THE BALDWIN TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 515488

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Trust
Registered	1984-09-11
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	C/O Syston Volunteer Centre 18 School Street Syston Leicester LE7 1HN
Phone	00000 000000
Email	secretary@baldwintrust.co.uk
Website	www.baldwintrust.co.uk

Activities

Objects: INCOME TO BE APPLIED AS THE TRUSTEES SHALL THINK FIT IN OR TOWARDS:- (I)THE RELIEF AND BENEFIT OF PRINCIPALLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY THE PEOPLE OF CHARNWOOD, LEICESTERSHIRE AND SURROUNDING AREAS. (II) THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR RECREATION FOR THE PERSONS MENTIONED ABOVE IN SUB-CLAUSE (I) WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE OF SUCH PERSONS WHO BY REASON OF SOCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES OR THEIR MENTAL OR PHYSICAL DISABILITY HAVE NEED FOR SUCH FACILITIES. (III) SUCH CHARITABLE BODIES OR FOR SUCH OTHER PURPOSES AS SHALL BE EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME DECIDE.

Activities: The Baldwin Trust is a Leicestershire charitable organisation, run by local volunteers, providing private, crewed adapted narrowboat cruises along local waterways. Set up with the object of enhancing lives and allowing enjoyable times, our mission is to reach members of our community that may experience loneliness & isolation, due to physical, mental or economic reasons.

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Disability, Recreation, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Leicestershire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£37,554	£47,616	-	-
2023-12-31	£54,332	£45,117	-	-
2022-12-31	£39,516	£38,885	-	-
2021-12-31	£45,853	£49,155	-	-
2020-12-31	£65,742	£35,066	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Richard George Jayes	Chair	2018-09-27
Christopher Paul Trivett		2024-12-05
David James Kemble		2022-05-19
Mark Andrew Smith		2025-07-31
Martin John Charles		2019-01-17
Simon David Blackburn		2023-08-04

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Narrowboats for community use on Leicestershire waterways

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The MBE for volunteer groups

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1/1/2024 TO 31/12/2024

Having been formed in 1983, in our 2024 season, The Baldwin Trust continued its important service on the waterways of Leicestershire.

Administration details of the Trust

Charity name: The Baldwin Trust
Other names: Baldwin Boat Trust, Baldwin Charitable Trust
Registered number: 515488
Principal address for communication C/O-28 Holbourne Close, Barrow upon Soar, Loughborough LE12 8NE.

Management Committee Officers: -

Acting Chair: Mr Richard Jayes. Barrow upon Soar, Leics. Appointed by principal Trustees.

Secretary: Mrs Hannah Coombe. Syston Leics. Appointed by principal Trustees.

Treasurer: Mr Martin Charles. South Croxton, Leics. Appointed by principal Trustees.

Principal Trustees

Mr Dave Kemble, Leics. Appointed by existing Trustees.
Mr Martin Charles, South Croxton, Leics. Appointed by existing Trustees.
Mr Richard Jayes, Barrow Upon Soar, Leics. Appointed by existing Trustees.
Mrs Ellen Reeve, Loughborough, Leics. Appointed by existing Trustees.

Mr Simon Blackburn, Birstall, Leics. Appointed by existing Trustees.

Mr Chris Trivett, Groby Leics. Appointed by existing Trustees (Dec 2024)

(Mrs Ellen Reeve retired from her role as a Trustee - October 2024)

Organisational detail.

Governing document: Deed of Settlement dated 31/1/1983 amended 8/1/1984.
Constituted as: A Charitable Trust.
Trustee selection: Appointment by existing Trustees, nomination by management officers.

Governing Document amended in December 2024 to update Charitable Objectives, removing reference to Leicester Glenfrith Hospital, which no longer exists.

Other matters.

The Trust is required to maintain a minimum of three Trustees, and a management team with specific responsibilities and skills including training, crew allocations, boat maintenance, booking and scheduling, IT and web site upkeep.
The Trust is a member of the NCBA (National Community Boat Association). All volunteers, as applicable, undergo induction and crew training.
All skippers are required to hold a current certificate in Community boat management which must be renewed every 5 years. They must also hold current Emergency First Aid certificates.
The crew (including the skippers) operating the boats are all unpaid volunteers.

Objectives and activities.

When planning activities for the year, the Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, and in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the provision of facilities for recreation in the interests of social welfare.

The Baldwin Trust Charitable Objectives are defined as:

(i) the relief and benefit of principally but not exclusively the people of Charnwood, Leicestershire and surrounding areas.

(ii) the provisions of facilities for recreation for the persons mentioned above in sub-clause (i) with the object of improving the conditions in life of such persons who by reason of social circumstances or their mental or physical disability have need for such facilities.

(iii) such Charitable bodies or for such other purposes as shall be exclusively charitable as the Trustees may from time to time decide.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain our two narrowboats, Dandelion and Hasleyon Days.

Both boats are specifically designed to accommodate up to 12 passengers and cater for those using a wheelchair and having other mobility challenges. Modifications and additions have been made to the boats to enhance and assist our client's experience. Audio visual screens have been fitted which incorporate British Sign Language and feature safety instructions in both English and Hindi languages.

Both boats also have features to assist those with other challenges.

One boat operates from Leicester Marina in Thurmaston, the other from Barrow Boating, Barrow upon Soar.

During 2024 the Trust achieved a total of 146 trips on the boats. This is a reduction of 14% fewer trips than the previous year. (2023 being 169 trips)

The utilisation of each boat differs, with the boat based nearer to the City of Leicester fulfilling 100 trips, whereas the boat based nearer to Loughborough fulfilling 46 trips.

