



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date			Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year	
From	1	11	2023	To	31	10	2024

Charity name Accessible Boating Association

Other names charity is known by ABA

Registered charity number (if any) 295034

Charity's principal address 46 Sydney Buildings

Bath

Postcode

BA2 6DB

Reference and administration details

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	John Ranson	Chair		
2	Steve Lavender	Vice-chair		
3	Annette Keith	Treasurer		
4	Cheryl Richards	Secretary		
5	Mildred Stocks	President		
6	David Jackson			
7	Brian Drew			
8				

Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document	Constitution adopted 13 July 1986
How the charity is constituted	Association
Trustee selection methods	Elected yearly at the annual general meeting

Objectives and activities

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

The object of the Association is to relieve the disabled by the provision of boats for the use of handicapped people, on inland navigable waterways of Great Britain, and in particular on the Basingstoke Canal.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

The boats are specially designed to provide easy access for the

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)

widest possible range of physical disability and to provide
accommodation where practicable for able-bodied people who will be
required to assist the handicapped person or persons, to obtain the
maximum recreational value from the use of the boats.

One boat provides day trips on the canal for groups, crewed by ABA
volunteers. The other boat provides self-drive holidays on the canal from
3 days to a week.

In planning our activities for the year the trustees have kept in mind the
Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main
achievements of the charity
during the year

We had another busy year and welcomed several new volunteers to the
association. We had 38 boatmen of whom 20 were skippers, and several
volunteers who helped behind the scenes.

The governance subcommittee continued to review our policies and
procedures to ensure they adequately covered what we do.

We attended many small locally organised exhibitions to promote our
activity.

Dawn had a total of 100 charter trips, 26 of which were made by Rush-
moor Rotary. 12 Public trips were run.

Madam Butterfly had a slightly better year than in 2023. The committee
continued to look for ways to advertise the boat more widely.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's
policy on reserves

A 'float' of around £30,000 is held in case of urgent maintenance or
repairs required by either of the boats. The remaining reserves are held
towards the cost of replacing the boats in the longer term.


Details of any funds materially in
deficit

The funds are not in deficit.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Cheryl Richards	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	
Date	8 March 2025	

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Accessible Boating

I report on the Income & Expenditure Account and the Balance Sheet for the year ended 31 October 2024

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43 (7) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act: and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act.

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

R J Brook
149 Mytchett Road
Camberley
GU16 6BD

Dated: February 2025

Accessible Boating
Registered Charity No 295034
Balance Sheet at 31 October 2024

	2024	2023
	£p	£p
Fixed Assets		
Madam Butterfly'		
Original Cost	75,728.00	75,728.00
Cost Improvements 2020/22	19,639.78	19,639.78
Total Cost	95,367.78	95,367.78
Depreciation:		
Opening balance	88,399.23	84,471.28
Charge for year	3,927.95	3,927.95
Closing balance	92,327.18	88,399.23
Net book value	3,040.60	6,968.55
Dawn'		
Cost:	45,155.00	45,155.00
Depreciation:		
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Charge for year	-	-
Closing balance	45,155.00	45,155.00
Net book value	-	-
Total Fixed Assets	3,040.60	6,968.55
Current Assets		
Bank & Cash		
Saffron Account	68,283.97	-
CAF Accounts	55,191.47	110,190.34
Total Bank & Cash	123,475.44	110,190.34
	-	-
Net Current Assets	123,475.44	110,190.34
Total Assets	£ 126,516.04 £	117,158.89
Accumulated Funds		
General Fund		
Opening balance	117,158.89	110,060.33
Transfer to Income & Expenditure A/c	9,357.15	7,098.56
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Chairman:

Honorary Treasurer:

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Income		
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Hire Fees: Madam Butterfly'	9,279.00	8,937.00
Dawn'	10,160.00	9,220.00
Donations & fund raising	6,078.70	6,212.50
Training/Publicity Income	0.00	0.00
Interest	4228.07	732.07
Other	1012.48	1,088.23
	<u>31,047.25</u>	<u>26,461.80</u>
Boat Expenditure		
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General Expenses		
Postage, stationery & printing	0.00	40.8
Advertising & publicity	111.08	520.27
Insurances (General)	912.93	855.88
Training (General)	571.27	1758.73
Bank Charges	313.89	
Phones	254.44	
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