



**CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

## **Trustees' Annual Report for the period**

**From 1/1/2022 Period start date**

**To 31/1/2022 Period end date**

**Charity name: AquaPaddle**

**Charity registration number: 1194714**

## **Objectives**

The two key objectives of AquaPaddle are:

1. the promotion of community participation in healthy recreation in particular by the provision of facilities for paddle boarding and associated water sports; and
2. to provide or assist in the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare and mental wellbeing for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age infirmity or disability, financial hardship, or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life.

## **Activities, Achievements and Performance**

Our focus in 2022:

1. to broaden and strengthen the foundations of AquaPaddle
  2. to organise the more AquaPaddle BlueSpace activities
  3. to increase the number of locations where AquaPaddle 5ks are run
  4. to increase the number of AquaPaddles run
  5. to increase the number of registered AquaPaddlers
  6. to build a strong and mutually beneficial relationship with British Canoeing, the largest body in Britain promoting paddle sport activities
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1. The Board of Trustees formally met 4 times in 2022, and management meetings continued once a week. The AquaPaddle website was developed, rolled out, and promoted through social media launching AquaPaddle to the public. The website allows those interested in participating in AquaPaddle 5ks to register as a user, to obtain an AquaPaddle registration number, and to register participation in an AquaPaddle 5k. The web-based timing tool was developed and rolled out for use in 5k AquaPaddles. All governance and operational documents were completed and reviewed and approved by the Trustees. The finances of AquaPaddle were organised on Xero accounting software. A donation page was set up on Kindlink.
  2. In 2022 AquaPaddle provided the following 2 BlueSpace sessions:
    - a. In July 2022 AquaPaddle provided a BlueSpace Paddleboarding session to Surrey Care Trust clients. The aim of the session was to bring together group of young people undergoing mentoring to benefit from being out on the water, learning a new skill to improve their confidence and well-being. AquaPaddle worked with their local Delivery Partner in Godalming to provide the session.



The team ran a session for 7 young people and a care worker, involving explaining the equipment and safety, warm up games and learning to paddleboard in a safe and fun environment in the beautiful Surrey Countryside and River Wey. The participants learnt to control a paddle board safely, get in and out of the water and work together on team challenges, such as forming a "snake of boards". All the participants were able to stand and control their boards. They all went home happy and having achieved a new skill and many overcome fears, nerves and anxiety over group situations to take part.

- b. In August 2022 AquaPaddle provided a BlueSpace session for the Dost Centre Charity at their Wey Island base on the River Wey near Byfleet in Surrey. Dost works with young refugees who have experienced many challenges and often arrive in the UK feeling alone, vulnerable, isolated and lost. Most of the young people on the session had bad experiences on or near water on their journey to the UK. The purpose of the session was to give them back confidence and calmness about being near water. The AquaPaddle team was comprised of two experienced ISA Coaches, one of whom is a qualified Mental Health First Aider and a supporting experienced paddler. The Young People were split into small groups, so that they could be looked after and taught about water safety, paddleboarding and the dangers of rivers. The Young People were taught paddleboarding, how to rescue themselves and others as well as exploring the River Wey and the local flora and fauna. The DOST Centre said: "We had a great session with AquaPaddle and 15 young people from Dost Centre this week. Young people aged 15-18 years from Syria, Iran, Sudan, Ethiopia, Eritrea and Vietnam had their first paddle boarding experience and all managed to stand up and be confident enough to travel down the river, even although many of them had limited swimming ability or are not confident in the water. It was a really fun session, and all the young people really enjoyed it. Thanks a lot!"
3. In 2022 we increased the number of AquaPaddle locations from 1 to 5. In addition to the Molesey location, we started AquaPaddle 5ks in Southend / Chelmsford, Swansea, Maidenhead and Tonbridge.
4. At the 5 AquaPaddle locations we ran a total of 27 AquaPaddle 5ks, in which we had a total of 269 attendees.
5. Through our website we had registered just over 700 individual AquaPaddlers by the end of 2022.
6. In 2022 we made an agreement with British Canoeing, the largest body in Britain promoting paddle sport activities. As part of this agreement British Canoeing is funding safety equipment for 15 new AquaPaddle 5k locations for a total value of £30000 during 2023. British Canoeing also agreed to promote AquaPaddle to its members, and to encourage its associated member clubs to become new AquaPaddle 5k locations. In return AquaPaddle agreed to promote British Canoeing to its registered paddlers.

## **Trustee Statement**

The trustees confirm that they have had due regard to the charities commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

## **Volunteers**

The AquaPaddle Charity is entirely run by volunteers, and its AquaPaddle 5ks are run by volunteers at the various locations. During 2022 more than 35 volunteers helped to run the charity and run the AquaPaddle events.



## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	At the year-end (31 <sup>st</sup> December 2022) AquaPaddle held a cash balance of £47.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	No reserves are currently held.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	NIL
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	AquaPaddle is still at a start-up phase, using small donations to cover expenses and working with a management team providing their time for free.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	During the Financial year 2022, a contingent loan amounting to £13,520 has been incurred for the development of the website. This loan will only fall due as and when donations and other income allow.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	At this stage, there are no concerns about the charity being a going concern although we will only be able to settle the contingent loan for the website development if we obtain sufficient donations from participants in AquaPaddle events and organisations who support our out-reach activities.

## Structure, Governance and Management

AquaPaddle is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation governed by its constitution. AquaPaddle's only voting members are its trustees.

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	AquaPaddle
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1194714
Charity's principal address	22 Merton Way West Molesey Surrey KT8 1PQ


## 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	Arnold Jager	Chair		
2	Brett Scillitoe			
3	Anthony Wagstaff			
4	Emma Lamb			
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## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Arnold Jager	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	

Date

31/10/2023
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Charity Name  
**Aquapaddle**

No (if any)  
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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 1st Jan '22	To	Period end date 31st Dec'22
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### Section A Receipts and payments


	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Income - Donations - Individuals & Clubs	929	-	-	929	-
Income - Donations - Corporate	1,000	-	-	1,000	-
Long Term Loan	1,694	-	-	1,694	-
Long Term Loan	1,200	-	-	1,200	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>4,823</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,823</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>4,823</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,823</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Consulting Fees	1,440	-	-	1,440	-
DC - Delivery Partner Costs (Coaching)	229	-	-	229	-
DC - Kit for crew	245	-	-	245	-
Insurance	896	-	-	896	-
Legal Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Printing & Stationery	84	-	-	84	-
Telephone & Internet Hosting	14	-	-	14	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>2,908</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,908</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
IT Development	2,000	-	-	2,000	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>4,908</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,908</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>-</b>



## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Current A/c	47	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	47	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>				
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>				
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>				

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Arnold Jager	31/10/2023