This reduction in the number of trips primarily relates to a significant number of trips having to be cancelled due to weather-related reasons.
The River Soar / Grand Union canal, where we operate our boats, suffered severe flooding during 2024 making it impossible for us to operate our boats safely.
Because of these cancellations, we felt it was correct to offer vouchers for the trips to be carried forward in our 2025 session. Some trips were refunded and others re-booked for later in the 2024 season.

May 2025

There have been a variety of beneficiaries who have been on our trips. Good, planned maintenance has ensured that minimal breakdowns and mechanical failures occurred.

We carried approximately 2000 clients on our boats during the 2024 season and testimonials and user comments show the benefit we provide to the local communities.

Achievements and performance.

Certain users of our service (especially care and residential homes) have been somewhat slower in arranging trips with the Trust, but other organisations have shown a greater increase in interest and have made bookings with us.
There has been an increase in groups engaged with various physical and mental challenges. These include wellbeing groups, Dementia Awareness groups, Bereavement Groups, SEND groups and many more.

We have encouraged our volunteers to establish contacts in their local communities who would benefit from participating in one of our trips, and this has started to work well.

The Trust have incorporated an online trip booking system which is allied to an online ticketing payment system. This has been incorporated with a brand new website for the Trust.

This means that our users can not only book and pay online, but they can also check boat availability and choose the desired routes and trip timings. The new system also provides other important information about the trips and incorporates policies and directives.

The Trust have been very successful in maintaining volunteer numbers at circa approaching 100 and their continued loyalty has been maintained through constant contact.

May 2025

Qualified skippers are essential for the smooth running of our organisation. During the 2024 season this number was 15 and we envisage this number increasing in our 2025 season.
The Trust has further strengthened its working relationships with Voluntary Community Services, Charnwood Borough Council and Voluntary Action Leicester in a bid to improve the professionalism of Trustee performance, source new members and train Funding group members in writing bid applications for funds. A major partnership with the Canal and River Trust has been developed whereby the Baldwin Trust boats have been used by the Canal and River Trust to market the wellbeing benefits of increased use of the waterways system by local and city populations. This will hopefully continue throughout 2025 and beyond.

Our "Supported Cruises" initiative, has been successful. (This being the rebranded name for what was initially called our "Project Waterside Scheme")
This scheme offers those less fortunate members of our communities subsidised and sometimes free trips on our boats. The Trustees agree on beneficiaries of the Supported Cruise, based on the need and financial position of the group proposed, keeping the Charitable Objectives in mind.

This has proved to be very important, as society has had to combat the economic and mental anguish of conflict and turbulent political and economic challenges. This has been further overshadowed by problems in the NHS and general industrial unrest and conflicts around the world. This has caused a greater number in society to suffer mental health issues, increased poverty and feelings of isolation and loneliness. These are some of the people that our Trust reaches out to. Our volunteers have worked hard to provide trips and the environment to assist in benefiting these challenges. The help and support of all volunteers is particularly appreciated.

Structure, governance and management.

During the period, volunteer members are encouraged and recruited to functional sections for training, boat maintenance, new boat development and funding as well as other areas.

May 2025

We have also formed new teams for dealing with boat festivals and Community events, media/press and PR to promote the work of the Trust. This has all been done utilising the talents of the wonderful group of volunteers supporting our Trust with some external help also.
Without the commitment of the volunteers, none of this would have been possible.
The Trust has continued to recruit and train new volunteers to maintain our core of fit and capable crew and skippers.

The paid services of a self-employed Volunteer Coordinator continued in 2024. This relates to engagement with all volunteers, improving systems for managing crew allocation of the boats, and the trip booking and payment system.

The paid services of a self-employed secretary also continued in 2024.

The charges made for these two services are viewed by the Trustees as being of great value to the charity.

Grants and Fundraising

The Trust continued to approach funders, organisations and the general public for donations. Our fundraising in 2024 has helped us to maintain and improve our boats and our service for the benefit of both our users and also our volunteers.
However, during 2024, it has become increasingly difficult to obtain grants and donations due to the economic downturn experienced by many.
We are very grateful for the funding that we have received during 2024, which has helped us to maintain our important service to the community.

Financial Review.

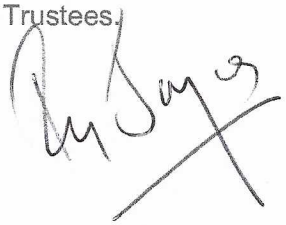
In 2024, expenditure exceeded income by £10,062. Expenditure was £47,616 and income was £37,554.
The above figures are taken from the 2024 accounts approved by our independent financial examiner/accountant.

Our Reserves policy was confirmed to remain at £40,000.

R.G Jayes

Acting Chair of Trustees.

