



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	1	11	2024		31	10	2025

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	Gordon Keyte		8 March 2025	
9	Derek Green		8 March 2025	

Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Constitution adopted 13 July 1986

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

Association

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

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 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)

The boats are specially designed to provide easy access for the 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 47 boatmen of whom 28 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 123 charter trips, 29 of which were made by Rushmoor Rotary. 12 Public trips were run.

Madam Butterfly had a very good year with 13 bookings. 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.

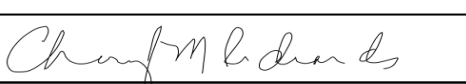
Details of any funds materially in deficit

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	7 March 2026	

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Accessible Boating Association For the year ended 31 October 2025

Report to the trustees on the accounts of Accessible Boating Association ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 October 2025

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- a) the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- b) the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- c) the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Common Goal Limited

Company Registration No: 06790727 Registered Office: 2 Wellesley Cottages, Wells Road, Bisley, GL6 7AF
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Income and Expenditure Account

Accessible Boating Association For the year ended 31 October 2025

	NOTES	2025	2024
Income			
Boat hire		23,412	19,439
Donations and fundraising		16,054	5,444
Gift Aid		590	816
Membership subscriptions		345	289
Interest income		3,781	4,228
Other income		485	197
Total Income		44,666	30,412
Boat Expenditure			
Boat repairs and maintenance		9,655	8,190
Boat mooring and service charges		1,757	1,833
Agency and commission charges		3,075	1,766
Membership / Licences		572	863
Boat insurance		1,460	1,967
Other Boat expenses		154	116
Total Boat Expenditure		16,673	14,734
Administrative Expenditure			
Crew Training		2,273	571
Management Insurance		944	913
Advertising & Publicity		587	111
Telephone & IT		287	254
Bank Fees		87	351
Uniform		-	193
Total administrative expenses		4,178	2,394
Depreciation			
Depreciation		3,041	3,928
Total Expenditure		23,892	21,055
Excess of income over expenditure		20,775	9,357

Balance Sheet

Accessible Boating Association As at 31 October 2025

	NOTES	31 OCT 2025	31 OCT 2024
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets (boats)			
Madam Butterfly			
Cost		95,368	95,368
Accumulated depreciation		(95,368)	(92,327)
Net book value		-	3,041
Dawn			
Cost		45,155	45,155
Accumulated depreciation		(45,155)	(45,155)
Net book value		-	-
Total Tangible assets (boats)		-	3,041
Total fixed assets		-	3,041
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand			
Cash at bank		78,276	54,376
Cash at bank (New boat fund)		70,946	68,284
Total Cash at bank and in hand		149,221	122,660
Other debtors			
Other Debtors (HMRC)		-	816
Total current assets		149,221	123,475
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			
Trade creditors		1,931	-
Net current assets (liabilities)		147,291	123,475
Total assets less current liabilities		147,291	126,516
Net assets		147,291	126,516
Accumulated funds			
Opening Balance		126,516	117,159
Current Year Earnings		20,775	9,357
Closing balance		147,291	126,516

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