Period end date

Charity name: AquaPaddle

Charity registration number: 1194714

Objectives

The two key objectives of AquaPaddle are:

1. the promotion of community participation in healthy recreation in particular by the provision of facilities for paddle boarding and associated water sports; and
2. to provide or assist in the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare and mental wellbeing for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age infirmity or disability, financial hardship, or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life.

Activities, Achievements and Performance

Our focus in 2023:

1. to broaden and strengthen the foundations of AquaPaddle
 2. to organise more AquaPaddle BlueSpace activities
 3. to increase the number of locations where AquaPaddle 5ks are run
 4. to increase the number of AquaPaddles run
 5. to increase the number of registered AquaPaddlers
 6. to build a strong and mutually beneficial relationship with British Canoeing (Paddle UK - 2024), the largest body in Britain promoting paddle sport activities
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1. The Board of Trustees formally met 4 times in 2023, and management meetings moved to once a month. The AquaPaddle website continued to be developed, improved and promoted through social media helping grow AquaPaddle. The website allows those interested in participating in AquaPaddle 5ks to register as a user, to obtain an AquaPaddle registration number, and to register participation in an AquaPaddle 5k. The web-based timing tool continues to perform well on the 5k AquaPaddles. All governance and operational documents were completed and reviewed and approved by the Trustees. The finances of AquaPaddle were organised on Xero accounting software. A donation page was set up on Kindlink.
 2. In 2023 AquaPaddle provided the following BlueSpace sessions:
 - a. In July 2023, AquaPaddle once again partnered with Surrey Care Trust to offer a BlueSpace Paddleboarding session for young people undergoing mentoring. The session aimed to foster confidence and well-being by introducing the participants to paddleboarding, allowing them to experience the positive effects of being out on the water and learning a new skill. Working

alongside their local Delivery Partner in Thames Ditton, AquaPaddle organized the event for six young people, accompanied by a care worker, with a mix of both girls and boys in attendance.

The session began with an introduction to the equipment and a focus on safety, followed by engaging warm-up games. Participants were then taught to paddleboard in a safe and fun environment along a scenic route past the historic Hampton Court Palace. They learned essential skills like controlling their boards, entering and exiting the water, and working together in team challenges, including forming a "snake of boards."

By the end of the session, all participants were able to stand and confidently navigate their paddleboards. Beyond mastering a new skill, many overcame personal challenges such as fear, anxiety, and nervousness in group settings. One particularly notable moment was when a usually quiet young person became more talkative and engaged while out on the water. Everyone left the session feeling accomplished, proud, and uplifted by the experience.

- b. In August 2023, AquaPaddle's Delivery Partner, Dittons Paddle Boarding, ran a series of BlueSpace Paddleboarding sessions for the DOST Centre Charity on Wey Island, Surrey. The DOST Centre supports young male refugees, many of whom come from conflict zones, by guiding them toward a safer, more positive future and helping them avoid crime and gang culture. The paddleboarding sessions aimed to boost their confidence on the water while teaching them about water safety and how to look out for each other. Over the weekend, there were three sessions of about 40 minutes each".
 - c. During the 2024 Coaching Season, over 80 individual BlueSpace (Blue Therapy) sessions were run at 5 locations, with more planned for 2025.
- 3. In 2023 we increased the number of AquaPaddle locations from 5 to 20. In addition to the existing locations, we now have locations from Scotland to Cornwall including 2 in Wales.
- 4. At the 20 AquaPaddle locations we ran a total of 127 AquaPaddle 5ks, in which we had a total of 1619 attendees.
- 5. Through our website we had registered just over 2631 individual AquaPaddlers by the end of 2023.
- 6. In 2022 we made an agreement with British Canoeing, the largest body in Britain promoting paddle sport activities. They continued the agreement for another year in October 2023. The funding is for safety equipment for 15 new AquaPaddle 5k locations for a total value of £30,000.00 during 2023/2024. The cross promotion also continues with them.

Trustee Statement

The trustees confirm that they have had due regard to the charities commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Volunteers

The AquaPaddle Charity is entirely run by volunteers, and its AquaPaddle 5ks are run by volunteers at the various locations. During 2023 more than 100 volunteers helped to run the charity and run the AquaPaddle events.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	At the year-end (31 st December 2023) AquaPaddle held a cash balance of £5,502.87. £5,000.00 of which was the Grant (for Blue Therapy Sessions) from the PLA Active Thames fund
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	No reserves are currently held.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	NIL
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	AquaPaddle is still at a start-up phase, using small donations to cover expenses and working with a management team providing their time for free.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	During the Financial year 2023, a contingent loan amounting to £8,640 has been incurred during the development of the website. This loan will only fall due as and when donations and other income allow.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	At this stage, there are no concerns about the charity being a going concern although we will only be able to settle the contingent loan for the website development if we obtain sufficient donations from participants in AquaPaddle events and organisations who support our out-reach activities.

Structure, Governance and Management

AquaPaddle is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation governed by its constitution. AquaPaddle's only voting members are its trustees.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	AquaPaddle
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1194714
Charity's principal address	22 Merton Way West Molesey Surrey KT8 1PQ

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	Arnold Jager	Chair		
2	Brett Scillitoe			
3	Anthony Wagstaff			

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

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**Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)**

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Date

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Charity Name
Aquapaddle

No (if any)
1194714

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
1st Jan '23

To

Period end date
31st Dec'23

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Income - Donations - Individuals & Clubs	5,048	-	-	5,048	929
Income - Donations - Corporate	-	-	-	-	1,000
Grant Income - Corporate	-	4,000	-	4,000	-
Grant Income - Blue Therapy	-	5,000	-	5,000	-
Income - Merchandise	712	-	-	712	-
Long Term Loan	1,373	-	-	1,373	1,694
Long Term Loan	1,000	-	-	1,000	1,200
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	8,133	9,000	-	17,133	4,823
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	8,133	9,000	-	17,133	4,823
A3 Payments					
Consulting Fees	210	-	-	210	1,440
DC - Delivery Partner Costs (Coaching)	-	-	-	-	229
DC - Kit for crew	728	-	-	728	245
IT& Hosting costs	491	-	-	491	-
Insurance	1,744	-	-	1,744	896
Printing, Stationery & Marketing	163	-	-	163	84
Telephone & Internet Hosting	115	-	-	115	14
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	3,451	-	-	3,451	2,908
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Website Development	2,640	4,000	-	6,640	2,000
Marketing & Safety Equipment	1,586	-	-	1,586	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	4,226	4,000	-	8,226	2,000
Total payments	7,677	4,000	-	11,677	4,908
Net of receipts/(payments)	456	5,000	-	5,456	85
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	47	-	-	47	132
Cash funds this year end	503	5,000	-	5,503	47

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	Current A/c	503	5,000	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	503	5,000	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Website	Unrestricted	8,640	5,760
	Marketing & Safety Equipment	Unrestricted	1,586	793
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Short Term Loan	Unrestricted	32	
	Long Term Loan - Trustee	Unrestricted	3,167	
	Long Term Loan - Trustee	Unrestricted	2,200	
	Contingent Liability re Website Dev'mt	Unrestricted	8,640	
	Accrued Equipment costs	Unrestricted	448	
	Deferred Income (re Blue Therapy)	Restricted	5,000	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Arnold Jager	28th Oct'24
	Brett Scillitoe	28th Oct'24