May 2025



Signed

THE BALDWIN TRUST – charity no. 515488

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS - FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
RECEIPTS	£	£	£	£
Grants and donations including Gift Aid	8,449	1,507	9,956	30,285
Fundraising – bears and collection boxes	1,943		1,943	753
Interest on deposits	2,699		2,699	1,415
Income from cruises				
Dandelion	6,125		6,125	7,219
Halseyon Days	16,831		16,831	14,660
Project Waterside supported trips	3,954	(3,954)	-	-
Total receipts	40,001	1,507 (3,954)	37,554	54,332
PAYMENTS				
Costs associated with fundraising advertising, marketing consultancy, social media and funding applications	9,558	6,260	15,818	12,298
Digital ticketing system	2,340		2,340	
Governance (independent examination)	660		660	600
Meetings and venue hire	695		695	205
Insurance (employers liability)				616
Insurance (trustees liability)	199		199	433
Insurance (public liability)	90		90	153
Training courses and certificates	291		291	440
Administration, postage, stationery	908		908	790
Office equipment	610		610	-
Volunteer co-ordinator	8,824		8,824	8,870
Software	492		492	997
Telephones	348		348	350
Uniforms	370	312	682	354
Social events	-		-	2,129
Travel allowances	1,496		1,496	2,122
Crew allowances	520		520	348
Boat maintenance & refurbishment				
Dandelion	2,037		2,037	2,962
Halseyon Days	1,931		1,931	2,835
Boat mooring, waterways licences and insurance				
Dandelion	5,319		5,319	4,910
Halseyon Days	4,056		4,056	3,040
Transport costs (Project Waterside)		300	300	665
Total payments	40,744	6,872	47,616	45,117
Net receipts/(payments) for the year	(743)	(9,319)	(10,062)	9,215
Reconciliation				
Cash funds last year end	127,489	10,826	138,315	129,100
Cash funds this year end	126,746	1,507	128,253	138,315

The assets and liabilities statement on page 2 forms part of the reporting package.

THE BALDWIN TRUST – charity no. 515488

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
CASH FUNDS		
Lloyds – current account	44,473	50,907
Lloyds – deposit account	20,430	-
Nationwide – business instant saver	63,350	87,408
Combined unrestricted and restricted funds	128,253	138,315
ASSETS RETAINED FOR THE CHARITY'S OWN USE		
Dandelion - at trustees valuation	56,500	56,500
Halseyon Days - at trustees valuation	135,000	135,000
	191,500	191,500

Signed on behalf of the trustees

Richard Jayes

14th May 2025

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE BALDWIN TRUST

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Baldwin Trust (the Trust) for the ended 31st December 2024 set out on pages 1 and 2.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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

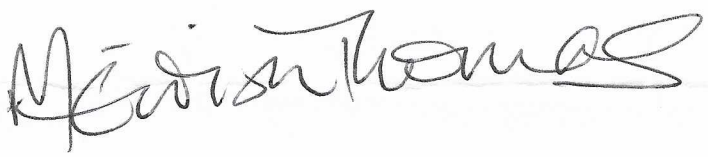
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or

2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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 proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Meirion Thomas, FCA ICAEW
19 & 20 Baxter Gate
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Leics LE11 1TG

14th May 2025

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1/1/2023 TO 31/12/2023

Having been formed in 1983, in our 2023 season, The Baldwin Trust celebrated its 40th year of service to the community. This was marked by a number of special events and led to an enhanced amount of publicity and social media exposure.

Administration details of the Trust

Charity name: The Baldwin Trust

Other names: Baldwin Boat Trust, Baldwin Charitable Trust

Registered number: 515488

Principal address for communication C/O -28 Holbourne Close, Barrow upon Soar, Loughborough LE12 8NE.

Management Committee Officers

Acting Chair: Mr Richard Jayes. Barrow upon Soar, Leics. Appointed by principal Trustees.

Secretary: Mrs Hannah Coombe. Syston Leics. Appointed by principal Trustees.

Treasurer: Mr Martin Charles. South Croxton, Leics. Appointed by principal Trustees.

Principal Trustees

Mr Jeremy Skipper, Burley, Rutland. Appointed by existing Trustees. (Retired during 2023).

Mr Dave Kemble, Leics. Appointed by existing Trustees.

Mr Martin Charles. South Croxton. Leics. Appointed by existing Trustees.

Mr Richard Jayes, Barrow Upon Soar, Leics. Appointed by existing Trustees.

Mrs Ellen Reeve. Loughborough, Leics. Appointed by existing Trustees.
Mr Simon Blackburn, Birstall, Leics. Appointed by existing Trustees (during 2023)

Organisational detail.

Governing document: Deed of Settlement dated 31/1/1983 amended 8/1/1984.
Constituted as: A Charitable Trust.
Trustee selection: Appointment by existing Trustees, nomination by management officers.

Other matters.

The Trust is required to maintain a minimum of three Trustees, and a management team with specific responsibilities and skills including training, crew allocations, boat maintenance, booking and scheduling, IT, and web site upkeep.
The Trust is a member of the NCBA (National Community Boat Association) and the NCVO. All volunteers, as applicable, undergo induction and crew training.
All skippers are required to hold a current certificate in Community boat management which must be renewed every 5 years. They must also hold current Emergency First Aid certificates.
The crews (including the skippers) operating the boats are all unpaid volunteers.

Objectives and activities

The Trust deed asks for the provision of facilities for the recreation of those dealing with physical, mental and economic disabilities to improve the conditions of their life and social circumstances and to ensure that they will benefit personally or reduce their isolation or exclusion. The deed also allows for the Trustees to extend the use of such facilities to organisations and/or

families who would similarly benefit from the therapeutic effects of a day trip on the water.

The Trust operates two narrow boats (Dandelion and Halseyon Days) on the rivers and canal systems of Leicestershire. Both boats are specifically designed to accommodate up to 12 passengers and cater for those using a wheelchair and having other mobility challenges.

Both boats also have features to assist those with other challenges. One boat operates from Leicester Marina in Thurmaston, the other from Barrow Boating, Barrow upon Soar.

During 2023 the Trust achieved a total of 169 trips on the boats. This is an uplift of over 20% more trips than the previous year.

The utilisation of each boat differs, with the boat based nearer to the City of Leicester fulfilling 105 trips, whereas the boat based nearer to Loughborough fulfilling 64 trips.

There have been a variety of beneficiaries who have been on our trips. Good planned maintenance has ensured that minimal breakdowns and mechanical failures occurred.

