



The Baldwin Trust

Narrowboats for community use on Leicestershire waterways

Registered Charity No. 515488



ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1/1/2022 TO 31/12/2022.

Administration details of the Trust. April 3rd 2023

Charity name: The Baldwin Trust

Other names: Baldwin Boat Trust, Baldwin Charitable Trust

Registered number: 515488

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.

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.

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 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 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 narrow boats (Dandelion and Halseyon Days) 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 now from Barrow Boating, Barrow upon Soar.

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.



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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.



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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.



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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.

The above figures are taken from the 2022 accounts approved by our independent financial examiner/accountant.

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

R.G Jayes

Acting Chair of Trustees.

April 2023

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
Halseyon Days	1,265		1,265	421
Boat mooring, water- ways licences and insurance				
St Clare	-		-	(173)
Dandelion	4,170		4,170	3,102
Halseyon Days	4,022		4,022	3,627
Storage shed rental	135		135	540
Transport costs (Project Waterside)	186		186	-
Total payments	22,429	16,456	38,885	49,155
Net receipts/(payments) for the year	(4,113)	4,744	631	(3,302)
Reconciliation				
Cash funds last year end	116,010	12,459	128,469	131,771
Cash funds this year end	111,897	17,203	129,100	128,469

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

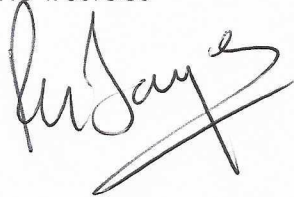
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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
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CASH FUNDS		
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Nationwide – business instant saver	85,993	85,768
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Combined unrestricted and restricted funds	129,100	128,469
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ASSETS RETAINED FOR THE CHARITY'S OWN USE		
Dandelion - at trustees valuation	56,500	56,500
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Signed on behalf of the trustees

Richard Jayes



5th April 2023

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 2022 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.

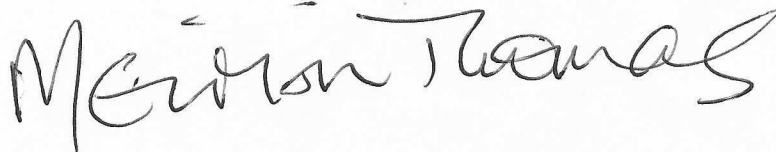
Independent examiner's statement

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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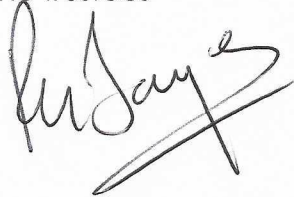
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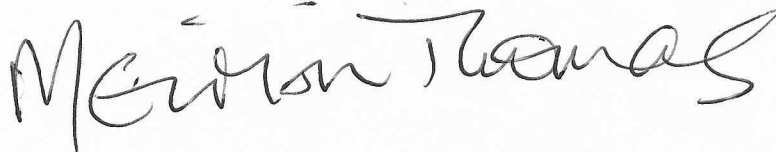
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