



Trustee Report 2019-2020 - Brighton Explorers Club

Objectives and Activities

a. Policies and objectives

The principal objects of the charity is to facilitate the personal development and growth of young people by education and instruction through participation in a wide variety of activities with special reference to the outdoors and physical endeavour as well as the promotion of community participation in healthy recreation by the provision of facilities for participation in sports such as cycling, canoeing, walking, caving, climbing, coasteering, windsurfing and badminton, but without limitation.

b. Activities for achieving objectives

The charity achieves its objectives by organising trips to help facilitate the personal development and growth of young people. This covers education and instruction through participation in a wide variety of activities with special reference to the outdoors and physical endeavour.

In the reporting period

- 458 events created on the website advertising trips and activities
- the charity subsidised a number of courses for members in line with its objectives: first aid courses for activity leaders and members, Sea safety courses for activity leaders and members.
- the following events for beginners were set up: beginners kayaking, beginners climbing, beginners bike rides, beginners stand up paddle boarding and beginners caving.
- an affiliation with the BCU and BCA upheld
- a variety of social activities were organised to help members to get to know each other and reduce social entry barriers for other activities
- equipment was purchased to better and more safely facilitate the outdoor activities, among others
- replacement of mostly safety critical kayaking equipment.

c. Main activities undertaken to further the charity's purposes for the public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

Denise Robins

Chair, BEC

Brighton Explorers Club - Treasurers Report

Financial Year 01/04/19 – 31/03/20

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Summary

- The club remains in a good financial position with total assets of >£20,000, the majority of which is held in a building society savings account.
- The accounts balance except for £33 of unexplained expenditure or income (i.e. the current account contains £33 more than it should do)
- The club earned £11,898 from 322 members. Approximately 60% of membership paid the full fee.
- The operating costs of the club remain high – if we total insurance, arch and garage rental, sailing club subscription, IT expenses and affiliation fees (which are a condition of our insurance) the total is £9923. These are expenses that the club cannot easily operate without.
- The club spent £172 more than it earned last year but spent considerably more on trips than income received. This is because several trips were paid for in 19/20, for which the income was received in 18/19 – for example the Alps kayaking trip.
- £1100 was spent on entertainment; it is unclear how much income was earned, because the members are not naming their Paypal tickets clearly (see below).
- Many of the transactions in Paypal cannot be easily traced to an event; they are variously titled “Ticket”, “Place booking”, “Deposit” etc. The future Treasurer elect will review all ticketed events.
- The club spent £734 on equipment, largely to purchase a new SUP (£340).

Assets (01/04/19)

Community account	6,138
Savings account	4
Building society	14,248
Total	20,390

Income

Membership	11,898
Trips	9,480
T-shirts	408
Training courses	1,100
Interest	143
Miscellaneous income	2,580
Total	25,609

Expenditure

Insurance	3,590
Arch & garage rental	2,379
Sailing club affiliation	2,622
IT services	986
Equipment	734
Training	1,419
Affiliations (BCU & BCA)	346
Trips	11,446
T-shirts	391
Entertainment	1,100
Miscellaneous	768
Total	25,781

Assets (31/03/20)

Community account	5,823
Savings account	4
Building society	14,391
Total	20,218

NOTE: For filing purposes, "trip income" and "trip expenditure" as detailed in the financial report has been subtracted from the total amounts in the calculation of our charity income and expenditure. The club makes hostel bookings for trips on behalf of members who then reimburse the club. We consider this a pass-through cost rather than genuine charity income and expenditure. The amounts of trip income and expenditure are not identical because of the timing of bookings and reimbursements.