We carried approximately 2000 clients on our boats during the 2023 season and testimonials and user comments show the benefit we provide to the local communities.

Achievements and performance.

Certain users of our service (especially care and residential homes) have been somewhat slower in arranging trips with the Trust, but other organisations have shown a greater increase in interest and have made bookings with us.

The Trust have been very successful in maintaining volunteer numbers at circa 80 and their continued loyalty has been maintained by use of constant contact. We envisage a need for the number of volunteer crew members to increase in 2024 to meet the growing demand for our service.

Qualified skippers are essential for the smooth running of our organisation. It is envisaged and desired that during the 2024 season this number increases to circa 25.

The Trust has further strengthened its working relationships with Voluntary Community Services, Charnwood Borough Council and Voluntary Action Leicester in a bid to improve the professionalism of Trustee performance, source new members and train Funding group members in writing bid applications for funds. A major partnership with the Canal and River Trust has been developed whereby the Baldwin Trust boats have been used by the Canal and River Trust to market the wellbeing benefits of increased use of the waterways system by local and city populations. This will hopefully continue throughout 2024 and beyond.

The Trust is now represented on the Leicester Waterways Partnership (Engagement & Wellbeing subgroup) and also on the C&RT Disability Boaters Forum.

Working with Charnwood Borough Council and Voluntary Action Leicester and Charnwood Neighbourhood Associations, our "Project Waterside" initiative has been successful (this has been rebranded as “Supported Trips”). This scheme offers those less fortunate members of our communities free trips on our boats with the provision of community transport to and from the boat if required. This has proved to be very important, as not only has society had to combat "post covid pandemic" experiences, but also the economic and mental anguish of conflict and turbulent political and economic challenges.

This has been further overshadowed by problems in the NHS and general industrial unrest and conflicts around the world. This has caused a greater number in society to suffer mental health issues, increased poverty and feelings of isolation and loneliness. These are some of the people that our Trust reaches out to. Our volunteers have worked hard to provide trips and the environment to assist in benefiting these challenges.

The help and support of all volunteers is particularly appreciated.

During 2023 the Trust the Trust has participated in VCSE Alliance (Voluntary, Charity, Social Enterprise Alliance) events.

Structure, governance and management.

During this period, volunteer members are being encouraged and recruited to functional sections for training, boat maintenance, new boat development and funding.

We have also formed new teams for dealing with boat festivals and Community events, media/press and PR to promote the work of the Trust.

This has all been done utilising the talents of the wonderful group of volunteers supporting our Trust with some external help also.

Without the commitment of the volunteers, none of this would have been possible.

The Trust has continued to recruit and train new volunteers to maintain our core of fit and capable crew and skippers.

It was seen in 2022 that it was essential to control, enthuse and co-ordinate our volunteers in a professional and concise way, and this has been achieved by and controlled by a self-employed Volunteer coordinator who has refined and devised a more efficient system.

In December 2022 the person providing self-employed secretarial service to the Trust resigned and work started to find a suitable person to fulfil this service at the very end of 2022, and a new secretary was appointed in January 2023

Grants and Fundraising

The Trust continued to approach funders, organisations, and the general public for donations. Our fundraising in 2023 has helped us to maintain and improve our boats and our service for the benefit of both our users and our volunteers.

Financial Review.

There was a surplus income of £9, 215 against expenditure during 2023.
Expenditure was £45,117 and income was £54,332.

The above figures are taken from the 2023 accounts approved by our independent financial examiner/accountant.
Our Reserves policy was confirmed to remain at £40,000.

R.G Jayes
Acting Chair of Trustees.
Feb 2024

Signed copy

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS - FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
RECEIPTS	£	£	£	£
Grants and donations	21,795	8,490	30,285	24,507
Fundraising – bears and collection boxes	753		753	744
Interest on deposits	1,415		1,415	225
Income from cruises				
Dandelion	7,219		7,219	4,582
Halseyon Days	14,660		14,660	9,458
Project Waterside trips	2,200	(2,200)	-	-
Balances of restricted funds not spent and released to unrestricted funds after agreement with donor	2,823	(2,823)	-	-
Total receipts	50,865	3,467	54,332	39,516
PAYMENTS				
Costs associated with fundraising advertising, marketing consultancy and social media	11,442	856	12,298	8,109
Governance (independent examination)	600		600	600
Meetings and venue hire	205		205	472
Insurance (employers liability)	616		616	560
Insurance (trustees liability)	433		433	380
Insurance (public liability)	153		153	125
Training courses and certificates	440		440	533
Administration, postage, stationery	790		790	865
Office equipment	-		-	611
Volunteer co-ordinator	1,439	7,431	8,870	9,407
Software	997		997	1,091
Telephones	350		350	354
Uniforms	-	354	354	1,102
Social events	2,129		2,129	-
Travel allowances	2,122		2,122	1,401
Crew allowances	348		348	92
Presentation and donations	-		-	195
Boat maintenance & refurbishment				
Dandelion	2,795	167	2,962	3,210
Halseyon Days	1,799	1,036	2,835	1,265
Boat mooring, waterways licences and insurance				
Dandelion	4,910		4,910	4,170
Halseyon Days	3,040		3,040	4,022
Storage shed rental	-		-	135
Transport costs (Project Waterside)	665		665	186
Total payments	35,273	9,844	45,117	38,885
Net receipts/(payments) for the year	15,592	(6,377)	9,215	631
Reconciliation				
Cash funds last year end	111,897	17,203	129,100	128,469
Cash funds this year end	127,489	10,826	138,315	129,100

The assets and liabilities statement on page 2 forms part of the reporting package.

