



The Baldwin Trust

Narrowboats for community use on Leicestershire waterways

Registered Charity No. 515488



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.

Principal Trustees.

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

Mr Robert Madden. Broughton Astley, Leics. Appointed by existing Trustees.

Mr Michael Mcloughlin. Shepshed, Leics. Appointed by existing Trustees.

Mr Martin Broughton. Leicester. Appointed by existing Trustees.

Mr Martin Charles. Appointed by existing Trustees. 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) and the NCVO. 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 who would similarly benefit.

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, the other from Pilling's Lock Marina in Quorn, Leicestershire.

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.

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 more difficult.

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.

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 Trustees 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 2022 and beyond. These links are continuous, further involvement will take place through 2022 through means of a new social initiative.

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.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS - FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2021

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
RECEIPTS				
Grants and donations	18,649	20,250	38,899	43,873
Fundraising – bears and collection boxes	165		165	8
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
Reconciliation				
Cash funds last year end	121,808	9,963	131,771	101,095
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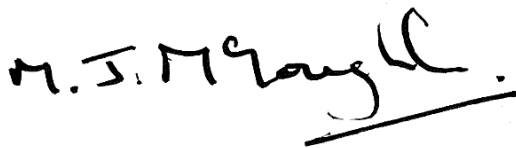
The assets and liabilities statement on page 2 forms part of the reporting package.

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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2021**

	2021 £	2020 £
CASH FUNDS		
Lloyds	42,701	45,446
Petty cash	-	600
Nationwide – business instant saver	85,768	85,725
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Combined unrestricted and restricted funds	128,469	131,771
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ASSETS RETAINED FOR THE CHARITY'S OWN USE		
Dandelion - at trustees valuation	56,500	49,000
Halseyon Days - at trustees valuation	135,000	117,210
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Signed on behalf of the trustees



M J Mcloughlin

7th April 2022

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 2021 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.

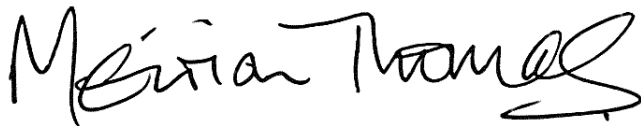
Independent examiner's statement

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:



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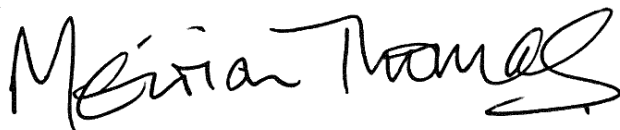
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