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
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	2023	2022
	£	£
CASH FUNDS		
Lloyds	50,907	43,107
Nationwide – business instant saver	87,408	85,993
Combined unrestricted and restricted funds	138,315	129,100
ASSETS RETAINED FOR THE CHARITY'S OWN USE		
Dandelion - at trustees valuation	56,500	56,500
Halseyon Days - at trustees valuation	135,000	135,000
	191,500	191,500

Signed on behalf of the trustees

Richard Jayes



28th February 2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE BALDWIN TRUST

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Responsibilities and basis of report

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Independent examiner's statement

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Principal address: % -28 Holbourne Close, Barrow upon Soar, Loughborough LE12 8NE.

Management Committee Officers:-

Acting Chair: Mr Richard Jayes. Barrow upon Soar, Leics. Appointed by principal Trustees.

Secretary: Mrs Hannah Coombe. Syston Leics. Appointed by principal Trustees.

Treasurer: Mr Martin Charles. South Croxton, Leics. Appointed by principal Trustees.

Principal Trustees.

Mr Jeremy Skipper, Burley, Rutland. Appointed by existing Trustees.

Mr Dave Kemble, Leics. Appointed by existing Trustees.

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During 2022, the Trust achieved a total of 135 daily trips on the boats.

There have been a variety of beneficiaries who have been on our trips.

Good planned maintenance has ensured that minimal breakdowns and mechanical failures occurred. The lift plate and lift safety barrier on Dandelion has undergone work and major modification and improvement.

With an ever-ageing population and over 3.7 million old people living on their own (Age UK report), it is estimated that there are over 1 million persons in the UK who consider themselves "lonely". A local study, completed by Dr P McNair at Leicester University, estimated that there were over 30,000 persons in Leicestershire, who were of pension age, who were lonely. We therefore believe that the need for our services will increase as council budgets become evermore difficult.

We carried approximately 1500 clients on our boats during the 2022 season and testimonials and postings show testimony to the benefit we provide to the local communities.

In April the contract for one of our boat moorings expired and we were not able to renew it. This was very unfortunate.

However, we found an alternative mooring at Barrow Upon Soar and are now operating our boat Dandelion from there.

Achievements and performance.

Certain users of our service (especially care and residential homes)have been somewhat slower in arranging trips with the Trust, but other organisations have shown a greater increase in interest and have made bookings with us.

The Trust have been very successful in maintaining volunteer numbers at circa 70 and their continued loyalty has been maintained by use of constant contact .

The Trust has further strengthened its working relationships with Voluntary Community Services, Charnwood Borough Council and Voluntary Action Leicester in a bid to improve the professionalism of Trustee performance, source new members and train Funding group members in writing bid applications for funds. A major partnership with the Canal and River Trust has been developed whereby the Baldwin Trust boats will be used by the Canal and River Trust to market the benefits of increased use of the waterways system by local and city populations. This will continue throughout 2023 and beyond.

The Trust is now represented on the Leicester Waterways Partnership (Engagement & Wellbeing subgroup) and also on the C&RT Disability Boaters Forum.

Working with Charnwood Borough Council and Voluntary Action Leicester and Charnwood Neighbourhood Associations, our "Project Waterside" initiative, has been successful . This scheme offers those less fortunate members of our communities, free trips on our boats with the provision of community transport to and from the boat . This has proved to be very important , as not only has society had to combat "post covid pandemic" experiences , but also the economic and mental anguish of conflict and turbulent political and economic challenges.

This has been further overshadowed by problems in the the NHS and general industrial and service unrest .This has caused a greater number in society to suffer mental health issues, increased poverty, and homelessness. The very ethos of our Trust!

Our volunteers have worked hard to provide trips and the environment to assist in benefitting these challenges .

The help and support of all volunteers is particularly appreciated.

During this time the Trust became members of the VCSE Alliance (Voluntary,Charity,Social Enterprise Alliance).

Structure, governance and management.

During the period ,volunteer members are being encouraged and recruited to functional sections for training, boat maintenance, new boat development and funding.

We have also formed new teams for dealing with boat festivals and Community events, media/press and PR to promote the work of the Trust. This has all been done utilising the talents of the wonderful group of volunteers supporting our Trust with some external help also.

Without the commitment of the volunteers, none of this would have been possible.

The Trust has continued to recruit and train new volunteers to maintain our core of fit and capable crew and skippers.

It was seen that it was essential to control, enthuse and co-ordinate our volunteers in a professional and concise way, so in Jan 2022 we committed to the services of a self employed Volunteer co-ordinator.

However , during 2022 certain members have either retired or stepped down from their role within the Trust. This included some Trustees.

One was responsible for overseeing all Maintenance aspects which have been taken over by a Trustee.The other was responsible for the allocation of Crews to our boats.

This role was analysed and a new , refined and more efficient system has been devised , put into place and administered by the Volunteer co-ordinator.

In December 2022 the person providing self employed secretarial service to the Trust resigned and work started to find a suitable person to fulfil this service at the very end of 2022.

Both the Volunteer Co -Ordinator and Secretarial Services positions were Grant funded during 2022 .(Both Grants terminate in 2023).

After giving notice, our Chair person stepped down from the role in May 2022, and the role was taken over on an Acting Chair basis by another Trustee in July 2022.

Financial Review.

There was a small surplus of income - £631 - against expenditure during 2022.

Expenditure was £38,885 and income was £39,516.

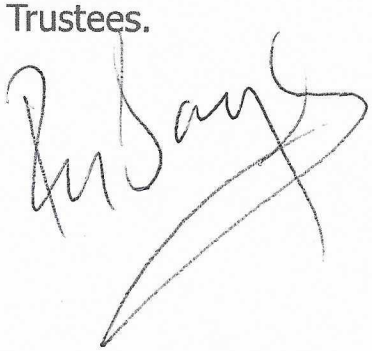
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Our Reserves policy was confirmed at £40,000 for the foreseeable future.

R.G Jayes

Acting Chair of Trustees.

April 2023



BALDWIN TRUST SIGNED COPY 1.

THE BALDWIN TRUST – charity no. 515488

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS - FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2022

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
RECEIPTS	£	£	£	£
Grants and donations	3,307	21,200	24,507	38,899
Fundraising – bears and collection boxes	744		744	165
Interest on deposits	225		225	43
Gift aid tax reclaims	-		-	309
Income from cruises				
Dandelion	4,582		4,582	2,284
Halseyon Days	9,458		9,458	4,153
Total receipts	18,316	21,200	39,516	45,853
PAYMENTS				
Costs associated with fundraising advertising, marketing consultancy and social media	1,608	6,501	8,109	9,852
Governance (independent examination)	600		600	480
Committee meetings	396	76	472	-
NCVA membership	-		-	318
Insurance (employers liability)	560		560	336
Insurance (trustees liability)	380		380	334
Insurance (public liability)	125		125	256
Training courses and certificates	533		533	-
Administration, postage, stationery	828	37	865	701
Office equipment	611		611	495
Volunteer co-ordinator	-	9,407	9,407	2,500
IT support	1,091		1,091	797
Telephones	294	60	354	391
Clothing	1,102		1,102	130
PPE purchases	-		-	2,196
Travel allowances	1,026	375	1,401	1,247
Crew allowances	92		92	-
Presentation and donations	195		195	100
Boat maintenance & refurbishment				
Dandelion	3,210		3,210	21,505
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Boat mooring, water- ways licences and insurance				
St Clare	-		-	(173)
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Total payments	22,429	16,456	38,885	49,155
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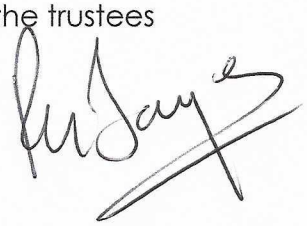
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Nationwide – business instant saver	85,993	85,768
Combined unrestricted and restricted funds	129,100	128,469
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Dandelion - at trustees valuation	56,500	56,500
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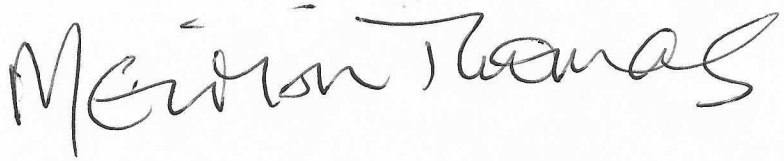
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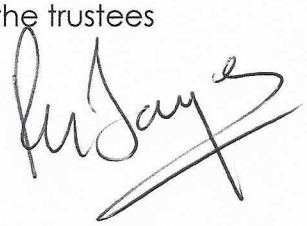
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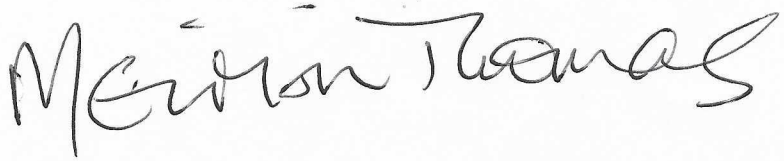
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THE BALDWIN TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 515488

Accounts

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1/1/2021 TO 31/12/2021.

Administration details of the Trust. March 27th, 2022.

Charity name: The Baldwin Trust

Other names: Baldwin Boat Trust, Baldwin Charitable Trust

Registered number: 515488

Principal address: 15, Loughborough Road, Shepshed, Leics. LE12 9DL.

Management Committee Officers:-

Chair: Mr Mick Mcloughlin. Shepshed, Leicester. Appointed by principal Trustees.

Secretary: Ms Catherine Johnson. Hathern Leics. Appointed by principal Trustees.

Treasurer: Mr Martin Charles. South Croxton, Leics. Appointed by principal Trustees.

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During 2021, with a reduced cruising season due to continued Covid-19 restrictions, the Trust achieved a total of 70 daily trips on both boats. Our beneficiaries have been a variety of care and residential homes, Dementia groups, local county council child protection units,-W.I's and Mother's unions. Our new boat Halseyon Days was active, and repairs/refurbishment of Dandelion ensured that minimal breakdowns and mechanical failures occurred.

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We carried 750 clients on our boats this year and testimonials and postings on Facebook and our web site show testimony to the benefit we provide to the local communities.

Achievements and performance.

The advent of Coronavirus has had a continuing effect on the activities of the Trust. Community "lockdowns" and the need for many volunteers and clients to "shield" due to clinical vulnerability caused a delay in client trips recommencing until August 2021. The Management have been very successful in maintaining volunteer numbers from 43 to 70+ during the last 3 years and their continued loyalty has been maintained by use of zoom meetings and constant contact on email.

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Working with Charnwood Borough Council and Voluntary Action Leicester and Charnwood Neighbourhood Associations, we have been successful in creating a new initiative, "Project Waterside", to offer those less fortunate members of our communities, FREE trips on our boats with community transport for the coming season. This is very important "post pandemic" as more in society suffer mental health issues, increased poverty, and homelessness. The very ethos of our Trust! This has taken a year of hard work by a dedicated team of volunteers to organise, ready for launch in March 2022. The help and support of all volunteers is particularly appreciated.

Structure, governance and management.

During the period we also created new teams for developing the work of the Trust.

A new "Management /Team leader group" is being developed and additional members are being recruited to functional sections for training, boat maintenance, new boat development and funding.

This is fundamental to ensuring that the work of the Trust can continue and ensure that some degree of succession planning for Trustees has taken place in time. We have also formed new teams for dealing with boat festivals and Community events, media/press and PR to promote the work of the Trust. This has all been done utilising the talents of the wonderful group of volunteers supporting our Trust with some external professional help!

Without the commitment of the volunteers, none of this would have been possible.

The Trust has continued to recruit and train new volunteers to maintain our core of fit and capable crew and skippers. The recently increased press coverage regarding our new initiative, will encourage more new recruits to come forward.

Financial Review.

There was a deficit of income against expenditure during 2021. Expenditure was £49,155 and income was £45,853. Considering that client trips could not recommence before August 2021, the hard work of the funding team and local and county Covid support grants allowed the Trust to manage a balanced financial year.

"Restricted funds" for the purchase of a second new boat purchase have been created.

Our Reserves policy was confirmed at £40,000 for the foreseeable future. This figure has been calculated on the premise that should both operational boats be lost to our use for 1 year, this would be the approximate cost of providing commercially sourced craft to execute our client trips.

The above figures are taken from the 2021 accounts approved by our independent financial examiner/accountant.

M J Mcloughlin.

Chair of Trustees.

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Interest on deposits	43		43	168
Gift aid tax reclaims	309		309	-
Income from cruises				
Dandelion	2,284		2,284	25
Halseyon Days	4,153		4,153	180
Santa trips	-		-	(12)
Disposal of proceeds – St Clare	-		-	19,500
Refund of deposit on boat	-		-	2,000
Total receipts	25,603	20,250	45,853	65,742
PAYMENTS				
Costs associated with fundraising advertising, marketing consultancy and social media	6,544	3,308	9,852	10,760
Governance (independent examination)	480		480	480
Committee meetings	-		-	46
NCVA membership	318		318	-
Insurance (employers liability)	336		336	336
Insurance (trustees liability)	334		334	231
Insurance (public liability)	256		256	-
Training courses and certificates	-		-	270
Administration, postage, stationery	701		701	938
Office equipment	495		495	470
Volunteer co-ordinator	-	2,500	2,500	-
IT support	181	616	797	524
Telephones	257	134	391	146
Clothing	130		130	41
PPE purchases	-	2,196	2,196	2,537
Travel allowances	1,247		1,247	853
Crew allowances	-		-	812
Presentation and donations	100		100	41
Boat maintenance & refurbishment				
St Clare	-		-	1,980
Dandelion	12,505	9,000	21,505	6,254
Halseyon Days	421		421	909
Boat mooring, water- ways licences and insurance				
St Clare	(173)		(173)	860
Dandelion	3,102		3,102	2,916
Halseyon Days	3,627		3,627	3,122
Storage shed rental	540		540	540
Total payments	31,401	17,754	49,155	35,066
Net receipts/(payments) for the year	(5,798)	2,496	(3,302)	30,676
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Cash funds last year end	121,808	9,963	131,771	101,095
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Petty cash	-	600
Nationwide – business instant saver	85,768	85,725
Combined unrestricted and restricted funds	128,469	131,771
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7th April 2022

THE BALDWIN TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 515488

Accounts

The Baldwin Trust

Narrowboats for community use on Leicestershire waterways

Registered Charity No. 515488

The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

The MBE for volunteer groups

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1/1/2020 TO 31/12/2020.

Administration details of the Trust.

Charity name: The Baldwin Trust

Other names: Baldwin Boat Trust

Registered number: 515488

Principal address: 15, Loughborough Road, Shepshed, Leics. LE12 9DL.

Management Committee Officers:-

Chairman: Mr Mick Mcloughlin. Shepshed, Leicester. Appointed by principal Trustees.

Secretary: Ms Catherine Johnson. Hathern Leics. Appointed by principal Trustees.

Treasurer: Mr Martin Charles. South Croxton, Leics. Appointed by principal Trustees.

Principal Trustees.

Mr Jeremy Skipper, Burley, Rutland. Appointed by existing Trustees.

Mr Robert Madden. Appointed by existing Trustees.

Mr Michael Mcloughlin. Appointed by existing Trustees.

Mr Martin Broughton. Leicester. Appointed by existing Trustees.

Mr Martin Charles. South Croxton. Leics.

Mr Richard Jayes. Barrow on Soar. Leics. Appointed by existing Trustees.

Mrs Ellen Reeve. Loughborough, Leics. Appointed by existing Trustees.

Organisational detail.

Governing document: Deed of Settlement dated 31/1/1983 amended 8/1/1984.

Constituted as: A Charitable Trust.

Trustee selection: Appointment by existing Trustees, nomination by management officers.

Other matters.

The Trust is required to maintain a minimum of three Trustees, a management team of 8-10 members with specific responsibilities and skills including training, crew allocations, boat maintenance, booking and scheduling, IT and web site upkeep. The Trust is a member of the NCBA (National Community Boat Association). All volunteers undergo induction and crew training from the training officer. All skippers are required to hold a current certificate in Community boat management which must be renewed every 5 years. They must also hold current Emergency First Aid certificates. The crews operating the boats are all unpaid volunteers.

Objectives and activities.

The Trust deed asks for the provision of facilities for the recreation of patients dealing with physical, mental, and economic disabilities to improve the conditions of their life and social circumstances and to ensure that they will benefit personally or reduce their isolation or exclusion. The deed also allows for the Trustees to extend the use of such facilities to organisations and/or families with similar problems.

The Trust operates two 70-foot narrow boats on the rivers and canal systems of Leicestershire. Both boats are specifically built to accommodate wheelchair and disabled use. One boat operates from Leicester marina in Thurmaston,-Leicester, the other from Pilling's Lock marina in Quorn, Leicestershire.

During 2020, the Trust was not able to take any client groups out for canal and river trips due to Covid-19 and the UK Government restrictions.

The recent pandemic has been present for nearly 12 months and "lockdown" conditions have placed great mental and physical strain on the ageing and isolated within our communities. Once lockdown has been removed, we therefore believe that the need for our services will increase, as council budgets become more difficult and community organisations and care homes have their funding reduced or removed. Recent council and Governmental spending to support communities and businesses, devastated by lockdown and not trading at all, will require a sharp reverse to balance the Treasury books for some years to come. We are planning a new approach to offering community support via our boat trips, to help the isolated and lonely in the future.

Achievements and performance.

In such difficult circumstances the Trust volunteers have achieved some wonderful results to ensure that we are prepared for the future.

Fund raising to support our fixed costs, in the absence of any revenue income, has ensured that the Trust will be able to deliver a continued, improved community service to an ever-increasing group of clients during 2021 and beyond. The results achieved by our funding team has surpassed all expectations and has ensured that vital reserves have been safeguarded.

The Trust has further strengthened its working relationships with Voluntary Community Services, Charnwood Borough Council and Voluntary Action Leicester in a bid to improve the professionalism of Trustee performance and source new Trustees. We are now an affiliated organisation to the Canal and River Trust. A scheme has been agreed and developed whereby the Baldwin Trust boats will be used by the Canal and River Trust to market the benefits of increased use of the waterways system by local and inner-city populations and ethnic minorities. This will continue throughout 2021/2022 and beyond. We also hope to improve our level of diversity in sourcing external Trustees. These links are continuous, further involvement will take place through 2021.

Further partnerships are being sought with John Storer House, Loughborough, Wellbeing centres in the county, Dementia UK and Neighbourhood organisations in the Charnwood and Leicester areas. These are active now and once secured, we will then pursue operational links with all Leicestershire community transport hubs to develop our new approach to servicing the disadvantaged within our local communities.

Structure, governance and management.

A new "Management /Team leader group" is being developed and additional members were recruited to functional sections for training, boat maintenance, new boat development and funding.

This is fundamental to ensuring that the work of the Trust can continue and confirm that some degree of succession planning for Trustees has taken place in time. We have also formed new teams for dealing with boat festivals and Community events.

This has all been done utilising the talents of the wonderful group of volunteers supporting our Trust with some external professional help!

Without the commitment of the volunteers, none of this would have been possible.

Financial Review.

There was a surplus of income over expenditure during 2020. Expenditure was £35,066 and income was £65,742. (£19,500 was received from the sale of St Clare, our third boat). However, some expenditure has not yet been committed for grant funded items such as PPE to support our operational Covid protocols and new chairs for Dandelion.

"Restricted funds" for the purchase of a second new boat purchase have been created.

Our Reserves policy was confirmed at £40,000 for the foreseeable future. This figure has been calculated on the premise that should both operational boats be lost to our use for 1 year, this would be the approximate cost of providing commercially sourced craft to execute our client trips.

The above figures are taken from the 2020 accounts approved by our independent financial examiner/accountant.

END.

M J Mcloughlin

April 8th, 2021.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS - FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
RECEIPTS	£	£	£	£
Grants and donations	27,873	16,000	43,873	107,533
Fundraising	8		8	756
Interest on deposits	168		168	512
Income from cruises				
St Clare	-		-	6,477
Dandelion	25		25	5,139
Halseyon Days	180		180	2,661
Santa trips	(12)		(12)	1,431
Disposal of proceeds – St Clare	19,500		19,500	-
Refund of deposit on boat	2,000		2,000	-
Total receipts	49,742	16,000	65,742	124,509
PAYMENTS				
New boat balance	-		-	104,710
Costs associated with fundraising	229		229	894
Governance (independent examination)	480		480	480
Secretarial services	-		-	-
Committee meetings	46		46	92
NCBA membership	-		-	100
Insurance (employers liability)	336		336	336
Insurance (trustees liability)	231		231	231
Insurance (public liability)	-		-	243
Training courses and certificates	270		270	1,138
Administration, postage, stationery	938		938	1,405
Office equipment	470		470	655
Advertising and publicity	10,531		10,531	8,631
IT support	524		524	616
Telephone	146		146	229
Clothing	41		41	985
PPE purchases		2,537	2,537	-
Travel allowances	853		853	1,251
Crew allowances	812		812	-
End of year social evening	-		-	2,637
Presentation and donations	41		41	190
Boat maintenance & consumables				
St Clare	1,980		1,980	3,649
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Boat mooring, water- ways licences and insurance				
St Clare	860		860	3,475
Dandelion	2,916		2,916	2,904
Halseyon Days	3,122		3,122	4,080
Storage shed rental	540		540	540
Total payments	29,029	6,037	35,066	151,516
Net receipts/(payments) for the year	20,713	9,963	30,676	(27,007)
Reconciliation				
Cash funds last year end	101,095	-	101,095	128,102
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Petty cash	600	600
Nationwide – business instant saver	85,725	85,557
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St Clare at trustees valuation	-	20,000
Dandelion " "	49,000	49,000
Halseyon Days at cost	117,210	117,210
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Balance of commitment for the repainting of Dandelion	11,700	-

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